1.0 Call to Order and Official Items

Record of Attendance; Determination of Quorum (Agenda Item 1.1)
President Marilyn Friend called the regular meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors to order at 8:45 a.m., and welcomed Board members. Secretary Bruce Ramirez called the roll. A quorum of the following Directors was present.

Marilyn Friend          President
Margaret McLaughlin    President Elect
Jacqueline Mault       Immediate Past President
James Heiden           Treasurer
Robin Brewer           Member-at-Large
LaVerne Buchanan      Member-at-Large
Iris Kerbis Cantor    Member-at-Large
Pamela De Loach       Member-at-Large
Marsha Dempsey         Student Member
Ken Dickson            Member-at-Large
Elizabeth Drame        Member-at-Large
Denise Drinkwalter    Member-at-Large
Rachael Gonzáles      Member-at-Large
Mark Innocenti        Member-at-Large
Clayton Keller        Member-at-Large
Juan Portley          Member-at-Large
Eileen Raymond        Member-at-Large
Matty Rodriguez-Walling Member-at-Large
Ronald Tamura         Member-at-Large

Adoption of Agenda (Agenda 1.2)

MOTION: Robin Brewer moved to adopt the agenda. James Heiden seconded.

Motion carried.
Board January 21-23, 2011 Meeting Minutes (Agenda Item 1.3)

MOTION: James Heiden moved to approve the January 21-23, 2011 Board of Directors meeting minutes. Juan Portley seconded.

Motion carried.

Consent Topics (Agenda Item 1.4)
The Consent Topics included the motions for the 2012 Convention and Expo Local Arrangements Committee Chair and the addition of the U.S. ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to the CEC Public Policy Agenda for the 112th United States Congress approved by the Board electronically.

MOTION: Ronald Tamura moved to ratify the motions for the 2012 Convention and Expo Local Arrangements Committee Chair and the addition of the U.S. ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to the CEC Public Policy Agenda for the 112th United States Congress. Rachael Gonzáles seconded.

Motion carried.

2.0 New Business

Core Values, Mission, and Vision Statements (Agenda Item 2.1)
President Friend reviewed the development of the amendments to the CEC Core Values, Mission, and Vision statements as reflected in the motion.

MOTION: James Heiden moved to amend the CEC Core Values, Mission, and Vision statements. Matty Rodriguez-Walling seconded.

Motion carried.

Constitution and Bylaws Amendment – Board of Directors Vacancies (Agenda Item 2.2)
President Friend presented the Constitution and Bylaws amendment addressing Board of Directors vacancies and indicated that no comments were received from the membership during the 60-day notification period.

MOTION: Mark Innocenti moved to amend the CEC Constitution and Bylaws Article V, Section 4 (c) (1) (Midterm Vacancies and Election Emergencies) by inserting after the word “election” the following “for that particular position.” Eileen Raymond seconded.

Motion carried.
Constitution and Bylaws Amendment – Succession of Officers (Agenda Item 2.3)

President Friend presented the Constitution and Bylaws amendment addressing succession of officers and indicated that no comments were received from the membership during the 60-day notification period.

MOTION: Marsha Dempsey moved to amend the CEC Constitution and Bylaws Article VII, Section 2 (Succession of Officers) by adding a new subsection (c) “If the position of Immediate Past President becomes vacant before the term of office is completed, the duties of the Immediate Past President will be assigned to a past CEC president as determined by the President upon consultation with the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director.” Clayton Keller seconded.

Motion carried.

Division on Visual Impairments Request for an Exemption from the Minimum Division Membership Requirement (Agenda Item 2.4)

The Directors reviewed and discussed the Division on Visual Impairments (DVI) exemption request and membership plan for 2011.

MOTION: James Heiden moved to exempt the Division on Visual Impairments (DVI) from CEC’s minimum division membership requirement of 1.5% of the total CEC membership for the 2011 CEC administrative year. Iris Kerbis Cantor seconded.

Motion carried.

Subsequent Board discussion on the annual exemption requirement indicated further consideration to extending the exemption period. The Executive Director was requested to conduct a review of the current division exemption process for future Board consideration.

YIC! Award Categories (Agenda Item 2.5)

Per a request from the Board of Directors, the Honors Committee submitted changes to the Yes I Can! Award to clarify the award categories and annual number of awards.

MOTION: Clayton Keller moved to amend the CEC Policy Manual (2010-2011), Section Two, Part 4, Chapter 04, Individual Awards, Para. 9, The Yes I Can! Award as follows:

The Yes I Can! Award, established by the Foundation for Exceptional Children, became a part of the CEC Awards Program December 1, 1999. The award was established to acknowledge the achievements of children and youth with exceptionalities; to meet the challenges
caused by the exceptionality or public misconceptions; to encourage children and youth with exceptionalities to seek their highest potential; and to increase public awareness of the abilities, aspirations, and personal qualities of individuals with exceptionalities.

**Twenty-one awards may be granted each year in the following seven categories of achievement: academics, arts, athletics, extracurricular activities, self-advocacy, technology, and transition.**

A "Call for Nominations" shall be published in official CEC publications.

Motion postponed. Board discussion of the categories of achievement resulted in questions about “extracurricular activities” and the Board requested further information about the scope of this category. Without objection, the motion was postponed until the Board’s next day session.

### 3.0 Discussion Topics and Emerging Issues

**2012-2014 Strategic Plan Goals, Issue Statements and Objectives** (Agenda Item 3.1)
The Directors reviewed the proposed (March 23rd) goals, issue statements and objectives to be addressed during the Representative Assembly Meeting.

**CEC Position on School Vouchers and IDEA Reauthorization** (Agenda Item 3.2)
Deb Ziegler, Associate Executive Director for Policy and Advocacy Services, summarized proposed revisions to the CEC Position on School Vouchers and IDEA Reauthorization. Director discussion ensued on the proposed amendments.

**CEC Policy on Children with Exceptionalities in Charter Schools** (Agenda Item 3.3)
Deb Ziegler, Associate Executive Director for Policy and Advocacy Services, summarized proposed revisions to CEC’s Policy on Children with Disabilities in Charter Schools. Director discussion ensued on the proposed amendments.

**Board Development – Report of the NCATE Commissioned Blue Ribbon Panel on Clinical Preparation and Partnerships for Improved Student Learning** (Agenda Item 3.4)
President Friend facilitated a discussion of *Transforming Teacher Education Through Clinical Practice: A National Strategy to Prepare Effective Teachers*, a Report of the NCATE Commissioned Blue Ribbon Panel on Clinical Preparation and Partnerships for Improved Student Learning. Director discussion focused on application of the report to teacher preparation in special and gifted education, overlooked issues and implementation barriers.
4.0 Governance and Organizational Reports

Board Convention and Expo Schedule (Agenda Item 4.1.1)
The Directors reviewed their governance meeting, leadership kiosk, expo, recognition, social event, and appreciation responsibilities during the Convention and Expo. A public comment opportunity is scheduled to follow the Board’s Tuesday Meeting.

Board Unit Liaison Contacts (Agenda Item 4.1.2)
Several Directors provided reports on their contacts with state and provincial unit and division presidents. Directors were encouraged to take advantage of the convention in making these contacts.

Evidence-Based Practices Beta Test Workgroup (Agenda Item 4.2.1.a)
President Elect Margaret McLaughlin outlined the motion from the Evidence-Based Practices Beta Test Workgroup to revise the specific outcomes and timeline for the Evidence-Based Practices Beta Test Workgroup. Board discussion ensued.

MOTION: James Heiden moved to discontinue the beta testing of quality indicators and standards for evidence-based practices through the divisions.

Further moved, that with respect to the Workgroup generated evidence-based practices quality indicators and standards that the Workgroup conduct: (a) a Delphi study to collect and incorporate the feedback of selected expert researchers in special education; and (b) a small pilot to investigate the quality indicators’ inter-rater reliability.

Further moved, that the timeline for completing the Delphi study and pilot investigation be extended through March 15, 2012. Pamela De Loach seconded.

Motion carried.

Student Committee 2011 Objectives and Work Plans (Agenda Item 4.2.2.a)
The Board received the Committee’s objectives and work plans for 2011. The Board was supportive of the Committee objectives to increase membership, participation of students in leadership and voting, and clarification of the student graduation scholarships.

**President Friend declared the April 25, 2011 meeting in recess at 2:50 p.m. until 8:30a.m. April 26, 2011.**
1.0 Call to Order and Official Items

President Marilyn Friend called the regular meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors to order at 8:35 a.m.

Record of Attendance; Determination of Quorum (Agenda Item 1.1)
President Friend then asked Secretary Bruce Ramirez to call the roll. A quorum of the following Directors was present:

Marilyn Friend President
Margaret McLaughlin President Elect
Jacqueline Mault Immediate Past President
James Heiden Treasurer
Robin Brewer Member-at-Large
LaVerne Buchanan Member-at-Large
Iris Kerbis Cantor Member-at-Large
Pamela De Loach Member-at-Large
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Elizabeth Drame Member-at-Large
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Mark Innocenti Member-at-Large
Clayton Keller Member-at-Large
Juan Portley Member-at-Large
Eileen Raymond Member-at-Large
Matty Rodriguez-Walling Member-at-Large
Ronald Tamura Member-at-Large
2.0 New Business

*YIC! Award Categories* (Agenda Item 2.5)

The Board received the requested information from the Honors Committee describing the extracurricular award category. Without objection, the “extracurricular activities” award category was renamed “school and community activities” amending the main motion.

**MOTION:** The Board resumed action on the motion to amend the CEC Policy Manual (2010-2011), Section Two, Part 4, Chapter 04, Individual Awards, Para. 9, the *The Yes I Can!* Award by adding the following new paragraph:

Twenty-one awards may be granted each year in the following seven categories of achievement: academics, arts, athletics, school and community activities, self-advocacy, technology, and transition.

Motion carried.

3.0 Discussion Topics and Emerging Issues

**Convention Program Planning, 2012-13 – Doug Cheney, Program Chair** (Agenda Item 3.5)

Convention Program Chair Doug Cheney discussed convention program opportunities and considerations, including strengths of the program, trends and issues impacting program content, formats contributing to problem solving, transformative work, challenges related to attendance, and special topics. Directors offered comments.

**Performance Assessments for Teacher Candidates** (Agenda Item 3.6)

Deb Ziegler, Associate Executive Director for Policy and Advocacy Services, summarized the status of performance assessments for teacher candidates and the increasing public policy interest as a part of ESEA and IDEA reauthorizations. Director discussion followed on the benefits and challenges of these assessments and CEC’s role in the development and implementation of such assessments for special educators.

**Special Education Professional Practice Standards** (Agenda Item 3.7)

The Board received a requested document from the Executive Director reflecting the (a) the initial practice standards changes proposed by the Professional Standards and Practice Committee (PSPC) and (b) the Representative Assembly suggested changes to these standards that the Committee supports. PSPC Chair Lynne Cook participated in a Board discussion of these proposed changes to the professional practice standards which included the identification of additional changes by individual Directors for possible further Committee consideration. A process to finalize the revisions to the practice standards will be developed in collaboration with the Committee.
4.0 Governance and Organizational Reports

Diversity Committee 2011 Objectives and Work Plans (Agenda Item 4.2.2.b)
The Board received the Committee’s objectives and work plans for 2011. Director discussion ensued, including assisting the Committee identify achievable priorities for this administrative year.

Committee and Workgroup Objectives/Work Plans Updates (Agenda Item 4.3.1)
President Friend welcomed Committee and Workgroup Chairs Brian Kelly (Canadian/U.S.), Debbie Ballard (Elections), Jim Heiden (Finance and Audit), Martha Thurlow (Honors), Jacqueline Mault (Nominations), Lynne Cook (Professional Standards and Practice), Derrick Smith (Representative Assembly), Laura Kildare (Student); and Workgroup Chair Bryan Cook (Evidence-Based Practices Beta Test). Following lunch, the Committee and Workgroup Chairs gave a brief description of their current committee/workgroup priority activities with the opportunity for questions and comments.

Call for Nominations (Agenda Item 4.4.1.a)
Nominations Standing Committee Chair and Immediate Past President Jacqueline Mault outlined the positions to be contested during the upcoming CEC election and referred to the 2012 Board of Directors Nominations brochure. During the convention Committee members are attending division, caucus, and other member-related meetings to encourage nominations.

Statement of Activities (Agenda Item 4.5.1)
Treasurer James Heiden reviewed the March 2011 Statement of Activities with Directors.

5.0 Management Reports

Convention & Expo 2011 (Agenda Item 5.1)
Executive Director Ramirez outlined highlights of the Convention and Expo, including convention and expo attendance, new features of the professional program and expo, and other highlights.

Key Strategic Plan and Management Update Items (Agenda Item 5.2)
Executive Director Ramirez outlined key strategic plan and administrative/program achievements since the January 2011 Board Meeting.

2011 First Quarter Investment Report (Agenda Item 5.3)
Chief Financial Officer Michael Shifflett presented the 2011 First Quarter Investment Report summarizing the status of CEC’s operating fund, short-term investments, and long-term investments.
6.0 Appreciations and Adjournment

President Friend acknowledged and thanked the Directors and executive staff for a productive, collaborative meeting.

**President Friend adjourned the Board of Directors meeting at 2:40 p.m. on April 26, 2011.**

Approved: ___________________ July 1, 2011
Bruce A. Ramirez, Secretary