

**DRAFT****MINUTES – C.E.S. REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2023****PRESENT:**

Jill McCammon	- DARIEN
Jon Stinson	- EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9 (Alt.)
Bonnie Rotelli	- FAIRFIELD
Mary Ellen Flaherty-Ludwig	- NORWALK ( <b>Secretary</b> )
Kate Kutash	- SHELTON ( <b>Vice President</b> )
Andy George	- STAMFORD ( <b>President</b> )
Becky Hamman	- STAMFORD
Andrea Corcoran	- STRATFORD
Marie Petitti	- TRUMBULL
David Felton	- WESTON
Ruth DeLuca	- WILTON

**ABSENT:**

Akisha Cassermere	- BRIDGEPORT
Sara Parent	- DARIEN (Alt.)
Laura Gibbons	- EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9
Christine Vitale	- FAIRFIELD
Karen Hirsh	- GREENWICH
Dennis Condon	- MONROE
VACANT	- NEW CANAAN
Tina Malhotra	- RIDGEFIELD
Kathy Yolish	- SHELTON (Alt.)
Julia McNamee	- TRUMBULL (Alt.)
Robert Harrington	- WESTPORT

**C.E.S.:** **PRESENT:** Charles Dumais, Chris LaBelle, Lori Elliott, Eric Nyquist, Anna Nelmes-Stoughton, Peggy Sullivan, Mike McGrath, Ivy Guzman, Suzanne Clement, Stephanie Wanzer; Guest: Chris Hocker, President, CES Foundation.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**I.** CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM – President Andy George called the Annual Meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Quorum was confirmed. New members to the Board were introduced to everyone.

**II.** ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023

Based on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee (Mary Ellen Flaherty-Ludwig) the following Slate of Officers for 2023 was presented: Andy George (President); Kate Kutash (Vice President) and Mary Ellen Flaherty-Ludwig (Secretary). There were no nominations from the floor. Chip Dumais asked for a vote by the Council on the slate of officers as presented: all were in favor with no nays and no abstentions. Chip offered his congratulations and thanks to Andy, Kate and Mary Ellen on their appointments.

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2 **III. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

3 Andy advised that at this time there are no nominees for the standing  
4 committees. If anyone would like to join the two subcommittees: Finance  
5 and/or Building, please get in touch with Barb. Currently Andy and Andrea  
6 serve on the Finance Committee and Andy, Mary Ellen and Marie serve on the  
7 Building Committee.  
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9 **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

10 There being no further business, Andy George adjourned the Annual Meeting  
11 at 3:05 p.m.  
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13 **REGULAR MEETING**

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15 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

16 President Andy George called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Quorum was  
17 confirmed.  
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19 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

20 On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Becky Hamman the minutes of  
21 the November 3, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.  
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23 **III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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- 25 • Stephanie Wanzer welcomed everyone back for the New Year.  
26 Stephanie thanked the Board for their continued support and thanked  
27 everyone who donated to the annual Thanksgiving Drive which this year  
28 donated food to 57 CES families.
  - 29 • Chris Hocker, President, CES Foundation – Andy introduced former Rep  
30 Council board member and past Council President, Chris Hocker, who is  
31 now the President of the CES Foundation. Chris spoke to the Board  
32 about the upcoming CES Foundation's annual fundraiser, now in its 16<sup>th</sup>  
33 year, which will be held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Blackhawk (Oronoque)  
34 Country Club in Stratford. Over the years, the Foundation has funded  
35 over \$250,000 to CES via mini-grants and/or programs grants to benefit  
36 students here at CES as well as districts in the CES region. Chris  
37 mentioned that in the past, the Rep Council has taken out an ad in the  
38 program book which is distributed on the night of the event. If you are  
39 interested in donating, please speak to Barb directly. Letters and  
40 invitations will be going out by the end of January. Chip indicated that  
41 he will match the Rep Council's donation up to \$500 for the event.
  - 42 • Public Comments – none received

43 **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

44 On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the consent  
45 agenda was unanimously approved.  
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V. REPORTS – SEE MINUTE MARK 16:00 FOR THE START OF REPORTS

1. **Representative Council President** – Andy George
2. **Executive Director** – Chip Dumais
3. **Associate Executive Director** – Chris LaBelle
4. **Director, Professional Development Services** – Lori Elliott
5. **Principal, Regional Center for the Arts** – Eric Nyquist
6. **Principal, Six to Six** – Anna Nelmes-Stoughton
7. **Director of Finance & Operations** – Peggy Sullivan
8. **Director, Special Education** – Mike McGrath
9. **Director, School Readiness** – Ivy Guzman
10. **Early Childhood Coordinator** – Suzanne Clement

**Meeting Link:**

[https://youtu.be/YqU1Ugm\\_X6M](https://youtu.be/YqU1Ugm_X6M)

VI. DISTRICT CONCERNS

VII. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Andy George adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara Pace*

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Recording Secretary