



BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2026
via Zoom

Board Members: Rich Polkinghorn, Chair
Daniel Blevins, Treasurer
Vicky Waterbury
Jennifer Bomberger, Vice Chair
Shawna Pruitt

Absent Members: Chelsea Ruder, Secretary

Staff & Guests: Freddy Gonzalez, Executive Director
Noelle Hanson, staff
Schlee Pulido, staff
Ronda Hull, Assoc. Executive Director
Jennifer Bouman-Steagall, attorney
Julia Ramirez, staff

Minutes by: Noelle Hanson

I. Call to Order

Discussion: Rich called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm, with quorum established.

II. Agenda

Discussion: Reviewed Agenda

Action: Shawna motioned to approve January 6, 2026; Agenda as presented.
Seconded by Chelsea.
Motion approved unanimously.

III. Introductions

Action: Attendees introduced themselves.

IV. Updates and Public Comments

Action: n/a

V. Director's Report / Informational

Discussion: 1. Director's Report
• ICE training will be provided via Zoom with our attorney, Jennifer Bouman-Steagall
• Await and will communicate federal funder's determination regarding the Risk Assessment Notification (RAN) review; if corrective action plan is required, develop and implement it.

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- Await and communicate federal funder's response regarding the anonymous complaint about peer-to-peer incidents and discrimination; update board as needed.
 - Reviewed report.
2. Personnel Report – December 2025
 - Report reviewed
 3. Informational Items
 - Schlee shared Mental Health Updates in strengths and gaps supporting classroom staff and children. In January, MCCC will begin offering weekly consulting with Chastain Consulting and staff, with no management present, to address questions and seek guidance on behavioral patterns.
 - MCCC will begin offering monthly open, hour sessions for parents via Zoom, in the evening, with a short presentation and open question and answer sessions talking about struggles and provided guidance.
 - Board member Jennifer, volunteered to be available to provide additional behavior analysis, guidance, or modeling for staff and/or Schlee's team as requested, including possible monthly volunteer hour for specific cases.

VI. Consent Items
a. Meeting Minutes –December 2, 2025

Discussion: n/a

Action: Shawna motioned to approve the Consent Items as presented.
Seconded by Jennnifer.
Motion approved unanimously.

VII. Old Business
a. n/a

Discussion: n/a

Action: n/a

VIII. New Business – Action Items
a. n/a

Discussion: n/a

Action: n/a

VIII. New Business – Discussion Items

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1. n/a	
Discussion:	n/a
Action:	n/a
IX.	Open Agenda
	Freddy will follow-up with Shawna regarding the distribution and access to Petersburg parent fundraiser funds for transferred families, gather more information, and schedule a Zoom or meeting to address parent concerns.
X.	Adjourn
Action:	Shawna moved to adjourn the Board Meeting. Seconded by Vicky. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.