

Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2023

Welcome and Introductions

1. Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners, Alternates and Guests

Vice Chair Justin Blakely opened the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Commission (Policy Roundtable) meeting at 10:03 a.m. by welcoming members and guests.

2. Comments by the Chair

Chair Alejandra Albarran Moses welcomed three new Commissioners: 1) Lisa Wilkin, who was appointed to represent the Child Care Planning Committee; 2) Steve Sturm, who was appointed as a Commission Alternate to represent LA County's Department of Children and Family Services; and 3) Sonia Barajas, who was appointed as a Commission Alternate to represent LA County's Department of Probation. Chair Albarran Moses congratulated Commissioner Jacquelyn McCroskey on being inducted into California Social Work Hall of Distinction.

General Business

3. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2023

Vice Chair Blakely presented the minutes from the Policy Roundtable meeting on September 13, 2023 and asked for a motion to approve the September 13, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Jennifer Cowan made the motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Kanchana Tate seconded the motion. Vice Chair Blakely opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Gloria Davis requested to amend the September 13, 2023 meeting minutes to specify that her appointment represents Supervisor Holly Mitchell. The motion passed to approve the September 13, 2023 minutes with the amendment reflecting Commissioner Davis' appointment represents Supervisor Holly Mitchell. The following Commissioners abstained from the vote: Commissioners Jessica Perea, Lisa Wilkin, Paul Pulver, and Dean Tagawa.

4. Approval of Changes to Policy Roundtable's Ordinance and Bylaws

Leanne Drogin, Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE) Deputy Director, reviewed the process for updating the Policy Roundtable Ordinance and Bylaws. Drogin summarized the changes recommended by the Policy Roundtable during its September 2023 meeting and additional recommendations provided by County Counsel. Some of the recommendations Drogin noted included removing references to subcommittees and modifying the language to define quorum. The PowerPoint presentation provides more detailed information on the proposed changes to the Ordinance and Bylaws.

Vice Chair Blakely asked for a motion to approve the changes to the Policy Roundtable's Ordinance and Bylaws. Commissioner Lisa Wilkin made the motion to approve the changes to Policy Roundtable's Ordinance and Bylaws; Commissioner Gloria Davis seconded the motion. Vice Chair Blakely opened the floor for discussion. The following points were raised for clarification and suggested changes:

- Recommendation to keep "Resource and Referral Agency" in the Ordinance Section 3.75.020 – Members
- Recommendation to keep the original definition for quorum and not adopt the definition for quorum suggested by County Counsel for Ordinance Section 3.75.080 – Operating Procedures
- Recommendation to add "and Development" to "Child Care" in Bylaws Article III Section 1: Membership

- Recommendation to define County Department representatives and Organization representatives in Bylaws Article III Section 2: Terms of Service
- Recommendation to delete the word “of” in “Election of Procedures” in Bylaws Article V Section 2: Election of Procedures
- Recommendation to change “form” to “from” in Bylaws Article V Section 2: Election of Procedures, Letter B
- Recommendation to invite County Counsel to a Policy Roundtable meeting to address changes to the Ordinance and Bylaws
- Recommendation to establish an ad hoc to review proposed changes to the Policy Roundtable’s Ordinance and Bylaws and present a final slate of recommendations to the Policy Roundtable for consideration

Vice Chair Blakely called for the vote. The motion did not pass and there were no abstentions.

5. Creation of Ad Hoc

Vice Chair Blakely requested a motion to approve a Policy Roundtable Ordinance and Bylaws Ad Hoc. Commissioner Jennifer Cowan made the motion to approve the Policy Roundtable Ordinance and Bylaws Ad Hoc; Commissioner Ofelia Medina seconded the motion. Vice Chair Blakely opened the floor for discussion. The motion to approve the Policy Roundtable Ordinance and Bylaws Ad Hoc passed with no abstentions. Vice Chair Blakely requested Commissioners to join the Policy Roundtable Ordinance and Bylaws Ad Hoc. Commissioners Robert Gilchick, Jessica Perea, Nurhan Pirim, and Paul Pulver volunteered to join the Ordinance and Bylaws Ad Hoc. Commissioners suggested Commissioner Amber Rivas join the Policy Roundtable Ordinance and Bylaws Ad Hoc.

Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion

6. Infant Toddler Blueprint Update

Drogin provided an update regarding the development of the Blueprint to fortify the infant and toddler child care system in LA County. She noted that the Policy Roundtable Commission created an Infant Toddler Policy Ad Hoc at its September 13, 2023 meeting. The Ad Hoc is charged with providing information to the Policy Roundtable to assist the Commission in developing infant and toddler policy recommendations to propose for inclusion in the Infant Toddler Blueprint. Drogin reviewed the Blueprint process, timeline, and status of the Infant Toddler Policy Ad Hoc. The PowerPoint presentation provides more detailed information.

Public Policy

7. Board of Supervisors Engagement and Developing Policy Recommendations

To help the Policy Roundtable begin developing its policy recommendations for the Board of Supervisors for fiscal year 2023-24, a presentation about LA County’s ECE landscape was provided by Debra Colman, OAECE Director. Colman’s presentation included changes in LA County’s ECE capacity from 2017 to 2022. For example, the number of infants to five year olds in LA County increased from 640,685 in 2017 to 725,330 in 2022 and the number of licensed child care spaces decreased from 206,830 in 2017 to 137,280 in 2022. Additionally, the licensed capacity to serve working parents with infants and toddlers decreased from 13% in 2017 to 7% in 2022. Colman also shared that the cost of care increased from \$12,823 in 2012 to \$16,866 in 2019 while child care hourly wages slightly increased from \$11.61 in 2017 to \$13.43 in 2022 and preschool teachers' hourly wages rose from \$15.25 in 2017 to \$16.83 in 2022. Colman also provided

an overview and update regarding Universal PreKindergarten. The PowerPoint presentation provides more detailed information.

In order for the Board of Supervisors to consider supporting policy recommendations proposed by the Policy Roundtable, the policy recommendations must be consistent with LA County's Legislative Agenda. Drogin reviewed LA County's Legislative Agenda Child Development and Early Care and Education items and the Policy Roundtable/Child Care Planning Committee Public Policy Platform (Policy Platform). Chair Albarran Moses asked Commissioners to share how their work aligns with the Policy Platform. Commissioners suggested that the Policy Platform items include stronger connections with equity, justice, and homelessness issues.

7. Supervisor Horvath Delegation Update

The Supervisor Horvath Delegation update was not provided due to limited time.

Wrap Up

8. Announcements and Public Comment

Vice Chair Blakely opened the floor for announcements and public comment.

- Mabel Muñoz shared that the Hilton Foundation will soon release a report on infant toddler child care and will host a webinar in November 2023 to present the findings
- Heesu Kim announced the City of Los Angeles is conducting a family survey
- Commissioner Mercedes Santoro shared that the Department of Parks and Recreation is collaborating with UCLA scholars to conduct a family survey to gain insights into the preferences and needs of families with school-age children and older
- Jen Baca Beltran shared that the State and Child Care Providers United reached an agreement to provide child care providers (who serve children who qualify for subsidized child care) \$80 million for retirement, \$100 million for healthcare, and reimbursement rate increases based on annual cost
- Drogin shared that the OAECE is presenting information at the EveryChild California's Fall 2023 TA Conference about available resources for jurisdictions and ECE providers interested in increasing infant and toddler child care capacity
- Colman shared that the OAECE is finalizing an Infant Toddler Child Care Expansion Toolkit

9. Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn

Vice Chair Blakely adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Attendance

Commissioners Attendance

1. Jessica Perea, *First Supervisorial District*
2. Justin Blakely, *Second Supervisorial District*
3. Gloria Davis, *Second Supervisorial District*
4. Jennifer Cowan, *Third Supervisorial District*
5. Alejandra Albarran Moses, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
6. Kanchana Tate, *Department of Mental Health*
7. Jeannette Aguirre Carrillo, *Department of Probation*

8. Mercedes Santoro, *Department of Parks and Recreation*
9. Robert Gilchick, *Department of Public Health*
10. Nurhan Pirim, *Department of Public Social Services*
11. Lisa Wilkin, *Child Care Planning Committee*
12. Paul Pulver, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
13. Dean Tagawa, *LA Unified School District*
14. Ofelia Medina, *First 5 LA*
15. Fran Chasen, *California Association for the Education of Young Children*

Alternate Commissioners Attendance

1. Steve Sturm, *Department of Children and Family Services*
2. Sonia Barajas, *Department of Probation*
3. Debra Colman, *Department of Public Health*
4. Debi Anderson, *Los Angeles County Office of Education*

Guests Attendance

1. Jen Baca Beltran
2. Seoyeon Choi
3. Nicole Jain
4. Heesu Kim
5. Mabel Muñoz
6. Esther Nguyen
7. Kelly Reynolds

OAECE Staff Attendance

1. Debra Colman, *Director*
2. Leanne Drogin, *Deputy Director*
3. Meliza Hernandez, *Staff Analyst*
4. Betsy Jacoby, *Staff Analyst*
5. Charli Lewis, *Management Analyst*
6. Zenaida Meza, *Staff Analyst*