

Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative Board
Minutes of March 20, 2024 Board Meeting

Held by Zoom

Members Present: Rosemarie Bowman, Melissa Cordeira, Christopher Cotter, Donna McKenna, Christopher Oliver, Ann Fernandes, Sara Rodrigues, Mike Shea

Members Absent: Tiffini Reedy, Michelle Smith

Staff Present: Catherine S. Cooper, Executive Director
Christopher Haraden, Director of Business
Charles Farrell, Payroll Manager

Others Present: John Nunes, Treasurer

Mr. Oliver called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

1. **VOTED** To approve the Minutes of the Board's January 30, 2024 meeting as submitted. Motion by Mr. Cotter, Second by Dr. Rodrigues.

APPROVED

2. **VOTED** Following a presentation by Mr. Haraden regarding a proposed 3% FY25 COLA and discussion regarding other potential adjustments to the adult service hourly rates, the Board voted to approve the proposed FY25 salaries as indicated on Agenda Attachments 1-3. Motion by Mr. Shea, Second by Mr. Cotter.

APPROVED

3. **DISCUSSION** The Director asked if any members were not seeking re-election in the upcoming April school committee town elections. Ms. McKenna indicated that she was running for Fairhaven Select Board and would no longer be on the School Committee, therefore she will also no longer be on the SMEC Board after April 2024.

4. **SCHEDULED** The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2024.

5. **VOTED** Following a motion by Mr. Shea and a Second by Mr. Cotter, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:06 P.M.

APPROVED

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