



Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

Special Meeting of the Commission Minutes

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Meeting Facilitator: Barry Eckert, CAAHEP President

Secretary: Kerry Weinberg

Date: November 21, 2025

Commissioner Attendees: Barry Eckert, Donald Balasa, Jennifer Brainard, Lori Burns, Suzan Bowman, Jennifer Brainard, Karen Burns, Jennifer Caceres, Maureen Carrol, Kathy Cilia, R. Clinton Crews, Richard Ellis, Susan Fuchs, Becket Gremmels, Debra Guerrero, Daniel Herold, Eliza Homer, Josh Howell, Megan Hunsinger, Kathleen Jung, Farrah Kanczes, Don Martin, Keith Orloff, Jerry Purvis, Catherine Rienzo, Joseph Rifici, Robin Seabrook, Ben Thompson, Yasmien Simonian, Karon Walton, Elaine Webber, Kerry Weinberg, Penny Willmering, Melissa Ziegler

Guests: Cedric Bryant, Gina Cortese, Linda Kelly, Dawn Underwood, Jennifer Anderson Warwick

Staff: Katie Davis, Lorna Frazier-Lindsey, Kalyani Naik, Theresa Sisneros, Gina Scarboro, Mary Ellen Wells

Call to Order: President Barry Eckert called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM Eastern. The roll was verified using the live attendee list, and Secretary Weinberg confirmed a quorum. Thirty-four registered commissioners were in attendance.

Agenda Approval and Call for Additional Items

President Eckert asked if any member had additional items for the agenda. No agenda items were brought forward.

Motion: Move to adopt the agenda as distributed.

Motion adopted by unanimous consent.

Commission votes were counted using Zoom's virtual hand-raise feature. President Eckert asked Commissioners to verify that they could access the hand-raise feature before any voting occurred. Commissioners confirmed the voting by virtual hand-raise feature was working correctly.

Minutes Approval: President Eckert called for a motion to approve the April 25, 2025, Annual Meeting minutes.

Motion: Move to approve the April 25, 2025 Annual Business Meeting minutes as distributed.

Beckert Gremmels made the motion. Adopted.

New Sponsoring Organization member

President Eckert introduced the Sponsoring Organization member application for the American Council on Exercise at the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences.

Dr. Cedric Bryant, CEO of the American Council on Exercise, provided an overview of the organization and their decision to seek membership in CAAHEP in support of the Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences.

Dr. Ben Thompson, chair of the Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences, and Gina Cortese, Executive Director, spoke about the CoA's support for the American Council on Exercise's CAAHEP membership application.

Motion: Move to approve the American Council on Exercise as a Sponsoring Organization member in CAAHEP.

Richard Ellis made the motion. Adopted.

President Eckert asked if any members of the Commission had discussion items they wished to bring forward to the body.


No members submitted topics for discussion.

Adjournment: There being no further business, President Eckert called for a motion to adjourn.

Robin Seabrook made the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Commission. Adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM Eastern.

Minutes submitted by Kerry Weinberg, Secretary

Approved by:  Barry S. Eckert, CAAHEP President