

**Approved Minutes
MOEC Board Meeting at FLLAC
November 16, 2015**

Attendees: Cathy Cummins, Steve Theall, Theresa Craig, Joanne H Sullivan, Catherine Cooper, Michelle Griffin DESE, Bill Diehl, Andy Churchill, Liz McGonagle, Richard Murphy

Executive Director's Report

Steve Theall provided a recap of the recent MASC/MASS Conference. He also let the board know that he was working to schedule a meeting with the MSBA about providing collaborative space in public school buildings. Steve also stated that MOEC would continue to be on the SPED Transportation task force, but would no longer take on the role of fiscal agent for future SPED Transportation grants.

DESE Update from Michelle Griffin

Michelle will set up a meeting with her DESE counterparts to discuss how collaboratives can gain access to EDWIN.

Updates on Initiatives

- Board members discussed the status of E-rate in their districts. Most are finding that districts are working with consultants or are still deciding whether to pursue E-rate.
- North River has coordinated the development of a hyperlinked document that lists all of Public SPED programs in the South region and will share the document with MOEC to see if it could be used as a template for a statewide hyperlinked document on the MOEC website.
- Work is continuing on the proposed Leadership Course. The syllabus will be finalized soon and a list of instructors is being developed.

January Meeting Preparation

Matt Halloway of DESE is tentatively scheduled to talk about the Guidebook for Inclusive Practice at the upcoming January General Membership meeting.

Regional Representative Updates

Greater Boston is working to schedule its next meeting.

Central Region recently held a productive meeting. All five executive directors attended. Discussion items included coordinated program reviews, financial reviews, RETELL and policy handbooks.

The West Region's two collaboratives, LPVEC and CES, communicate frequently. They are also continuing to cultivate a relationship the school districts in the Berkshires that are not members of collaboratives.

The North Region has met once and is finding that evening meetings allow for better attendance.

The Southeast Collaborative Regional Organization (SCRO) meets monthly and its governing board meets quarterly. Current projects include the SCRO Program Guide, a spring SPED Fair and the new Virtual Learning Academy.

Task Force Update

Bill Diehl updated the board on the work of the Safe and Supportive Schools Commission, which reports to the governor at the end of December.

AESA Update

Cathy Cummins, AESA Liaison, provided the following information to the board:

- Lee Warne, Executive Director of AESA, is retiring. His replacement will be announced in December.
- The AESA is developing a new benchmarking initiative to better reflect the next generation of ESAs.
- AESA offers a Student Loan Forgiveness program to members of AESA and also provides a Speakers' Bureau.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer shared his report of current spending and bank balances. Spending is on track so far this fiscal year.

Previous Minutes

There was one change to the attendance record of the minutes for the September meeting. The revised minutes were unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by A. M. Atallah