

Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative Board
Minutes of May 31, 2022 Board Meeting

Members Present: Christopher Cotter, Ann Fernandes, Donna McKenna*, Christopher Oliver, Sara Rodrigues*, Michael Shea, Michelle Smith**, Jonathan Teves, Suzanne Tseki

* Attended remotely

** Arrived during the FY23 Budget Presentation

Members Absent: Tiffini Reedy

Staff Present: Catherine S. Cooper, Executive Director
Christopher Haraden, Director of Business

Others Present: John Nunes, SMEC Treasurer

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 5:32.

1. **VOTED** To approve the Minutes of the Board's March 29, 2022 meeting as submitted. Motion by Mr. Shea, Second by Mr. Cotter.

APPROVED Ms. Tseki and Mr. Teves abstained

2. **VOTED** To receive, accept and place on file the LEA, SAIL and ADH funded staff appointments, transfers, promotions, salary adjustments, resignations, terminations, and/or reductions as submitted on Agenda Attachment 1. Motion by Mr. Cotter, Second by Mr. Teves.

APPROVED

3. **VOTED** To approve a 3% increase to the FY23 District Classroom Lease rates and adjust classroom lease agreements as applicable to reflect additional classroom availability with host district approval. Motion by Mr. Shea, Second by Ms. Rodrigues.

APPROVED

4. **VOTED** The Director of Finance and Operations presented the FY23 Collaborative Spending Plan and Revenue projections along with the FY23 proposed tuitions and fees. An explanation was provided regarding the general projection of estimated overall revenue expectations based on current FY23 enrollment, historic and projected expenses and evolving programmatic and fiscal guidance. The Collaborative Regulations require two readings of the proposed spending plan before adoption so the item was tabled and will be brought back for a vote at the June meeting.

5. **VOTED** To receive, accept and place on file the April 2022 Rockland Trust OPEB Statement of Value and Activity. Motion by Ms. Tseki, Seconded by Ms. McKenna.

APPROVED

6. **VOTED** To accept the retirement notice of John Sferrazza Agenda Attachment 6 and to allow Mr. Sferrazza to remain on the SMEC Insurance Policies in accordance with our Retiree Health Policy. Motion by Mr. Shea, Second by Ms. Smith.

APPROVED

7. **DISUSSION** The Director provided a brief summary of legislative and legal actions relevant to the Collaborative.

8. **DISCUSSION** The Director informed the Board that the DDS QUEST and DESE CPR audits were complete and that we were awaiting exit interviews and written reports of the outcomes.

9. **SCHEDULED** The next scheduled SMEC Board of Directors meeting will be held on June 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM by Zoom. .

10. **VOTED** To adjourn at 6:36 P.M., Motion by Ms. Smith, Second by Ms. Tseki.

APPROVED

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