

**DRAFT****MINUTES – C.E.S. REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2023****PRESENT:**

Akisha Cassermere	- BRIDGEPORT
Jill McCammon	- DARIEN (3:20 pm)
Laura Gibbons	- EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9
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

**ABSENT:**

Sara Parent	- DARIEN (Alt.)
Jon Stinson	- EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9 (Alt.)
Bonnie Rotelli	- FAIRFIELD
Christine Vitale	- FAIRFIELD
Karen Hirsh	- GREENWICH
Dennis Condon	- MONROE
VACANT	- NEW CANAAN
Mary Ellen Flaherty-Ludwig	- NORWALK ( <b>Secretary</b> )
Tina Malhotra	- RIDGEFIELD
Kathy Yolish	- SHELTON (Alt.)
Julia McNamee	- TRUMBULL (Alt.)
Robert Harrington	- WESTPORT
Ruth DeLuca	- WILTON

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

**REGULAR MEETING****I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

President Andy George called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Quorum was confirmed. Andy welcomed new member, Akisha Cassermere to the Council. Akisha represents Bridgeport.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting were approved with one abstention (A. Cassermere – Bridgeport.)

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2 **III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 3       • Stephanie Wanzer mentioned that Barb Pace will be retiring from CES in  
4       April and thanked her for all of her hard work throughout the years. Chip  
5       also thanked Barb for her 32 years of service and mentioned that Barb  
6       will be here for the CES Foundation Gala and is retiring on April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
7       • Public Comments – none received  
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9 **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

10 On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the consent  
11 agenda was unanimously approved.  
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13 **V. NEW BUSINESS – SEE MINUTE MARK 5:53 FOR DISCUSSION**

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15 1. Approval of 2023-24 salaries as recommended by the Rep Council Finance  
16 Committee: On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Andrea  
17 Corcoran, the 2023-24 salaries were approved as presented. (Andy also  
18 invited any member of the Council who would like to join the Finance  
19 Committee to let him or Barb know.)  
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21 2. Approval of CES's participation in a cooperative agreement among the  
22 RESCs to support projects, opportunities and obligations: On a motion by  
23 Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the Board approved CES's  
24 participation in a cooperative agreement among RESCs to support projects,  
25 opportunities and obligations.  
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27 **VI. REPORTS – SEE MINUTE MARK 35:50 FOR THE START OF REPORTS**

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29 1. **Representative Council President** – Andy George  
30 2. **Executive Director** – Chip Dumais  
31 3. **Associate Executive Director** – Chris LaBelle  
32 4. **Director, Professional Development Services** – Lori Elliott  
33 5. **Principal, Regional Center for the Arts/Open Choice** – Eric Nyquist  
34 6. **Principal, Six to Six Magnet School** – Anna Nelmes-Stoughton  
35 7. **Director of Finance & Operations** – Peggy Sullivan  
36 8. **Director, Special Education** – Mike McGrath  
37 9. **Director, School Readiness** – Ivy Guzman  
38 10. **Early Childhood Coordinator** – Suzanne Clement  
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40 **Meeting Link:** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LG0SEMOV--yorA9Gy-VVOAxs1UTvEZp/view?usp=drive\\_web](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LG0SEMOV--yorA9Gy-VVOAxs1UTvEZp/view?usp=drive_web)  
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- 43 **VII. ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate  
44 Kutash, the Board unanimously adjourned at 4:20 p.m. Chip invited anyone  
45 interested to take a tour of the 40 Oakview Drive property.  
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- 1 Respectfully submitted,
- 2 *Barbara Pace*
- 3 Barbara Pace
- 4 Recording Secretary