

1 **MINUTES – C.E.S. REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**
2 **MARCH 4, 2021**
3 **VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

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5 **PRESENT:**

6 Karen Hirsh - GREENWICH
7 Barbara Meyer-
8 Mitchell - NORWALK
9 Chris Hocker - EASTON/REG. 9
10 Kate Kutash - SHELTON
11 Andy George - STAMFORD (Vice President)
12 Vinnie Faggella - STRATFORD
13 Margaret Stamatis - RIDGEFIELD
14 Mike Ward - TRUMBULL (Secretary)
15 Melissa Walker - WESTON
16 Karen Kleine - WESTPORT (President)

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19 **ABSENT:**

20 John Weldon - BRIDGEPORT
21 Trish Pytko - FAIRFIELD
22 Jeff Parker - EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9 (Alt.)
23 Barbara Meyer-
24 Mitchell - NORWALK
25 Kathy Yolish - SHELTON (Alt.)
26 Debbie Low - WILTON

27 **C.E.S.:**

28 **PRESENT:** Charles Dumais, Chris LaBelle, Esther Bobowick, Ginger
29 Vail, Mike McGrath, Peggy Sullivan, Suzanne Clement, Stephanie
30 Wanzer, President, CESEA.
31 **ABSENT:** Linda Page, Mark Ribbens

32 **REGULAR MEETING**

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

35 President Karen Kleine called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Quorum was
36 confirmed.

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38 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

39 On a motion Karen Kleine and seconded by Mike Ward, the minutes of both the
40 January 14, 2021 meeting and the Special Meeting of February 18, 2021 were
41 unanimously approved.

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43 **III. CONSENT AGENDA**

44 On a motion by Karen Kleine and seconded by Vinnie Faggella, the consent
45 agenda was unanimously approved.
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2 **IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

3 March is Board Member Appreciation Month and Chip offered his appreciation
4 and thanks to all of the Rep Council members for their dedication to the CES
5 Board. A small token of our appreciation will be sent out to everyone later this
6 month.

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8 **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9 **1. Approval of 2021-22 Salaries:** On a motion by Karen Kleine and
10 seconded by Mike Ward, the Council unanimously voted to approve the
11 2021-22 Salaries as presented. (Chip noted that the Finance Committee
12 had recommended approval by the Board after their review.)
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14 **2. Approval of Venman & Co:** On a motion by Karen Kleine and seconded
15 by Andy George, the Council voted unanimously to approve the use and fee
16 proposal of Venman & Co., as auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30,
17 2021.
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19 **3. Building Committee Report:** Mike Ward, chair of the Building Committee,
20 reported that the Committee met today at 2 p.m., with Chip Dumais, Peggy
21 Sullivan and Louis Fronte in attendance. Peggy Sullivan submitted the
22 Capital Plan (see page 3). On a motion by Karen Kleine and seconded by
23 Andy George, the Council unanimously approved the CES Capital Plan for
24 the period of 2021-25.

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26 **VI. REPORTS – SEE MINUTE MARK 29:50 FOR REPORTS IN LINK BELOW**

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

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39 **Link for reports:** <https://youtu.be/SefMSTui6T4?t=1798>

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41 **VII. ADJOURNMENT:** Karen Kleine adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

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43 Respectfully submitted,

44 *Barbara Pace*

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46 Recording Secretary