



COMMITTEE FOR
EDUCATION FUNDING

Friday, December 11, 2020

I. CEF elects its 2021 Board elections and approves its budget

- **Annual meeting update** – Thanks to everyone who attended this morning’s Annual Meeting. We missed being able to actually see everyone, but – like so much this year – appreciate that we still can be together over Zoom to both continue to advocate for investments in education and to maintain the friendships and working relationships that are also so important. At today’s meeting, in addition to an inspirational presentation from National Teacher of the Year Tabatha Rosproy, we reviewed CEF’s 2020 activities and outlined strategies for 2021 that include working with the incoming Biden Administration. CEF’s committees will start implementing those strategies at the membership retreat/first quarterly committee meeting in late January (we’re firming up the calendar and will let you know dates soon. Our first regular Friday meeting will be on January 8). In addition, the full membership approved CEF’s proposed budget for 2021 (sent to you yesterday) and elected new members to the Board of Directors.
- **2021 Board of Directors** – Today members approved the slate of Board nominees recommended by CEF’s Advisory Committee on Nominations and Elections. In addition to those elected by the membership, each year the CEF president appoints two Board members. CEF’s 2021 President, Luis Maldonado of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, is appointing Zach Scott of the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Leslie Finnan of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools. The complete Board is listed below.

CEF 2021 Board of Directors

Officers (serving a one-year term in 2021):

- President: Luis Maldonado, American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- Vice President: Emmanuel A. Guillory, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
- Treasurer: Danny Carlson, National Association of Elementary School Principals
- Past President: Valerie C. Williams, National Association of State Directors of Special Education

Other board members serving two-year terms (* designates those starting terms in 2021):

Frank Ballmann, National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs

Sarah Cohen, American Federation of Teachers

Peter DeYoe, Harvard University
Rob Edwards, National Association for Music Education
*Leslie Finnan, National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

Jim Gelb, California State University

*Meredith Hills, Advance CTE
*Stephanie Salvador, Council for Opportunity in Education
*Zach Scott, National Association of Secondary School Principals
Jenny Smulson, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities
Kelly Vaillancourt Strobach, National Association of School Psychologists
*Corey Williams, National Education Association

- **Thank you!** – This was such a challenging year, and we really value the great work done by CEF members to support education. We are looking forward to a happier, healthier, and better year in 2021, and plan to hit the ground running as the new Congress and Administration turn to funding decisions for fiscal year 2022 and addressing unmet needs and new costs caused by the pandemic. CEF is fortunate to have so many knowledgeable and effective advocates willing to donate their time on the Board, on the various committees, and to our events, projects, and outreach to the Congress and the public. We truly appreciate the hard work of CEF members, and look forward to working with the 2021 Board and the entire CEF membership as we continue to advocate for the common goal of increasing the federal investment in education. We'll continue to provide updates on education funding news, and hope that everyone has a safe and rejuvenating break.