

**National Speakers Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**
[Wednesday, Aug 25, 2020]
[Virtual - ZOOM]
[USA]

CURRENT BOARD PRESENT:		
Barry Banther, CSP, CPAE Chair	Meridith Elliott Powell, CSP Vice Chair	Mary Lue Peck President & CEO
Bill Bachrach, CSP, CPAE Director	Valda Ford Director	Russ Riddle, JD Secretary
Joel G. Block, CPA, CSP Director	Anna Liotta, CSP Immediate Past President	Mike Staver, CSP Chair-Elect
Karen "Casey" Carpenter Director	Josef Martins Director	"T" Thompson, JD, CSP Presidential Board Appointee
Shirley Davis, PhD, CSP Director	Troy Nash, Ed.D, JD Director	Crystal Washington Director

CURRENT BOARD ABSENT:	
None	

NSA STAFF:	
Rhette Baughman	Director, Marketing & Communications
Nikki Harris	Director, Member Engagement
Stephanie Larsen	Chief of Staff
Jessi Leonardo	Manager, Operations

ADDITIONAL BOARD ATTENDEES:	
Gary Rifkin, CSP	Invited guest – To speak on behalf of Chris Clark-Epstein
Dan Thurmon, Naomi and Jim Rhode, Shep Hyken, Stephen Tweed, Patricia Fripp, Tom Winninger, Glenna Salsbury, Kristin Arnold, Ron Karr, Mark LeBlanc, Lenora Billings Harris, Brian Walter, Jim Cathcart and Sam Silverstein	Past Presidents

I. Call to Order

Chair Banther called the meeting to order at 2:01PM PT

II. Chair Announcements

- Chair Banther recognized Nikki Harris's anniversary as an NSA staff member and her many years of service.
- He then called on guest Gary Rifkin and Past President Lenora Billings Harris to speak about Past President Chris Clarke-Epstein's years of service to the organization.
- Chair Banther then read a Board Proclamation of Commendation honoring her, which the Board passed by acclamation.
- Chair Banther announced his appointment of Director Riddle as 2020-2021 Board Secretary and called on Chair-Elect Staver to announce his appointment of Peter Stark as 2021-2022 Presidential Board Appointee and Treasurer.

III. Action Items

Consent Agenda:

1. Reaffirm Mission Statement, Vision, and Values
2. Reaffirm Code of Conduct and Core Values for the Board
3. President & CEO Report

- The Consent Agenda stood without change (no directors objected or requested an item's removal for discussion)
- Chair Banther asked Director Riddle to share one of the core values and its meaning to him, the board and NSA (Director Riddle discussed the value INTENTIONAL LANGUAGE)

IV. Discussion Items

A. NSA HQ 1500 S. Priest Dr, Tempe, AZ 85281

- Chair Banther made preliminary comments regarding the rationale for exploring this issue and then asked Chair-Elect Staver to present more detailed information regarding the due diligence performed to date and options to be considered.
- Chair Banther facilitated a robust discussion by board members and past presidents in attendance.
- No motion or vote was put forth.

B. Technology goals for the Association

This discussion item was passed over for lack of meeting time remaining.

C. Update on Diversity Task Force

Director Davis reported regarding the 19-member volunteer task force and the three meetings had to date, as well as stating that a draft Charter will be forwarded to all board members within 24 hours following this board meeting. Board members' feedback was requested to be submitted to Director Davis within 5 days thereafter. She will then meet with Director Davis, President/CEO Peck and Chair Banther to determine next steps

V. New Business

No new business was discussed.

VI. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

VII. Approval of July 22, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Chair Banther asked board members to review and act on the July 22, 2020, meeting minutes. No corrections were presented regarding the minutes of the July 22, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting held on Zoom.

- Motion - "accept the minutes as presented" by Immediate Past President Liotta
- Seconded by Director T. Thompson
- No questions or discussion occurred within Board of Directors regarding the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously at 4:10PM PT

VIII. Approval of August 12, 2020, Email Meeting Minutes

Secretary Riddle asked board members to review and act on the August 12, 2020, email meeting minutes. No corrections were presented regarding the minutes of the August 12, 2020, meeting held by email.

- Motion - "accept the minutes as presented" by Immediate Past President Liotta
- Seconded by Director T. Thompson
- No questions or discussion occurred within Board of Directors regarding the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously at 4:10PM PT

IX. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Banther and President/CEO Peck each provided closing remarks.

He then asked for a motion to adjourn.

- Motion - "to adjourn the meeting" by Immediate Past President Liotta
- Motion passed by acclamation

Meeting adjourned at 4:19PM PT