



## **Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Meeting Minutes**

March 12, 2025

### **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 10:03 a.m. by welcoming members and guests.

### **2. Comments from the Chair**

Chair Alejandra Albarran Moses acknowledged the challenges and instability families, programs, and systems are experiencing. She encouraged members to remain grounded and collaborative and emphasized that continued alignment and communication will strengthen collective efforts. Chair Albarran Moses invited members to think innovatively about how to navigate persistent barriers and remain focused on advancing shared goals.

### **3. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2024**

Chair Albarran Moses presented the minutes from the Policy Roundtable's February 12, 2025 meeting. Chair Albarran Moses asked for a motion to approve the February 12, 2025 minutes. Commissioner Amber Rivas made the motion to approve the February 12, 2025 minutes; Commissioner Ricardo Mota seconded the motion. Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for discussion and then public comment. A member of the public requested that the February 12, 2025 minutes reflect that the City of Los Angeles opened four Impacted Worker and Family Recovery Centers (IWFRC) and one One-Stop Rebuilding Center. The motion to approve the February 12, 2025 minutes with the change to reflect that the City of Los Angeles opened four IWFRC and one One-Stop Rebuilding Center passed with one abstention.

### **4. Review of Policy Roundtable Leadership Transition Process**

Leanne Drogin, Deputy Director of the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE), provided an overview of the Policy Roundtable leadership transition process. She noted that the two-year term of service for Vice-Chair and Chair will end June 2025. Drogin outlined the nomination and election process, as defined in the Policy Roundtable bylaws, which includes all Policy Roundtable Commissioners are eligible to serve as officers and the Vice Chair must recommend the next Vice Chair. Commissioners can submit nominations after the April 2025 Policy Roundtable meeting and the election will be held at the June 2025 Policy Roundtable meeting. Further details are included in the PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for Commissioner discussion. The following is one of the points made in the discussion: the Policy Roundtable roster currently reflects the titles "Co-Chairs" and it is recommended this is changed to reflect "Chair" and "Vice-Chair." Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were provided.

### **5. Presentation on Status of Local, State, and Federal Public Policies and Joint Committee on Legislation**

Lisa Wilkin, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Legislation, provided an overview of the LA County Early Care and Education Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery Motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 18, 2025. The Motion directs County departments to provide a report to the Board of Supervisors on the implementation of the Motion's directives by March 20, 2025. Wilkin provided an overview of the Governor's Proposed 2025–26 Budget, proposed State legislation, and

Federal policy updates. She noted that the Joint Committee on Legislation approved the following policy recommendations for the Policy Roundtable to consider for pursuit of positions, both of which align with the Policy Roundtable's Public Policy Platform and the County's Legislative Agendas:

- Establish alternative rate methodology by July 1, 2025
- Protections for immigrant children

Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for Commissioner discussion. The following highlights some of the discussion:

- AB 970 aims to establish a pilot program in LA County to provide mandated reporters with standardized training and decision-making tools to improve child abuse reporting. The majority of child abuse and/or neglect reports involve children ages birth through five.
- Most local planning councils (LPCs) across California are concerned about AB 563 as it significantly changes the structure of LPCs
- SB 271 would require community colleges to provide information about and help students connect with resource and referral agencies and LPCs
- U.S. Department of Education funding is at-risk of being eliminated
- It is important to stay informed and plan for unintended consequences that may result from the implementation of the alternative reimbursement rate methodology

Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for Public Comment. No comments were provided.

#### **6. Approval of Pursuit of Position: Alternative Reimbursement Rate Methodology**

Chair Albarran Moses presented the Alternative Reimbursement Rate Methodology Pursuit of Position. Chair Albarran Moses asked for a motion to approve the pursuit of position to establish by July 1, 2025 an alternative rate methodology that reimburses ECE providers the true cost of providing state-subsidized child care based on Federal requirements; implement the new reimbursement rate structure by summer 2025; and allocate ongoing funding for the new reimbursement rate structure. Commissioner Jacquelyn McCroskey made the motion to approve the Alternative Reimbursement Rate Methodology Pursuit of Position; Commissioner Jessica Perea seconded the motion. Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for discussion. The motion to approve the Alternative Reimbursement Rate Methodology Pursuit of Position passed with two abstentions.

#### **7. Approval of Pursuit of Position: California Safe Haven Schools and Child Care**

Chair Albarran Moses presented the California Safe Haven Schools and Child Care Pursuit of Position. Chair Albarran Moses asked for a motion to approve the pursuit of position to Support AB 49 and similar measures that strengthen protections for immigrant children in California by prohibiting immigration enforcement officers from entering schools and child care facilities without proper legal authorization. Commissioner Andrea Fernandez Mendoza made the motion to approve the California Safe Haven Schools and Child Care Pursuit of Position; Commissioner Jennifer Hottenroth seconded the motion. Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for discussion. A Commissioner inquired about what discussions occurred with the County's Office of Immigration Affairs regarding AB 49 and related bills. Colman shared that the Department of Public Health Government Affairs (GA) works directly with the Office of Immigration Affairs. She added that GA requested feedback from the OAECE on AB 49 and related bills



and that AB 49 is listed as “Watch” on LA County’s Legislative Tracking System. The motion to approve the California Safe Haven Schools and Child Care Pursuit of Position passed with one abstention.

**8. Strengthening LA County Service Coordination: Service Coordination Strategy Ad Hoc Update on Designing of Service Coordination Strategy**

Commissioner McCroskey, a member of the Service Coordination Strategy Ad Hoc (Ad Hoc), provided an update on the status of the Ad Hoc. The Ad Hoc is developing a Service Coordination Strategy for the Commission to consider for approval. She noted that the Ad Hoc is examining various ways the Commission can support systems coordination in LA County such as the possibility of the Commission collaborating with LA County’s Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee. Further details are available in the PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for Commissioner discussion and the following point was raised: it is important for systems to not work in silos and that communities need to know where to go and how to access available services. Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were provided.

**9. Presentation on Child Care Planning Committee: Integration of the Early Care and Education Mixed Delivery System in Universal Prekindergarten**

Commissioner Fernandez Mendoza provided an update on Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) activities. Some of the Planning Committee activities reviewed range from developing strategies to improve the universal prekindergarten mixed delivery system to informing the development of a centralized child care referral system. Further details are available in the PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for Commissioner discussion. No comments were provided. Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were provided.

**10. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Creation of Ad Hoc Committee**

The Commission did not identify the need to establish a new Ad Hoc.

**11. Announcements and General Public Comment**

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

- Jen Baca Beltran, SEIU 99, announced a Solidarity Rally is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Los Angeles City Hall
- Commissioner Nurhan Pirim shared that the State released a Child Care Bulletin related to the windstorms and wildfires
- Commissioner Mercedes Santoro shared that Loma Alta Park in Altadena will re-open in May 2025
- Commissioner Dean Tagawa announced that the Children and Families Innovation Committee will meet on March 20, 2025, and will focus on early childhood and family education initiatives
- Edilma Serna raised concerns about water safety in Altadena

**12. Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn**

Chair Albarran Moses moved to adjourn the March 12, 2025 Policy Roundtable meeting. Commissioner Andrea Fernandez Mendoza seconded the motion. Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for discussion.



The motion to adjourn the meeting was passed with no objections. The Policy Roundtable meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

## **Attendance**

### **Commissioners Attendance**

1. Jessica Perea, *First Supervisorial District*
2. Amber Rivas, *Third Supervisorial District*
3. Alejandra Albarran Moses, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
4. Ricardo Mota, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
5. Jennifer Hottenroth, *Department of Children and Family Services*
6. Mercedes Santoro, *Department of Parks*
7. *and Recreation*
8. Robert Gilchick, *Department of Public Health*
9. Nurhan Pirim, *Department of Public Social Services*
10. Andrea Fernandez Mendoza, *Child Care Planning Committee*
11. Jacquelyn McCroskey, *Commission for Children and Families*
12. Dean Tagawa, *LA Unified School District*

### **Alternate Commissioners Attendance**

1. Debra Colman, *Department of Public Health*
2. Steve Sturm, *Department of Children and Family Services*
3. Debi Anderson, *Los Angeles County Office of Education*
4. Jaime Kalenik, *First 5 LA*

### **Guests Attendance**

1. Darlene Ayala, *United American Indian Involvement*
2. Rachel Bocarsly, *City of Los Angeles*
3. Jen Baca Beltran, *SEIU Local 99*
4. Betty Collins, *United American Indian Involvement*
5. Sonia Campos-Rivera, *Unite-LA*
6. Mirel Herrera, *Early Edge California*
7. Monica Hernandez, *WestEd*
8. Esther Nyguen, *First 5 LA*
9. Zoenada Parks, *City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office*
10. Shay Scott, *Committee for Children*
11. Edilma Serna, *WestEd*
12. Lisa Wilkin, *Child Development Consortium of Los Angeles*

### **Staff Attendance**

1. Alejandra Berrio, *Staff Analyst*
2. Leanne Drogin, *Deputy Director*
3. Alana Johnson, *MSW Intern*
4. Ida Legesse, *Staff Analyst*
5. Charli Lewis, *Management Analyst*
6. Simone Taylor, *Management Analyst*