



Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Meeting Minutes June 12, 2024

Welcome and Introductions

1. Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners, Alternates, and Guests

Chair Alejandra Albarran Moses opened the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Commission (Policy Roundtable) meeting at 10:04 a.m. by welcoming members and guests.

2. Comments by the Chair

Chair Albarran Moses welcomed three new Commissioners: 1) Sylvia Jauregui, who was appointed to represent Supervisor Kathryn Barger District 5; 2) Dianne Philibosian, who was appointed to represent Supervisor Kathryn Barger District 5; and 3) Dora Jacildo, who was appointed to represent the Commission for Children and Families. Chair Albarran Moses acknowledged Commissioner Lisa Wilkin, Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) Chair for her contribution to the Policy Roundtable and shared that a new representative for the Planning Committee will serve on the Policy Roundtable starting in September 2024.

General Business

3. Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2024

Chair Albarran Moses presented the minutes for the May 8, 2024 Policy Roundtable meeting and asked for a motion to approve the May 8, 2024 minutes. Vice Chair Justin Blakely made the motion to approve the May 8, 2024 minutes; Commissioner Ricardo Mota seconded the motion. Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for discussion. The motion to approve the May 8, 2024 minutes passed with no abstentions.

Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion

4. ECE In Transformation: Universal PreKindergarten and Infant Toddler ECE System Strategy Update

Debra Colman, Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE) Director, provided an update about: 1) the Infant Toddler Early Care and Education (ECE) System Strategy, and 2) Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) Los Angeles implementation. Some of Colman's highlights are listed below:

- Infant Toddler ECE System Strategy: More than 650 ECE providers attended ten OAECE professional development trainings focused on caring for infants and toddlers. As part of OAECE's Infant and Toddler ECE System Strategy, OAECE also developed a Toolkit that includes seven key considerations for expanding infant and toddler care in Los Angeles County. Examples of the topics covered in the Toolkit include licensing, staff qualifications, and business development. The Toolkit will be available in seven languages by summer 2024.
- UPK: On June 5, 2024, the OAECE partnered with the Planning Committee and Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to host a UPK Leadership Bridge Building Breakfast (Breakfast) that focused on building and strengthening relationships between school districts and community based ECE programs. Seventy-six individuals attended the Breakfast, including representatives from twenty-five school districts, three charter schools, and eight Resource and Referral (R&R) agencies.

5. Service Coordination Strategy Ad Hoc Update

Commissioner Jacquelyn McCroskey, a member of the Service Coordination Strategy Ad Hoc (Ad Hoc), provided an update on the May 23, 2024 Ad Hoc meeting. She reviewed that the Ad Hoc will use the following approach to develop a Service Coordination Strategy for the Policy Roundtable to consider:

- Identify child care and development services Commissioners' organization and County Departments are involved with
- Identify additional key County partners
- Identify 1-2 service coordination areas to focus on that are in alignment with the Commission's responsibilities

Commissioner McCroskey noted that during Summer 2024, OAECE staff will gather information about LA County programs serving children ages birth to five years old and their families. The Ad Hoc will reconvene in Fall 2024.

6. Poverty Alleviation Initiative

Kristina Meza, Poverty Alleviation Initiative (PAI) Executive Director, provided an overview of LA County's PAI. In 2021, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) identified the need to address, reduce, and alleviate poverty and an extensive input process was developed to create the PAI. Meza shared the four PAI strategies to achieve financial stability for all LA County residents, which include: 1) Invest in Our Communities, 2) Strengthen Pathways to Opportunities, 3) Expand Access to Basic Supports, and 4) Improve our Service Delivery System. PAI priority actions include: supporting grassroots community-led projects; maximizing guaranteed income resources available; increasing tax credit filings; developing a person-centered service delivery model; and reforming General Relief. PAI is working with partners to also implement 18 actions for "Strengthen Pathways to Opportunities" and "Expand Access to Basic Supports." More information is provided in the PowerPoint.

Public Policy

7. State Budget and Legislative Policy

Vice Chair Blakely acknowledged the work of the Policy Roundtable during Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 and shared the status of the Commission's Pursuit of Position. He shared that Supervisor Solis proposed a motion to direct LA County CEO's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (LAIRs) to support the following Pursuit of Position policy issues:

- Award and distribute ECE spaces appropriated in the 2023-24 budget by June 30, 2024 and include a sustainable and equitable plan to reach the 200,000 spaces commitment by 2026-2027
- Include in the state's Child Care Development Fund Plan Federal FY 2025-2027 an alternative rate methodology based on the true cost of care by the July 1, 2024 submission

The motion was passed unanimously. LAIRs also issued a Pursuit of Advocacy Position Memo for the Commission's Pursuit of Position policy issue:

- Require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to remove the Child Development Associate Teacher Permit renewal restriction.

Vice Chair Blakely provided updates on California's Joint Legislative Budget Plan FY 2024-2025, which includes restoring funds for child care spaces that have been recently offered, resulting in more than 11,000 funded spaces included in the Governor's Proposed Budget May Revise FY 2024-25. Vice Chair

Blakely noted the final budget must be submitted to the Governor by June 15, 2024 and must be signed by the Governor by June 30, 2024. Once the budget is signed then the Legislature can propose budget trailer bills.

Commissioner Jessica Perea, Joint Committee on Legislation Co-Chair, reviewed the Governor's Proposed Budget May Revise FY 2024-25 that was released on May 10, 2024. Some of the proposed child care items in the Budget May Revise noted in Commissioner Perea's presentation include: rescinding 27,000 General Child Care and Development Program spaces; hold expansion of the 200,000 child care expansion spaces to the current level of 119,000; and eliminating \$550 million from the Governor's Proposed Budget in January 2024 to support California State Preschool Program (CSPP), transitional kindergarten, and full day kindergarten facilities. More information is provided in the PowerPoint.

8. Board of Supervisors ECE Delegation Teams Update

Vice Chair Blakely reminded Commissioners that the Policy Roundtable created BOS Delegation Teams to increase engagement and have a consistent voice with BOS Offices. Delegation Teams are comprised of Policy Roundtable Commissioners and Planning Committee BOS appointees. Vice Chair Blakely invited Supervisor Lindsey Horvath - District 3 Delegation Team to share the status of their engagement with District 3 Child Welfare Deputy Lizzie Shuster. The Delegation Team shared the Commission's Pursuit of Position with Deputy Shuster and reviewed other ECE proposed legislation. The Delegation Team also shared that it has been beneficial to meet with the Supervisor's Office quarterly.

9. Approval of Public Policy Platform

Vice Chair Blakely provided an overview of the Public Policy Platform. He shared that the Public Policy Platform was co-developed and co-approved by the Policy Roundtable and Planning Committee. The Public Policy Platform informs LA County's Legislative Agenda and policy recommendations sent to the BOS must be consistent with the LA County Legislative Agenda. Vice Chair Blakely reviewed the process to update the Public Policy Platform. Typically, the Joint Committee on Legislation provides recommendations to modify the Public Policy Platform to the Policy Roundtable and Planning Committee. The Joint Committee on Legislation did not have quorum for its scheduled May 2024 meeting; thus, the Joint Committee on Legislation did not meet to develop recommendations to modify the Public Policy Platform. In lieu of receiving recommendations from the Joint Committee on Legislation, Chairs and Vice Chairs from the Policy Roundtable and Planning Committee developed recommended modifications to the Public Policy Platform to propose to both bodies. In June 2024, the Planning Committee approved the following modifications to the Public Policy Platform:

- Statement #5, bullet point 1 add the word "care" after "true cost of quality"
- Statement #10, remove references related to COVID-19, remove "during a local, state and/or national emergency," and at the end of bullet point 3 add "and other emergencies."
- Statement #10, add the following points:
 - Enhance resources in resource and referral agencies, family resource centers, and community- and faith-based networks that offer a broad array of supports and services
 - Activate immediate access to early care and education services during a local, state, and/or national emergency

Vice Chair Blakely presented the Public Policy Platform and asked for a motion to approve the Public Policy Platform for FY 2024-2026 with the following modifications:

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Commissioner Jacquelyn McCroskey made the motion to approve the Public Policy Platform with the above modifications; Commissioner Lisa Wilkin seconded the motion. Vice Chair Blakely opened the floor for discussion. The motion to approve the Public Policy Platform with the modifications stated in the motion passed with no abstentions

10. Policy Roundtable 2023-2024 Reflections and Goals for 2024-2025

Chair Albarran Moses reviewed some of the Policy Roundtable’s accomplishments for FY 2023-2024 and invited Commissioners to 1) share FY 2023-2024 reflections and 2) identify goals for the Policy Roundtable for FY 2024-2025. Commissioners shared the following:

Reflections on FY 2023-2024 Reflections

1. LA County approved it will provide advocacy for the Commission’s Pursuit of Position policy issues
2. Delegation teams were effective and had supportive toolkits from OAECE
3. Approved modifications to the Public Policy Platform
4. Provided important input to Infant and Toddler Early Care and Education System Blueprint
5. Approved modifications to the Policy Roundtable’s Ordinance and Bylaws
6. Utilized Ad Hoc effectively
7. Launched the Service Coordinator Strategy Ad Hoc
8. Strong Commission leadership by Chair and Vice Chair
9. Added new Commissioners and Alternates to the Policy Roundtable
10. Continued partnership between the Planning Committee and the Policy Roundtable through Commissioner Lisa Wilkin

Goals for FY 2024-2025

1. Identify how the Commission can be more active in moving policy issues forward
2. Identify other sectors to advocate for early care and education
3. Continue to focus on foster children
4. Include focus on mental health in early care and education
5. Engage school districts regarding universal preschool
6. Focus on early care and education workforce sustainability
7. Continue to have alignment and clear role clarification between the Planning Committee and the Policy Roundtable
8. Resume Joint Committee on Legislation meetings in January

Wrap Up

11. Announcements and Public Comment

Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for announcements and public comment.

- Commissioner Jaime Kalenik shared First 5 LA's Thriving Providers Project Request for Proposals for an implementation partner is due July 9, 2024. The Thriving Providers Project is a Guaranteed Income program that First 5 Los Angeles is piloting in LA County in partnership with Home Grown for Family, Friend, and Neighbor caregivers.

12. Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn

Chair Albarran Moses adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Attendance

Commissioners Attendance

1. Jessica Perea, *First Supervisorial District*
2. Justin Blakely, *Second Supervisorial District*
3. Jennifer Cowan, *Third Supervisorial District*
4. Alejandra Albarran Moses, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
5. Ricardo Mota, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
6. Sylvia Jauregui, *Fifth Supervisorial District*
7. Dianne Philibosian, *Fifth Supervisorial District*
8. Lisa Wilkin, *Child Care Planning Committee*
9. Paul Pulver, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
10. Jacquelyn McCroskey, *Commission for Children and Families*

Alternate Commissioners Attendance

1. Steve Sturm, *Department of Children and Family Services*
2. Nora Garcia-Rosales, *Department Public Social Services*
3. Debi Anderson, *Los Angeles County Office of Education*
4. Dora Jacildo, *Commission for Children and Families*
5. Jaime Kalenik, *First 5 LA*

Guests Attendance

1. Rachel Bocarsly, *City of LA*
2. Lester Garcia, *SEIU Local 99*
3. Marvin Espinoza, *Girls Club Los Angeles*
4. Kelly Fountain, *Lancaster School District*
5. Monica Hernandez, *PITC*
6. Nicole Jain, *Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity*
7. Heesu Kim, *City of Los Angeles*
8. Sirena Ly, *Teach LA*
9. Kristina Meza, *Los Angeles County Department of CEO – Poverty Alleviation Initiative*
10. Kelly Reynolds, *Early Edge California*
11. Shay Scott, *Discount School Supplies*



12. Edilma Serna, *WestEd PITC*

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*