

**South Carolina Autism Society
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting**

October 21, 2017

Members Present

Becky Hughes, Chair
James Mack
Kelly Nash
Joyce Nielsen
Brooke Thomas*
Ron Reames
Nina Saini
Randall Sisam
Kim Thomas, President and CEO
*denotes phone participation

Members Absent

Edward Addison
Denise Chastain

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Chair Becky Hughes.

Treasurer's Report

Brooke Thomas presented the treasurer's report via phone participation. On the Income Statement, it was noted that SCAS is down 8K in comparison to last year. Part of the reason was an increase in rent at one of the offices. In addition, the Balance Sheet shows a decrease of 23-24K compared to last year. Harry Langley, SCAS accountant, will be resigning by 12/2018 and the accounting firm of MacGregor and Company will be taking over. There will be a transition period the last week of November and then MacGregor will take over effective 12/01/2018.

Approval of Agenda

Randall Sisam made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Kelly Nash. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Randall Sisam made a motion to go into Executive Session, which was seconded by Joyce Nielsen. Motion carried.

Kelly Nash made a motion to come out of Executive Session, which was seconded by James Mack. Motion carried.

As a result of Executive Session, the Board decided to add to the By-Laws. Section 12.4 will now contain the Duties of the Director of Public Relations and Fundraising. The areas following Section 12-4 will change in number accordingly.

Randall Sisam made a motion to approve the By-Laws as amended, which was seconded by Nina Saini. Motion was voted on and approved.

Approval of Minutes

Joyce Nielsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2017 Quarterly Board Meeting, which was seconded by Kelly Nash. Motion carried.

Legislative Update

Kim Thomas reported that the 500K has been awarded to SCAS. Kim also reviewed the increase in ABA therapy rates (see July 29, 2017 minutes). Kim, along with McGuire Woods will meet with Valerie Bishop of the DD Council in the near future in the hopes that SCAS will be able to submit grants again.

Director's Report

Kim Thomas discussed grants, funding campaigns, outreach and training sessions. Please refer to board packet. Three more case managers have been hired, and one more parent mentor. Information and Referral numbers are also up.

Meeting Dates

The quarterly board meetings for 2018 are:

January 27, 2018

May 12, 2018

August 4, 2018

October 20, 2018

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.