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**MINUTES – C.E.S. REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2021  
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

**PRESENT:**

John Weldon - BRIDGEPORT  
Trish Pytko - FAIRFIELD  
Karen Hirsh - GREENWICH  
Barbara Meyer-  
Mitchell - NORWALK  
Chris Hocker - EASTON/REG. 9  
Kate Kutash - SHELTON  
Andy George - STAMFORD (Vice President)  
Mike Ward - TRUMBULL (Secretary)  
Melissa Walker - WESTON  
Karen Kleine - WESTPORT (President)  
Debbie Low - WILTON

**ABSENT:**

Jeff Parker - EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9 (Alt.)  
Kathy Yolish - SHELTON (Alt.)  
Vinnie Faggella - STRATFORD  
Margaret Stamatis - RIDGEFIELD

**C.E.S.:**

**PRESENT:** Charles Dumais, Chris LaBelle, Esther Bobowick, Ginger Vail (Interim, Six to Six principal), Mike McGrath, Mark Ribbens, Peggy Sullivan, Linda Page, Suzanne Clement, Stephanie Wanzer, President, CESEA.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM** – Executive Director Dr. Charles Dumais called the Annual Meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Quorum was confirmed.

**II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021**

Based on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee (Andy George and Debbie Low), the following Slate of Officers for 2021 was presented: Karen Kleine (President); Andy George (Vice President) and Mike Ward (Secretary). There were no nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, Chip asked for a vote by the Council on the slate of officers presented: all were in favor with no nays and no abstentions. Chip offered his congratulations and thanks to Karen, Andy and Mike and to Debbie and Andy for coordinating the nomination process.

**III. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

On a motion by Debbie Low and seconded by Mike Ward the 2021 Committee assignments will remain as follows: **Finance:** Karen Kleine and Andy George;

1           **Building:** Mike Ward. If anyone else is interested in joining these committees,  
2           please contact Barb Pace.

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4   **IV.    ADJOURNMENT**

5           On a motion by Mike Ward and seconded by Andy George, the Board  
6           unanimously moved to adjourn the 2021 Annual Meeting at 3:06 p.m.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

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

11           President Karen Kleine called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. Quorum was  
12           confirmed.

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14   **II.   APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

15           On a motion by Mike Ward and seconded by Karen Kleine the minutes of the  
16           November 5, 2020 were unanimously approved with one abstention (Barbara  
17           Meyer-Mitchell, Norwalk).

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19   **III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

20           Stephanie Wanzer welcomed everyone back for the New Year and thanked the  
21           C.E.S. administration for their work with the union in regard to the ongoing  
22           COVID situation.

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24   **IV.   CONSENT AGENDA**

25           On a motion by Karen Kleine and seconded by Barbara Meyer-Mitchell  
26           the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

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28   **V.   REPORTS – SEE MINUTE MARK 6:50 FOR REPORTS IN LINK BELOW**

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- 30       1. **Representative Council President** – Karen Kleine
- 31       2. **Executive Director** – Chip Dumais
- 32       3. **Associate Executive Director** – Chris LaBelle
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- 34       5. **Principal, Regional Center for the Arts** – Mark Ribbens
- 35       6. **Principal, Six to Six** – Ginger Vail (Interim)
- 36       7. **Director of Finance & Operations** – Peggy Sullivan
- 37       8. **Director, Special Education** – Mike McGrath
- 38       9. **Director, School Readiness** – Linda Page
- 39       10. **Early Childhood Coordinator** – Suzanne Clement

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43   **VI.   ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** On a motion by Karen Kleine  
44           and seconded by Kate Kutash, the Council unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive  
45           Session for the purpose of discussing the performance of the Executive Director and

1 invited Dr. Dumais to remain for the first part of the discussion. The time was 4:15  
2 p.m.  
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4 **VII. ADJOURNMENT:** The Council returned to regular session and adjourned at  
5 4:51 p.m.  
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8 Respectfully submitted,

9 *Barbara Pace*

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11 Recording Secretary