

Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative Board
Minutes of January 29, 2019 Board Meeting

Members Present: Carole Clifford, Donna McKenna, James Muse, Michael Shea, Michelle Smith, Christopher Oliver

Members Absent: Christopher Cotter, Anne Fernandes, Sarah Gomes,

Staff Present: Catherine S. Cooper, Executive Director
Christopher Haraden, Director of Finance and Operations

Others Present: John Nunes, Treasurer

Mr. Oliver called the meeting to order at 5:39 P.M.

Prior to the start of business, the SMEC SAIL Program provided a presentation to the Board by three SAIL consumers as well as the SAIL Program Director and Assistant Program Director, to highlight the services provided by SMEC to our adult clients ages 22 and above.

1. **VOTED** To approve the Minutes of the Board's November 29, 2018 meeting as submitted.

APPROVED

2. **VOTED** To receive, accept and place on file the LEA, SAIL and ADH funded staff appointments, transfers, promotions, resignations, terminations, and reductions as submitted on Agenda Attachment 1.

APPROVED

3. **VOTED** To approve the FY19 amended spending plan as presented by the Director of Finance and Operations and as submitted on Agenda Attachment 2 as well as the revised FY19 revenue projections submitted on Agenda Attachment 3.

APPROVED

4. **VOTED** To approve two Parental Leave Requests as submitted on Agenda Attachments 4 and 5.

APPROVED

5. **VOTED** To receive, accept and place on file the 2018-2019 DESE Mid-Cycle Review report as submitted on Agenda Attachment 6.

APPROVED

6. **VOTED** To receive, accept and place on file the 2018 OPEB Statement of Year End Value and Activity as submitted on Agenda Attachment 7.

7. **DISCUSSION** The Executive Director provided a program and service update and discussed the possibility of renting additional classrooms at the Old Hammondtown School next year to relocate the MLC program currently housed at East Fairhaven School in order to allow for program growth. She also discussed the fact that one of the HVAC systems at the Acushnet Avenue building was not working properly and that she and the Director of Finance were in the process of determining what action needed to be taken and whether that would require quotes or going out to bid. She also discussed the recent article in the Neighborhood News that mentioned the possibility of Fairhaven moving the Fairhaven School Administrative Center to the Tripp School, where SMEC's TSP program is currently housed, in 2022 and that she would follow up with district administration to determine the status of SMEC's tenancy.

8. **DISCUSSION** The Executive Director spoke briefly about the recent activity of MOEC and the SCRO and informed the Board of recent bills filed in the MA House and Senate to exempt Collaboratives from the section of the MA Ethics Regulations currently preventing us from sharing staff with our member districts.

9. **SCHEDULED** The next scheduled SMEC Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 30, 2019 at 5:30 PM at the Collaborative's Administrative Building.

10. **VOTED** To adjourn at 6:47 P.M.

APPROVED

**Respectfully submitted,
Catherine S. Cooper
Secretary to the Board**