

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

### **Summary of Major Actions and Discussion**

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

Secretary Tim Letzring called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The board of directors:

- Received the FY25 external audit as presented.
- Received the FY25 fourth quarter financial report.
- Received an update on FY25 institutional membership.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

During the Working Session:

Loretta Waldron, Vice President of Recognition Services, reported that, during the September 29, 2025, Working Session, the board of directors acted as follows:

Accepted the Committee on Recognition's recommendation to approve recognition for a period of seven years with a follow-up report due in July 2026 and July 2027 and an interim report due at the midpoint of the recognition term for two accrediting organizations:

- Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board American Society of Landscape Architects (LAAB-ASLA) and
- Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE)

Accepts the Committee on Recognition's recommendation to approve recognition for a period of seven years with an interim report due at the midpoint of the recognition term for two accrediting organizations:

- Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)
- Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA-CPME)

During the Working Session, the board introduced five new board members and reviewed Form 990. Also, during the Working Session, President Paydar gave an update on his first two months in office.

The board approved a revision to the CHEA Standards, an update to the CHEA Bylaws, and appointed Heather F. Perfetti, President of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) and Chair of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions (C-RAC), to the Board of Directors.

## **Government Affairs Report**

Senior Vice President Jan Friis discussed the President's Executive Orders on closing the Department of Education (USDE) and on accreditation. He reported that the USDE cannot close without passing legislation in Congress to eliminate the agency and there are not enough votes in the Senate to accomplish the President's goal. He also expressed concern about the potential rule yet to be created to implement the accreditation Executive Order.

Friis reported on the USDE upcoming negotiated rulemaking which will meet to decide quality assurance rules for Work Force Pell programs. He said that the USDE has announced that accreditation is part of its future regulatory agenda.

Friis also reported that changes are coming to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity members which will affect how the NACIQI reviews accrediting organizations. He reported on accreditation legislation which may pass the House of Representatives but, the prospect of passage in the Senate is unlikely.

He discussed the creation of a new accreditor, the Commission for Public Higher Education for their public institutions and the timing it takes to be recognized by the USDE.

## **President's Update**

### **Appointment of 2025-2026 Committees**

During the board meeting, board members indicated their preferences for committee participation. Committee membership for 2025-2026 is as follows:

#### **Reserve, Investment and Audit Committee**

Colette Pierce Burnette, *Chair*

Darrell Cain

Sharon DeVivo

Jonathan Gueverra

Michael Horowitz

Patricia Marshall

*James Willis (CHEA staff resource)*

#### **Committee on Directors**

Catherine Wehlburg, *Chair*

Kassandra Ardinger

Javier Cevallos

Erica Holmes

Eduardo Ochoa

David Schmidt

*Nasser Paydar (CHEA staff resource)*

#### **Committee on Membership**

Tim Letzring, *Chair*

Michael Baston

Madeline Burillo-Hopkins

Lily Hsu

David Schmidt

Lori Williams

*Eric Selwyn (CHEA staff resource)*

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Appointments to the Committee on Recognition**

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

The re-appointment of Fashaad Crawford, Senior Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, North Carolina State University, and Charles "Mac" Powell, President, Accrediting,

Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC).

The appointment of Malina Monaco, Senior Vice President, Accreditation, Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

**The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors will take place on  
January 26, 2026, in Washington, DC.**