

**CEO Board Special Meeting**  
**April 18, 2025**

Present: Bill Hoskins, Carol Steltenkamp, Fr. Dan Noll, Julia Taylor, Kim Thompson, David Bowling, John Stewart, Dan Bork

Absent: Bishop John Stowe, Beth McNulty, Don Lloyd, Kyle Lee

Kim prepared the minutes for the special meeting.

Bill opened the meeting requesting a motion. Fr. Dan motioned the video we currently have to not be shown at Luminaria on April 24th. It was seconded.

Bill opened the floor for discussion. Kim gave some context regarding the request for the video and the follow up asking if we could edit the video due to time constraints and use the rest as a lead up to next year's event. Mr. Sheen said we were only to use the video at this year's event. Because of the references to the current administration Kim agrees we can not show the video in its current state, but requested support from the board to approach Mr. Sheen or his daughter expressing our concerns. Kim also said prior to receiving the video she had proposed a fireside chat set up with Mr. Sheen and an interviewer next year. The questions would be agreed upon in advance by both sides with the request that it not turn into a political debate, but would relate to Catholic education. Kim said this is a big opportunity to bring awareness to CEOF.

David does not want to use the video as it exists. He did say in the past we have not had parameters for our speakers, but if Mr. Sheen speaks in 2026 there must be some in place. He commented that politics are not to be addressed because we do not want our organization politically aligned.

Julia, Carol, John S., Dan echoed David's sentiments. John S. said we are not a political organization and this is not an appropriate event for a platform.

Bill agreed with David that Luminaria is not a town hall event and these times are very politically divisive.

Fr. Dan disagreed that we as Catholics should not be political. He thinks it is our duty to be political and to teach our students to be political. However, there is a difference between being political and being partisan. Part of the dialogue should include Catholic social teachings and those are taught in our Catholic schools.

Kim will reach out to Mr. Sheen to ask for a call or a virtual meeting and include Fr. Dan in the meeting.

Kim reported the event details are coming together and there will be approximately 320 people in attendance.

