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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025 MEETING

June 24, 2025

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Shared Services Building

- Welcome, Introductions & Call to Order
- Public Comment
- Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2025
- CCE Presentation – Conferral of Title Process
- Prior Business
 - CCE Budget Update
- New Business
 - Camp
 - SNAP-Ed and 21st Century

Reports and Updates – WIGO: (What Is Going On)

- *Finance Committee, Willie Hayes*
- *Mel Schroeder, Executive Director*
- *Paul Bartow, CCEESC Board President*
- *Adam Hughes, State Extension Specialist*
- *Governance Committee*
- *Legislative Report, Michael Lausell & Larry Jaynes*

Next Meeting – August 5 at Hidden Valley 4-H Camp



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025 MEETING

June 23, 2025 | 5:00 to 6:40 p.m.

Shared Services Building, Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Attendees: Adam Hughes (ex-officio), James Nolan, Jill Kasprzyk, Laurence Jaynes, Mark McCullough, Michael Lausell, Paul Bartow, Riqui Hess, William Hayes
Excused: Kristen Van Horn, Nigar Hale
Staff: Mel Schroeder, Virginia Montopoli

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Paul Bartow at 5:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Motion to approve the March 18, 2025 meeting minutes made by William Hayes; second Michael Lausell.
Motion unanimously approved.

CCESC PRESENTATION – CONFERRAL OF TITLE PROCESS

Mel Schroeder gave her presentation on the State of the Association.

Motion to enter executive session made by Michael Lausell; second Mark McCullough.
Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to return to the public meeting made by Riqui Hess; second Laurence Jaynes.
Motion unanimously approved.

VOTE to extend Mel Schroeder's appointment as Executive Director for a 4-year term, made by Michael Lausell; second Laurence Jaynes. **Motion unanimously approved.**

PRIOR BUSINESS

CCESC Budget Update

Mel Schroeder reported that there is a shortfall for camp. At this point in time, there are less campers than last year. We probably need 60 more campers overall to meet the camp budget. A readjustment was made on staff hiring. Mel asked the State Park if the \$5,000 R&R (Refund and Repair) could be eliminated from our budget.

There is good news from the federal government. It looks like Smith-Lever dollars are restored and everything for the Hatch Act has also been restored. We are grateful to the Farm Bureau. They were the strongest advocates for CCESC that helped the money be restored back in the budget bill.

NEW BUSINESS

Camp

Mel Schoeder reported that they are going to put together a work group for camp to look at the data from last year. We need to look at what we're offering, what can be expanded, and where we need to make adjustments.

SNAP-Ed and 21st Century

Mel Schroeder reported that SNAP-Ed is set to be zeroed out. There was a little bit of hopeful news today that instead of eliminating it completely, it might possibly be extended by 2 years. Century 21st is also being zeroed out in the budget bill. CCESC is advocating with the Elmira City School district who is taking the lead.

REPORTS AND UPDATES – WIGO (What is Going on)

Finance Committee

No report today. An update will be presented at the next meeting.

CCES Executive Director

No report today. Mel Schroeder is closely watching reimbursements from SNAP-Ed.

CCESC Board President

Paul Bartow attended the 4-H Open House, kudos to Bruce, he noted the pump house needs a new roof.

State Extension Specialist – No report

Governance Committee – No report

Legislative Report

Michael Lausell reported that sales tax is up 6%. The Glen races have helped. Nigar Hale has been very helpful.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made at 6:40 p.m. by Riqui Hess; second Mark McCullough.

Next Meeting

August 5th, 2025 at Hidden Valley Camp

Minutes Submitted by Virginia Montopoli on July 10, 2025