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**MINUTES – C.E.S. REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 4, 2023**

PRESENT:

Akisha Cassermere	- BRIDGEPORT
Chrissy Martinez	- MONROE
Mary Ellen Flaherty-Ludwig	- NORWALK (Secretary)
Kate Kutash	- SHELTON (Vice President)
Andy George	- STAMFORD (President)
Andrea Corcoran	- STRATFORD
Marie Petitti	- TRUMBULL
David Felton	- WESTON

ABSENT:

Jill McCammon	- DARIEN
Sara Parent	- DARIEN (Alt.)
Laura Gibbons	- EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9
Jon Stinson	- EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9 (Alt.)
Christine Vitale	- FAIRFIELD
Bonnie Rotelli	- FAIRFIELD
Karen Hirsh	- GREENWICH
Dennis Condon	- MONROE (Alt.)
VACANT	- NEW CANAAN
Tina Malhotra	- RIDGEFIELD
Kathy Yolish	- SHELTON (Alt.)
Becky Hamman	- STAMFORD
Julia McNamee	- TRUMBULL (Alt.)
Robert Harrington	- WESTPORT
Ruth DeLuca	- WILTON

C.E.S.: **PRESENT:** Charles Dumais, Lori Elliott, Peggy Sullivan, Suzanne Clement, Ivy Guzman. **ABSENT:** Chris LaBelle, Eric Nyquist, Anna Nemes-Stoughton, Emma Balter, Stephanie Wanzer.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
President Andy George called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Quorum was confirmed. Chip Dumais welcomed Chrissy Martinez as the new Representative Council member for Monroe. David Felton joined at 3:50pm
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Akisha Cassermere, the minutes of the April 6, 2023, meeting were approved with one abstention. (C. Martinez, Monroe)
3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
No comments from the public were received.

4. CONSENT AGENDA
On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.
5. NEW BUSINESS - **See minute mark 4:03 for discussion on the following topics**
 - a. On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the Board approved, with one abstention, (D.Felton, Weston) the 2023-2024 Operating Budget in the amount of \$67,221,741, including tuition rates and other services, as submitted, and expenditures and staff authorized contingent upon the award of grant notices where applicable. Chip Dumais explained how the CES budget operates with examples on how a RESC budget differs from a district budget. Peggy Sullivan then gave an overview of the budget changes.
 - b. On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the Board unanimously approved that the 2023-2024 approved budget covering the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, is designated as a spending plan to be executed by CES and in the event of increased or decreased revenues from either state grants or service fees/tuitions, the Executive Director is authorized to increase or decrease programming, including staff, commensurate with revenue and service needs.
6. REPORTS – **See minute mark 17:26 for the start of the reports**
 - a. Representative Council President – Andy George
 - b. Executive Director – Chip Dumais
 - c. Director, Professional Development Services – Lori Elliott
 - d. Director of Finance & Operations – Peggy Sullivan
 - e. Director, School Readiness – Ivy Guzman
 - f. Early Childhood Coordinator – Suzanne Clement

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7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ORAL REPORT REGARDING GOALS
On a motion by Andy George and second by Kate Kutash, the Representative Council voted unanimously at 3:39 pm to enter Executive Session with Dr. Chip Dumais.

At 4:17pm, the Representative Council exited the Executive Session.
8. DISTRICT CONCERNS - **See minute mark 38:13 for the start of District Concerns**
9. ADJOURNMENT
On a motion by Andy George and second by Kate Kutash, the Board unanimously adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Cosme
Recording Secretary