

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 2025, 9 - 10 a.m. HT
Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE (ALPHA ORDER)

Ellen Beckjord, PhD, MPH, FSBM Immediate Past-President	Charles Jonassaint, PhD, MHS Member Delegate	Megan McVay, PhD Secretary/Treasurer
Courtney Bonner, PhD Member Delegate	Lisa LaRowe, PhD Chair, Advocacy Council	Robert Newton, Jr., PhD, FSBM President-Elect
Michael Diefenbach, PhD, FSBM Chair, Development Council	Scherezade Mama, DrPH Chair, Scientific Education Council	Angela Pfammatter, PhD, FSBM Chair, Membership Council
Lisa Goldman Rosas, PhD, MPH Member Delegate	Sharon Manne, PhD, FSBM Chair, Professional Advancement Council	Linda Trinh, PhD, FSBM Chair, Publications Council
Christine Hunter, PhD, ABPP President		

*quorum = 7 members

STAFF AND GUESTS (ALPHA ORDER)

Lindsay Bullock, CAE Executive Director	C. Michael Deese, Esq. Partner, Pannos Law	Emily Takerian Communications Manager
Taylor Burnham Administrative Coordinator	Amy Myers Senior Communications and Membership Manager	Sam Wilson Senior Meetings Manager
Fiona Cismesia Meetings Manager	Andrew Schmidt Senior Program Manager	Tara Withington, CAE Consulting Partner

CALL TO ORDER, CALL FOR DISCLOSURES, AND CONFIDENTIALITY REMINDER

Dr. Hunter called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. HT. No new disclosures were reported. She noted Board meetings are confidential.

Dr. Hunter provided quick updates that the core values webinar held May 15 went very well and had great chat ambassadors. The Op Ed Project Workshop being offered by SBM is also already full and has a wait list after one day.

CATALOGUING BOARD MEMBER VOTES IN MEETING MINUTES

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Dr. Jonassaint joined the meeting at 9:11 a.m. ET.

R13 CONFERENCE GRANT

MOTION: Dr. Newton moved to decline the R13 grant written in support of the 2025 SBM Annual Meeting. Dr. Manne seconded. The motion carried.

MOTION: Dr. Manne moved to submit the updated draft statement to NIH and circulate it to the SBM membership. Dr. Diefenbach seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. Deese left the meeting at 9:32 a.m. HT.

END OF CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

DISCONTINUING ANNUAL MEETING CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Dr. Hunter reminded the board that in the lead-up to the 2025 Annual Meeting, the decision was made not to offer continuing education (CE) credits due to only 12% of attendees claiming credit, cumbersome disclosure requirements, new onerous licensed reviewer requirements, and fewer available credit hours overall, as well as prohibitions against members in industry participating in conference planning. Dr. Hunter asked the board to consider whether this decision should be extended indefinitely.

Board members agreed that the difficulties associated with offering credits in 2025 were likely to continue and made providing CEs a questionable value proposition for SBM, while also raising concerns about attendees whose institutions may not approve travel funding for conferences that do not provide at least some CE credits. Ms. Bullock reported that five respondents to the 2025 Annual Meeting attendee survey mentioned dissatisfaction with the absence of CE, however the overall evaluation results, coupled with the typical proportion of attendees that would claim credits in previous years, suggest that Annual Meeting registrations would not be significantly impacted.

Staff has investigated offering CEs instead for only part of the conference, webinars, journal reviews, or in partnership with other organizations. There is not a viable alternative at this time.

Dr. Hunter added that moving to discontinue credits now would not preclude SBM from reinstating them for future meetings should conditions change, but would remove the need to hold the same discussion prior to every conference going forward. She noted that without CE it is increasingly important to find other ways to make clinician members feel valued and well-served by SBM.

Dr. Bonner left the meeting at 9:45 a.m. HT.

MOTION: Dr. Manne moved to discontinue offering continuing education credits indefinitely while exploring ways to provide CE opportunities to SBM members through organizational partnerships. Dr. Beckjord seconded. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Dr. Mama moved to approve Scientific Education Council Member Cynthia Castro Sweet, PhD, FSBM; Position Statements Committee Statement: SBM Supports Efforts to Decrease Health Disparities Experienced by Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; March 26 Board Minutes; March 28 Meeting 1 Board Minutes; March 28 Meeting 2 Board Minutes; April 17 Board Minutes; Position Statements Committee Statement: SBM Supports Retaining Funding for School Meals to Reduce Hunger and Food Insecurity in American Children; and Scientific Education Council Member Cyd Eaton, PhD. Dr. Pfammatter seconded. The motion carried.

RESPONSE TEAM UPDATES

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ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m. HT.

Minutes respectfully submitted by A. Schmidt on May 16, 2025.