

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

(These are not official minutes of the CHEA Board of Directors.)

Chair Orlando Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors:

- Received the FY20 external audit as presented.
- Received the FY20 fourth quarter financial report.
- Received an update on FY20 institutional membership.

CHAIR'S REPORT

During the Working Session:

Board Chair Orlando Taylor introduced new CHEA President Cynthia Jackson-Hammond and welcomed four new board members.

The board of directors extended the term of recognition for the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA) and the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC) from December 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Government Affairs Report

Senior Vice President for Government Relations Jan Friis reported that the Covid-19 pandemic has dominated agendas in Washington and that there is continued work on another stimulus package. CHEA continues to work with other higher education associations to advocate for Covid-19 assistance for students and institutions, sending community letters to Congress and several federal agencies. He also reported that the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has extended waivers for distance education and accreditation visits to institutions and accrediting organizations through the end of the year, to help institutions and accreditors meet the challenges facing higher education. USDE published in the Federal Register its final Distance Education and Innovation regulation and rescinded outdated USDE guidance documents. Friis reported that Senator Alexander is working to get an agreement on a scaled down Education Bill concerning FASFA reform, which may happen during the Lame-Duck session. He informed the board that there has been not progress on the College Affordability Act.

President's Update

At the Working Session, President Cynthia Jackson-Hammond reported on CHEA's goals and priorities for 2020-2022. They identified three main priorities – 1) assessment of existing framework of

operations; 2) membership development in a pandemic environment; and 3) CHEA mission and organizational structure.

President Jackson-Hammond announced that the 2021 CHEA Annual Conference will be virtual and take place January 26-28, 2021.

Eric Selwyn, Membership and Information Administrator, provided a membership analysis report and Lori Schroeder, Vice President for Recognition Services, reviewed the application process for CHEA recognition.

CHEA's board of directors announced a proclamation to Dr. Judith Eaton bestowing her the title of President *Emeritus*.

Appointment of 2020-2021 Committees

During the board meeting, board members indicated their preferences for committee participation. Committee membership for 2020-2021 is as follows:

Reserve, Investment and Audit Committee

Richard Pattenaude, *Chair*
Joseph Brimwall
Bud Baeslack
Bob Clark
Cesar Maldonado
James Willis (CHEA staff resource)

Committee on Directors

Jean Wyld, *Chair*
Kassandra Ardinger
Javier Cevallos
Dottie King
Anthony Munroe
Carlos Santiago
Cynthia Jackson-Hamond (CHEA staff resource)

Committee on Membership

Lester Newman, *Chair*
Pauletta Brown Bracy
Darrell Cain
Sharon DeVivo
Antoine Garibaldi
Eric Selwyn (CHEA staff resource)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Appointments to the Committee on Recognition

The board of directors re-appointed the following members to the Committee on Recognition:

- Teri Cannon, Chief Accreditation Officer, Keck Graduate Institute and Minerva Schools at KGI, to a three-year term (January 2021–December 2023)
- Stephanie Droker, President, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, to a three-year term (January 2021–December 2023)
- Lucas Kavlie, Vice President, Compliance & Accreditation, Western Governors University, to a three-year term (January 2021–December 2023)

- Tanmay Pramanik, Vice President of Institutional Compliance, Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, to a three-year term (January 2021–December 2023)
- Emily Williams, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, University of Pittsburgh-Bradford, to a three-year term (January 2021–December 2023)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

**The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors will take place
January 25, 2021 in Washington, DC.**