

Minutes for Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Commission

September 14, 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 10:03 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 Chair

Chair Karla Pleitéz Howell welcomed Commissioners, alternates, and guests to the meeting and invited all participants to turn on their video to enhance communication. Chair Pleitéz Howell welcomed two new Commissioners: 1) Jennifer Cowan, Executive Director of Connections for Children, and 2) Amber Rivas, Chief Operating Officer of St. Anne's Family Services, to the Policy Roundtable who were appointed to represent the Third Supervisorial District. Chair Pleitéz Howell shared with the group that this meeting begins her second year of a two-year term as Chair of the Policy Roundtable Commission and at the end of her term Vice-Chair Alejandra Albarran Moses will begin to serve a two-year term as Chair of the Policy Roundtable Commission.

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3. OAECE Accomplishments FY 2021-2023

Colman presented OAECE's key accomplishments for FY 2021-22 and how these accomplishments support the Unified Strategic Plan for Early Care and Education. She reviewed the relationships, functions, and achievements of the Policy Roundtable Commission, Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee), Joint Committee on Legislation, and Workforce Pathways LA. Colman also presented some of the accomplishments from the LA County Employee Child Development Centers, COVID-19 Early Childhood Education Response, and ECE Facilities Development Project. Lastly, Colman provided an update regarding OAECE staffing structure and changes. Colman's PowerPoint provides more information about these topics.

4. Policy Roundtable Commission Looking Forward FY 2022-23

Chair Pleitéz Howell highlighted the roles of the OAECE, Planning Committee, and Policy Roundtable Commission. She noted that the Policy Roundtable Commission's role is to be advisors to the Board of Supervisors, and she highlighted that *1) equity, 2) collaboration and partnership, and 3) policy development* are critical for the Policy Roundtable Commission to consider when moving a policy agenda forward.

Chair Pleitéz Howell discussed that the Policy Roundtable Commission leadership is using the theme "Whole Child, Whole Family: A Collaborative Approach Across Los Angeles County Systems" this year to help the Policy Roundtable Commission prioritize the focus on families facing the greatest challenges and uplifting intergraded services for early childhood. Chair Pleitéz Howell invited others to share topics they would like to focus on this year.

Commissioner Nurhan Pirim suggested the following topics to consider:

1. Align systems such as county and State systems
2. Review policies that best support families and the unintended consequences that may occur from the policies
3. Ensure equitable workforce compensation that uses lived experiences, educational experiences, etc.

Commissioner Jackie Majors shared the following points:

1. Establish a child care provider recovery
2. Ensure family success and user-friendly navigation of systems
3. Promote knowledge within different departments and offices

Chair Pleitéz Howell took a temperature check to see if Commissioners are supportive of the theme "Whole Child, Whole Family: A Collaborative Approach Across Los Angeles County Systems." Chair Pleitéz Howell clarified that this was not a formal vote. By show of virtual hands the majority of the group indicated they support this theme.

BREAK

Chair Pleitéz Howell transitioned the meeting into a five-minute break.

General Business

5. Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2022

Vice Chair Alejandra Albarran Moses presented the minutes from June 8, 2022 and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Jessica Perea made the motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Ricardo Mota seconded the motion. The motion on the minutes passed with three abstentions: Commissioners Jennifer Cowan, Robert Gilchick, and Ofelia Medina.

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6. Brown Act and Robert's Rules of Order Review

Chair Pleitéz Howell noted that the Policy Roundtable Commission is a government body and is required to follow the Brown Act and Robert's Rules of Order. She introduced Craig Kirkwood, Deputy County Counsel at Los Angeles County Counsel, Health Services Division, to review key aspects of the Brown Act and Robert's Rules of Order requirements. Deputy County Counsel Kirkwood's PowerPoint presentation includes the full scope of topics and information he presented.

COVID-19 and Early Care and Education

7. Update on COVID-19 and ECE in Los Angeles County

The COVID-19 update was not provided due to limited time.

Wrap Up

8. Announcements and Public Comment

Chair Pleitéz Howell opened the floor for public comment and no comments were provided.

9. Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn

Chair Pleitéz Howell thanked everyone for attending the first Policy Roundtable Commission meeting for the year and adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Attendance

Commissioners Attendance

1. Karla Pleitéz Howell, *First Supervisorial District*
2. Jessica Perea, *First Supervisorial District*
3. Justin Blakely, *Second Supervisorial District*
4. Jennifer Cowan, *Third Supervisorial District*
5. Amber Rivas, *Third Supervisorial District*
6. Alejandra Albarran Moses, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
7. Ricardo Mota, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
8. Jennifer Hottenroth, *Department of Children and Family Services*
9. Jeannette Aguirre Carrillo, *Department of Probation*
10. Nurhan Pirim, *Department of Public Social Services*
11. Robert Gilchick, *Department of Public Health*
12. Jackie Majors, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
13. Steve Zimmer, *Commission for Children and Families*
14. Ofelia Medina, *First 5 LA*

Alternate Commissioners Attendance

1. Nora Garcia-Rosales, *Department of Public Social Services*
2. Debi Anderson, *Los Angeles County Office of Education*
3. Paul Pulver, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
4. Marcy Manker, *First 5 LA*

Guests Attendance

1. Cristina Alvarado, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
2. Gus Bribiesca, *Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services*
3. Craig Kirkwood, *Office of the Los Angeles County Counsel*
4. Abbe Land, *Los Angeles County Department of Human Resources*
5. Luis Molina, *Early Edge California*
6. Christina Paddock

Staff Attendance

1. Debra Colman, *Director*
2. Leanne Drogin, *Senior Program Analyst*
3. Erica Weiss, *Intermediate Clerk*
4. Charli Lewis, *Administrative Aid*
5. Julia Bruton, *MSW Intern*