



TAPED Board Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2024



Meeting:	TAPED Board Meeting		Key Roles:	President: Marina McCormick, Ed.D. Vice President: Elizabeth Sterling Secretary: Kristin Pfeiffer Educator Director: Carmen Castro-Toriano Parent Director: Lindsay Chandler Liaison Director: Angela Belding Co-Treasurer: Dan Diffie Co-Treasurer: Elaine Young
			Meeting Leader:	Marina McCormick
Start Time:	3:30 PM CST	End Time:	5:30 PM CST	
Location:	Zoom			
Members Absent:	Elizabeth Kristin- only for last 30 min.			
Meeting Purpose:	February monthly meeting		Notes/Recorder:	Marina McCormick

Time	Topic	Purpose * (see footer)	Discussion Leader	Desired Outcome/Discussion
	Registration Count	I	Kristin	Kristin update on our registration count. As a reminder, registration opened on July 1st. We have 155 participants registered as of today. The Board discussed concerns in communicating with RDSPDs due to TEA Learn and changes in the Community of Practice.
	Sponsors	I	Elaine or Marina	A review of our new sponsors will be shared. Marina has met with Access Vine, and she has scheduled a meeting with the National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes for next week.



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				<p>Elaine met with MasterWord. The company is interested in being a sponsor and possibly hosting an exhibitor booth.</p> <p>Lindsay has been trying to get a hold of a contact at a local Toyota dealership.</p>
	<p>Adjustments to Speaker Contracts</p>	<p>I</p>	<p>Angela or Marina</p>	<p>Rebecca Alexander is requesting additional payment for her private aide. Marina will share details. Rebecca has gone through several aides since we have contracted with her. The original contract did not provide payment for the private aide. We are already paying \$8,000 plus travel for Rebecca. Angela did ask where the aide lived, but she has not received a response. No dollar figure was provided from Rebecca's aide. We have \$2500 left in our speakers' honorariums.</p> <p>Elaine made a motion to provide \$1000 in travel for the aide and amend the contract with Rebecca Alexander to reflect this increase. Carmen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.</p> <p>Marina will provide an update for Jan Watson's presentation from Region 11 ESC: Regarding the legal update scheduled during SWCED, Walsh Gallegos is available to provide that update; however, Jan Watson's husband is ill. She is not sure what her status will be this summer, so she's tapped a different lawyer to present at SWCED. Her name is Kaylin Kirkpatrick.</p> <p>Total cost (including travel): \$3010</p> <p>Anne Darr is in conversation with her supervisor regarding how ESC Region 11 can pay for this and have TAPED pay Region 11 back. (If ESC Region 11 doesn't pay for it, the fee for TAPED would be \$4010 because TAPED does not have Walsh Gallegos on retainer.)</p> <p>Does the Board want Anne to proceed, or do we have another lawyer in mind since Jan probably won't be available?</p> <p>Region 13 also has a retainer with Walsh Gallegos. The \$5,000 that Region 13 is using for contributing to speaker fees could be used to cover this</p>



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				<p>presentation. Region 13 and Region 11 could also enter into an interlocal agreement for this as well.</p> <p>Elaine will move forward in having Region 13 contract with Walsh Gallegos. Region 13 would then contribute \$2000 directly to TAPED for other conference speakers.</p>
	<p>Child Care and Family Involvement Team Updates</p>	<p>I</p>	<p>Marina</p>	<p>The Family Involvement team is currently working on sending out child care applications to select organizations. A flyer and a letter have already been developed. The 2 child care managers provided by SOC now have access to the application form.</p> <p>The team is needing regular updates for family registration numbers. The Board will discuss how to provide this.</p> <p>Carmen will provide registration updates to FI.</p> <p>There was discussion of TAPED being responsible for paying \$25 per hour over the agreed-upon 20 hours of contracted work for the SOC/TSD child care managers. The Board will discuss this as well.</p> <p>Marina will refer this back to SOC to inform Tammie and Debbie about their contractual terms.</p> <p>The childcare managers will need to stay at the hotel to provide their services. It was recommended by Mari Hubig that the managers stay in the same suites where child care is provided. At the last SWCED, the managers stayed in separate rooms. The Board will discuss this.</p> <p>The Board had concerns with safety, security, and hygiene with having managers stay where they were providing child care services. The Board will recommend the two managers have their separate rooms. In years past SOC paid for their rooms.</p>



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				<p>The child care staff are requesting parking passes for their time on-site. The Board will discuss this. The Board will pay for the parking passes for the child care staff.</p> <p>On the Wednesday during the conference, Mindy Moore from TSD is going to provide art activities and instruction for children, 5-13 years of age. Interpreters are being requested by the Family Involvement team. The Communication Access team is requesting to use student interpreters from ACC rather than certified interpreters. The Board will review and discuss this.</p> <p>If the student interpreters are vetted by the Communication Access team and they are supervised, this idea could work. Who would supervise the interpreters? Would Ms. Moore be comfortable having student interpreters provide access for her? The Board asked if Ms. Moore was Deaf herself. There was also a question of whether or not interpreting was needed throughout child care. Carmen will follow up with the Family Involvement team.</p>
	2026 Board Updates	I	Marina	<p>Kayla Hughes, Nacogdoches RDSPD, has expressed interest in serving on the board as its Director of Parents. Marina has been unable to connect with Kayla due to both of their schedules.</p> <p>Anne Darr has expressed interest in the Director of Educators role.</p>
	Hot Topics	F	Marina (Facilitator)	What hot topics do we have to discuss?

- * P = Presentation
- * I = Information Sharing
- * F = Feedback from all

Action Items:	Person Responsible	Date Due
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