

Minutes for Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Commission

June 8, 2022

Welcome and Introductions

1. Roll Call of Membership

Debra Colman, Director of the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE), opened the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development (Policy Roundtable) Commission meeting at 10:04 a.m. by reading the grounding statement to conducting a virtual meeting. Colman then called roll of the Policy Roundtable Commission.

2. Comments from the Vice Chair

Chair Karla Pleitéz Howell was not able to attend the meeting and in her place Vice Chair Alejandra Albarran Moses welcomed Commissioners, alternates, and guests to the meeting and invited all participants to turn on their video to enhance communication. Vice Chair Albarran Moses shared her condolences for the families and communities affected by the recent shootings. She also shared that the County's CEO Legislative Affairs Office accepted the Policy Roundtable's Pursuit of Position to increase the reimbursement rate for state subsidized ECE programs from the 75th percentile of the 2018 Regional Market Rate Survey (RMR) to the 90th percentile of the 2018 RMR.

Public Policy Update

3. Governor Newsom's May 2022 Budget Revise Overview

Commissioner Justin Blakely presented the Governor's May Revise Budget FY 2022-23 as it relates to early care and education (ECE) and key activities occurring since the May Revise Budget was released. The PowerPoint presented by Commissioner Blakely provides detailed information about the Governor's May Revise Budget FY 2022-23. Vice Chair Albarran Moses noted that the Budget's inclusion of the "Hold Harmless" funding extension to ECE programs and fee waivers highlighted by Commissioner Blakely was also included in a Pursuit of Position approved by the Policy Roundtable. Vice Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Jackie Majors shared community advocacy efforts Crystal Stairs is supporting to address the ECE workforce shortage and highlighted the need to have and utilize more accurate data. Commissioner Debi Anderson also highlighted the staff challenges programs are having to operate at full capacity. Commissioner Majors and Vice Chair Albarran Moses also uplifted the workforce challenges created by the expansion of Transitional Kindergarten.

4. Public Policy Platform – Legislative Session 2023-24

Commissioner Blakely reminded the group that the Policy Roundtable identified the need to add a definition for "mixed-delivery system" to the Policy Platform. The Policy Roundtable approved the Joint Committee on Legislation to develop this definition. Commissioner Blakely presented the "mixed-delivery system" definition developed by the Joint Committee on Legislation. The following is the mixed-delivery system definition: schools, centers and family child care home programs, and family, friends, and neighbors that provide parental choice through quality options for children and their families. On June 1, 2022, the Child Care Planning Committee also approved this definition. Commissioner Majors noted that "family, friends, and neighbors" is a program and that the definition should reflect this distinction. OAECE Senior Program Analyst Leanne Drogin shared that in terms of process, the Commission has identified other changes it would like to make to the Policy Platform and there will be an opportunity to make this change during those discussions in the next fiscal year.

BREAK

Vice Chair Albarran Moses transitioned the meeting into a five-minute break.

General Business

5. Approval of Minutes – May 11, 2022

Vice Chair Albarran Moses presented the minutes from May 11, 2022 and asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Jessica Perea made the motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Blakely seconded the motion. The motion on the minutes passed with no abstentions.

Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion

6. Policy Roundtable Commission 2021-2022 Reflections

Vice Chair Albarran Moses invited meeting attendees to share their *end of the year* reflections regarding the Policy Roundtable. The group's responses to the following questions are listed below:

- What was the Policy Roundtable's biggest accomplishment?
 - Cultivating relationships with County Supervisors
 - Shared unified message with County Supervisors and small groups made it meaningful
 - Inclusion of Child Care Planning Committee in meetings with County Supervisors
 - Informed County legislative agenda, and mobilized the County through the use of pursuits of positions and meetings with County Supervisors
 - Elevating ECE asks
- What would you like the Policy Roundtable to strengthen next year?
 - Continue engaging with County Supervisors
 - Use the Commission better to be effective advocates
 - Collaborate with Child Care Planning Committee
 - Key updates about what OAECE staff is doing outside of the Policy Roundtable
 - Participate in advocacy days (e.g., First 5 LA, etc.)
 - Use Policy Roundtable's County Supervisors engagement model at the State level (e.g., Governor's Office, elected officials, etc.)
 - Increase utilization of equity statement as Policy Roundtable works on issues
 - Updates on home visiting and other preventative services
 - Identify additional ways to collaborate with other advocacy efforts, identify additional allies and issue/program areas that are connected to ECE (e.g., home visitation, criminal justice, etc.)

7. Policy Roundtable Commission September 2022

Drogin shared some of the topics planned for the September and October 2022 meetings which include a review of Robert's Rules of Order, updating the Policy Roundtable's By-Laws, updates on ECE policy efforts, and an overview of the topics planned for FY 2022-23.

COVID-19 and Early Care and Education

8. Update on COVID-19 and ECE in LA County

Colman presented a COVID-19 update and reported that LA County has experienced an increase in cases and hospitalization rates over the last month. Colman also shared that she is encouraged by the promising prospects of an early childhood vaccine being approved soon. An LA County roll out plan developed to provide an effective vaccine free of charge. OAECE is also developing a Vaccine Toolkit and ECE providers can request a vaccine unit to come to their site. ECE providers can also participate in trainings to become ECE Public Health Ambassadors enabling them to more equipped to share COVID-19 vaccines updates. For more information visit <http://publichealth/lacounty.gov> and for Toolkit information visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/EducationToolkit/ECE/>.

Wrap Up

9. Announcements and Public Comment

Vice Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for announcements and public comment. Commissioner Ariana Oliva shared that the Child Care Planning Committee approved including the mixed-delivery system definition in the Policy Platform.

10. Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn

Vice Chair Albarran Moses highlighted Michele Sartell and adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Attendance

Commissioners Attendance

1. Jessica Perea, *First Supervisorial District*
2. Justin Blakely, *Second Supervisorial District*
3. Terry Ogawa, *Third Supervisorial District*
4. Alejandra Albarran Moses, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
5. Ricardo Mota, *Fourth Supervisorial District*

6. Jennifer Hottenroth, *Department of Children and Family Services*
7. Ariana Oliva, *Child Care Planning Committee*
8. Jackie Majors, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
9. Steve Zimmer, *Commission for Children and Families*
10. Fran Chasen, *Southern California Chapter – California Association for the Education of Young Children*

Alternate Commissioners Attendance

1. Debra Colman, *Department of Public Health*
2. Nora Garcia-Rosales, *Department of Public Social Services*
3. Debi Anderson, *Los Angeles County Office of Education*
4. Jacquelyn McCroskey, *Commission for Children and Families*
5. Colleen Pagter, *Los Angeles Unified School District*
6. Marcy Manker, *First 5 LA*

Guests Attendance

1. Cristina Alvarado, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
2. Renatta Cooper
3. Maral Karaccusian, *Supervisor Janice Hahn, District 4*
4. Esther Nguyen, *First 5 LA*
5. Luis Molina, *Early Edge California*
6. JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia, *California Federation of Family Child Care Association*
7. Julie Taren

Staff Attendance

1. Debra Colman, *Director*
2. Leanne Drogen, *Senior Program Analyst*
3. Erica Weiss, *Intermediate Clerk*