



## College Media Association Board Special Meeting Minutes

(via Zoom Webinar)  
Date: June 8, 2023

*Board members present:* Chris Whitley, president; Jackie Alexander, president-elect; Sacha Devroomen Bellman, treasurer; Joe Gisondi, secretary; Hillary Warren, vice president for member support; Fred Batiste, vice president for member training.

*Staff present:* James Brannigan, Kellen Management executive director. Meredith Taylor, incoming executive director.

*Guests:* Matt Bird-Meyer (Board member-elect), Bill DiNome (Board member-elect), Steve Chappell, Isobel Breheny-Schafer, Bryce McNeil, Michael Koretzky, Gary Lundgren.

- I. Call to Order at 2:05 p.m. (CST) by President Chris Whitley
- II. Budget Approval –

The Board reviewed a proposed budget for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. Members were concerned about a budget with a potential deficit of \$50,000. Members tried to find ways to either cut area or to generate revenue. Membership increased by 67 members this past year. The total proposed revenue is \$335,500.

### III. Executive Director Change — Chris Whitley

James Brannigan, who is leaving Kellen for a new job opportunity with a New York banking association, is stepping down as executive director of CMA.

Chris Whitley proposed that the CMA Board accept conditionally through Nov. 15 that Meredith Taylor serve as executive director. (Jackie Alexander motioned, Sacha Devroomen Bellman seconded.)

The CMA Board went into executive session at 3:20 p.m. (Fred Batiste motioned, Jackie Alexander seconded).

The CMA Board returned from executive session at 3:54 p.m. (Jackie Alexander motioned, Sacha Devroomen Bellman seconded.)

The CMA Board voted unanimously to approve this motion. Meredith Taylor had served as executive director from 2015-20.

#### IV. Adjourn

Board meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m. (Sacha Devroomen Bellman motioned, Fred Batiste seconded). The next meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m CST on June 28.

Minutes by Joe Gisondi, CMA Secretary