

# CCSA board meeting minutes

January 8, 2026

Attending: Andrew Shaud, Tim Eisele, Maria Bergstrom, Jon Ensminger, Megan Bradley, Leyre Alegre, Sean Lonnecker, Traci Yu, ~~Micah Erickson~~

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

## Executive Director report

### Financial Report

Almost all fall tuition payments have come in. Andrew will send out tuition bills for spring in the next week and will update the board.

The MACC grant is now open. Andrew has started the process of applying. There are three categories of grants. We can request \$25,000 for operational support, \$30,000 for Facility Improvement, and \$1,500 for professional development. Andrew will try to max out these amounts in our application. He has already contacted a furnace person for an estimate and will add that to the facilities grant. It was suggested that we also get a radon test in case we need to include any mitigation efforts in the facilities grant.

Megan moved and Leyre seconded that Andrew apply for MACC operational support, facility support, and professional development grants.

### Updates

Over 130 people came to the holiday recital at the Rozsa backstage.

Upcoming events:

- Winter/Spring Term starts January 19, billing will go out in early January
- KYSO Concert January 20, at the CCSA building
- February 21 CCSA Student Recital
- March 14, 6:00, Donors' Dessert Concert
  - Andrew would like to be able to issue "tickets" for this event (eventbrite) so we can track which donors attend
  - Selected students and faculty will play
  - Donors will be specifically invited to attend
  - Ask families to bring desserts, have volunteers help set up during the concert

- Marathon/Auction April 11: donations needed

## Board business

We discussed fundraising ideas and plans for addressing the budget deficit:

- Do we need to think about some kind of consultant? Does the Keweenaw Community Foundation offer any services like this?
- Andrew is hoping that the Donor Dessert Concert can be a test-run for a bigger Gala concert next year. Suggestion to do a “pay as you are able” format for a fundraising concert.
- Suggestion was made to consider collaborating with the Superior School of Dance for a co-sponsored fundraising event? Strings playing for some dance pieces?
- Could reach out to the Women who Care group in the area to get on their list. Megan can look into their pre-approval process.

The board approved removing Renata Somerville (former board treasurer) from the Superior National bank accounts and adding Megan Bradley (current board treasurer)..

## Policy governance

We reviewed the second half of the [Executive Limitations policy](#). Monitoring notes are added.

Leyre moved and Megan seconded that we make the following change to the Executive Limitations policy:

Level EL 3f: Asset Protection

8. Compromise the independence of the board’s audit or other external monitoring or advice. [Remove: “such as by engaging parties already chosen by the board as consultants or advisers.”]

Motion passed.

Sean moved to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.