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Draft Board Minutes

February 8, 2025

Pursuant to a written notice delivered to the Board of Directors of the California Association for Bilingual Education held a regular Board meeting on Saturday, February 8, 2024, via Zoom.

Board Members Present

Dr. Raúl Maldonado, President; Dr. Bárbara Flores, Immediate Past President; Dr. Elena Esquer, Vice President; Maryanna Lee, Director of Parent Affairs; Dr. Lettie Ramirez, Dr. Karling Aguilera-Fort; Marissa Lazo-Necco, Director of Community Affairs; Maryanna Lee, Director of Parent Relations; Dr. Annie BichLoan Duong, Region I Representative; Manuel Colón, Region III Representative; Angelica Hurtado, Region VI Representative; and Dr. Sarah Zepeda, Region V Representative.

Staff Members and Consultants

Dr. Edgar Lampkin, Chief Executive Officer; Maria Villa, Deputy Director; Delma Chwilinski-Sheridan, Director of Programs and Events; Emma Cabrera, Director of FACE, Joshua Jauregui, Director of Administrative Systems; Norma Rocha, Director of ITCD; Yvette Chong-Coontz, Accounting and Financial Management Consultant; Laurie Miles, Communication Manager; and Aida Madison, Executive Assistant.

Legal Counsel/Partners/Guests: Jennifer Baker, Legislative Advocate (via Zoom), Dr. Rosalinda Quintanar, CFA representative.

SESSION ONE: Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Roll Call
- 1.3 Observer: Angelica Hurtado Timekeeper: Dr. Lettie Ramirez
- 1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION #1- TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR February 8, 2025

Move: Dr. Bárbara Flores Second: Dr. Lettie Ramírez Approved: Unanimously

- 1.5 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION #2 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF November 2, 2025

Move: Manuel Colón Second: Marissa Lazo-Necco Approved: Unanimously

8:23 – 10:10 AM - CLOSED SESSION

10:23 AM Report out from Closed Session

SESSION TWO: Reports

2.1 Report out from Closed Session

Dr. Raúl Maldonado report:

- 1) The Board approved Financial Packet.
- 2) Montserrat Garibay will be recognized at NABE by Dr. David Calvo and Rubi Flores
- 3) The Board approved the construction manager contract.

2.2 President's Report

Dr. Raul Maldonado stated that the elections and the current administration may be upsetting or might make us anxious as individuals, CABA as an organization must remain focused on our mission and the students and families.

2.3 Vice President's Report

Dr. Maria Elena Esquer stated that preparations have been taking place for the upcoming JDA at the conference.

2.4 CEO Report

Dr. Edgar Lampkin stated appreciation to the CABA staff for all the work taking place for the annual conference.

2.5 Directors' Reports

- **Director of State and Legislative Affairs**

No report was presented.

- **Director of Community Affairs**

Marissa Lazo-Necco stated that in November 2024 she attended with the Hispanic Association of College and Universities.

- **Director of Paraprofessional Affairs**

Rosa Armstrong stated she attended the Bakersfield Regional conference, October 29, 2024 and the Monterey Regional conference, November 21, 2024. Rosa Armstrong was very thankful for the opportunity to attend the conference. Rosa Armstrong stated she presented a workshop with Ana Donovan on special education.

- **Director of Parent Relations**

Maryanna Lee stated she visited a few of the Seal of Excellence schools who applied for the award. Maryanna Lee said that she and Dr. Lampkin notified the parent who were nominated for the Parent-of-the-Year award.

- **Director of Secondary and IHE Affairs**

Dr. Lettie Ramirez stated she presented at the Bakersfield, Monterey and Sacramento regional conference. Dr. Lettie Ramirez stated that one of the Parent of the Year award winners, Veronica Torres, is one of the authors of *No, Estás Solo*.

- **Director of Financial Affairs**

Dr. Bárbara Flores stated the Board passed the Financial Packet. Dr. Bárbara Flores stated that she is working closely CEO, and Yvette Chong-Coontz.

2.6 Regional Representatives' Reports

- **Region 1**

Dr. Annie Duong stated that all four chapters are all active.

- **Region 2**

No report.

- **Region 3**

- Manuel Colón stated he was for of the Paraprofessional of the Year, Parent of the Year award selection committees and the high school scholarship selection committee. Manuel Colón stated he was invited to attend the Mandarin Chapter's program, a spelling bee contest and celebration of culture and language.

- **Region 4**

Angélica Hurtado stated Riverside chapter is having their mini conference on February 22, 2025 and the BEST Awards will be held on April 25, 2025. San Bernardino Chapter has a new board and has 65 members. The Chapter of the Year is the Calexico chapter #84.

- **Region 5**

Dr. Sarah Zepeda was attending the La Joranda at Loyola Marymount University.

2.7 CFA report

Dr. Rosalinda Quintanar stated that Governor Newsome shared the proposed state budget for 2025-2026, announcing a reduction to the CSU General Fund support by 7.95%, or \$375.2 million, beginning in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Dr. Rosalinda Quintanar stated this will jeopardize the economic workforce in California.

2.8 Legislative Update

Jennifer Baker presented the legislative report (written). Jennifer Baker is monitoring what is happening at the Federal and State. The Lobby Day on April 1. "Today, both houses of the Legislature passed a Legislative Budget Plan (LBP, including primary budget bills AB 107 (Gabriel) and SB 107 (Wiener). They additionally passed AB 154 (Committee on Budget) and SB 154 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), which include the suspension of Proposition 98 for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Additional budget trailer bills are expected to be introduced over the next few weeks which will include statutory changes related to the overall budget plan." Jennifer Baker stated that there are conversations taking place in legislation with bills regarding federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) entering school sites. CAFE Supports AB 49 (Muratsuchi); AB 243 (Ahrens); and SB 12 (Gonzalez).

SESSION THREE: Action Items

3.1 Murdoch, Walrath & Homes/CAFE 2025-2027

MOTION #3 -The Board approved the Murdoch, Walrath & Holmes agreement.

Moved: Manuel Colón

Second: Annie Duong

Approved: in closed session

3.2 BMO loan to update facilities

MOTION #4 – The Board approved this item 3.2-BMO

Approved: in closed session

SESSION FOUR: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4.1 Department Updates

Administration & Membership- Joshua Jauregui stated chapter rebates were issued. Joshua Jauregui stated that the chapter rebates will probably be a little less due to the membership being given as a conference registration benefit. The registrant will receive a regular membership and will have the option to upgrade as well as be able "opt-out" of the CAFE membership.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) – Emma Cabrera stated that FACE department is continuing to prepare for CAFE 2025 Parent Resource Center. Services are continuing to serve parents through Project INSPIRE, Plaza Comunitaria, Newcomer, and PROMESA. Emma Cabrera thanks Corona-Norco USD for their support of the parent resource center. Also, she has attended several parent leadership graduations.

Development- Dr. David Calvo stated CAFE has been working with San Bernardino County office to submit the BTPDP. They revised the budget, and it is unclear if CAFE is still included but will continue working to participate with SBCSS. Dr. David Calvo stated this is the last year for CEI and is working on renewal. For PROMESA- this is a \$2.7 million contract with US Dept Education. Dr. David Calvo stated so far this contract has not been impacted by the administration orders. The Cultural Connections program has been suspended, however, Dr. Calvo has been connecting with funder and maybe able to rewrite the grant instead of having

a DEI focus may be able to rewrite the grant it so the focus on economic development and binational cooperation focus. Dr. David Calvo stated the taskforce is routinely meeting to develop a handbook and organizational guidelines. In Kintone, we have developed a robust directory of K-12 education institutes.

IT & Creative Design – Norma Rocha stated they ITCD is busy working and creating materials/documents and all communications for the upcoming conference.

Professional Learning Services – Maria Villa stated that we have launched the Mandarin Dual Language Teacher Academy. Maria Villa stated that a Counselor’s training modules are being developed.

Communications – Laurie Miles stated the Multilingual Educator is printed. Board and staff have contributed articles. The advertising has paid for the printing of the magazine. Laurie Miles stated the call for articles for next year’s magazine deadline is June 1, 2025. The 50th commemorative book has gone to the printer. Laurie Miles stated that all the conference registrants will receive either a hardcover or softcover copy. A new award will be presented at the conference called “The Pioneer Bilingual Program” .

Programs and Events (P&E) – Delma Chwilinski-Sheridan stated that there 249 attendees at the Sacramento regional conference. The feedback and evaluations were very positive. The MEDLI conference will be held on June 30-July 3 in Las Vegas, NV.

Observer report:

Angélica Hurtado presented the observer report.

Adjournment

5.1 Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Move: Dr. Bárbara Flores

Second: Dr. Lettie Ramirez

Approved: Unanimously