

South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education
Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
10:00 am – 11:00 am
Haynesworth Sinkler and Boyd
24th Floor Multipurpose Room

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Those members present were Melissa Jordan and Ed Brashier. Participating by conference call were Tammy Compton, Carolyn Watt, Nancy Pryor, Tami Nix, M. Thomas Compton, Deborah Madden, John Michael Nix, Tricia Sheldon, and Cindy Walton-McCawley. Present from the staff were Courtney Waldrup and Christine Driessen.

Call to Order: President Tammy Compton called the meeting to order and stated a quorum was established.

Minutes: The minutes provided in the board packet were from the wrong month, so it was decided that the correct minutes would be emailed to the board for approval.

Management Report: Driessen presented the management report. She stated that the fall newsletter was underway and that content was still needed.

Membership Report: Driessen presented the membership report. She stated that a new associate member from Lakeshore Learning had joined the association. She also stated that she had received some feedback on additional information to include in the membership brochures. It was mentioned that members and potential members should be informed of the importance of the association's relationship with the lobbyist Jeff Thordahl and that the information about this relationship should be highlighted in some way. It was also mentioned that the educational benefits of being a member should also be highlighted. A suggestion was made to include an "Ask the Board" and "Ask the Lobbyist" button on the website in order to be more accessible to members; Driessen stated that she would include this in the upcoming website update.

Financial Report: Waldrup presented the financial report. The September Balance Sheet was unavailable at the time of the meeting due to not yet having an approved budget.

2017-2018 Budget: Waldrup presented the 2017-2018 Budget as a motion brought forward by the Executive Committee. Discussion ensued. The motion passed with 6 votes in favor and 1 vote against.

Legislative Report: Sheldon presented a brief legislative update. She stated we are continuing to work together with members of the Committee on Children, Boys and Girls Club, and United Way on getting Senate Bill S4044 and House Bill 561 passed and that the coalition is building in a big way. She stated that the bills are going through the motions now and that it is time to start

getting with legislators. She stated that DSS needs to send their recommendation to the General Assembly, but that it is currently unclear what the intentions of DSS are regarding this as they have not been able to get a response from DSS yet. This goes before the General Assembly in January, 2018, and regulations would go into effect upon the governor's signing.

2018 Annual Conference: Driessen stated Dr. Gloria Boutte had been secured as the keynote speaker for the 2018 Annual Conference and that several proposals had been received from presenters. She stated that she had been unsuccessful in reaching the OSHA contact given to her regarding the Bloodborne Pathogens session but that she would continue trying and also pursue additional options for this requirement.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Driessen