



Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Meeting Minutes

May 14, 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 10:02 a.m. by welcoming members and guests.

2. Comments from the Chair

Chair Albarran Moses acknowledged Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Mother's Day, and Nurses and Teachers Week. Chair Albarran Moses encouraged the Policy Roundtable to anticipate how the Commission should lead during these uncertain public policy times at the federal and state levels.

Commissioner Albarran Moses moved to suspend the rules and consider moving agenda item #4: Review of Transition Process to be the next Agenda Item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Justin Blakely. Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for discussion and then asked if there were any objections. The motion to suspend the rules and consider moving Agenda Item #4: Review of Transition Process to be the next agenda item passed with no objections.

3. Review of Policy Roundtable Leadership Transition Process

Chair Albarran Moses provided an overview of the Policy Roundtable leadership transition process as defined in the Commission's Bylaws. She noted that the two-year term of service for Vice Chair and Chair will end June 2025, elections for these positions will be held at the Policy Roundtable's June 2025 meeting, and two-thirds of voting members must be present to conduct the election. Nominations can be submitted by email to the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE) staff or provided verbally at the May and June 2025 meetings.

Chair Albarran Moses shared the Policy Roundtable Ordinance is expected to be on the June 3, 2025 Board of Supervisors Agenda for approval. Further details are included in the PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for Chair nominations.

- Chair Albarran Moses nominated Vice Chair Blakely for the position of Chair. Vice Chair Blakely accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented for the position of Chair.
- Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for Vice Chair nominations. Vice Chair Blakely nominated Commissioner Mercedes Santoro. Commissioner Santoro accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented for the position of Vice Chair.

4. Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2025

Chair Albarran Moses presented the minutes from the Policy Roundtable's April 9, 2025 meeting. Chair Albarran Moses asked for a motion to approve the April 9, 2025 minutes. Commissioner Gloria Davis made the motion to approve the April 9, 2025 minutes; Commissioner Jennifer Cowan seconded the motion. Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for discussion. The motion to approve the April 9, 2025 minutes passed with no abstentions.



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

Chair Albarran Moses introduced the Service Coordination Strategy Ad Hoc (Ad Hoc) and reminded the Commission that at the beginning of her term as Chair she identified “synchronized systems” as a focus area for the Commission. Thus, the Commission identified the need to create a Service Coordination Strategy (Strategy) that outlines Policy Roundtable activities that improve service coordination among systems and increase families’ access to child care. Ad Hoc members include: Commissioners Jacquelyn McCroskey, Jessica Perea, Nurhan Pirim, Paul Pulver, and Steve Sturm.

Commissioner McCroskey provided an overview of the Ad Hoc’s process for developing recommendations and presented the framework of the proposed Strategy. Commissioner Pulver highlighted the value of multiple County Departments and Initiatives providing presentations to the Policy Roundtable and that these resulted in identifying areas for several areas of partnership. He noted that the design of the Strategy’s activities took into consideration the Commission’s capacity given it is a volunteer Commission. Commissioner Perea outlined the recommended Service Coordination Strategy activities:

1. Partner with the Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC)
2. Partner with Community Colleges
3. Infant Toddler Blueprint
4. Women and Families Experiencing Homelessness
5. Training for County Department Staff

Further details and actions are available in the PowerPoint presentation. Vice Chair Blakely opened the floor for Commissioner discussion. The following highlights some of the discussion:

- Appreciation for the work of the Ad Hoc and the Strategy addresses LA County’s Early Care and Education Unified Strategic Plan Objective: Promote integration across early childhood services and develop strategies that connect early childhood education with other child/family support systems
- Acknowledged the importance of identifying areas of collaboration between systems
- Recognized that access to services is also impacted by other challenges such as administrative functions
- The Commission’s engagement with PPSGC provides opportunities to uplift system coordination and administrative challenges to accessing child care services
- Important for systems to provide information on how to access services to the broader public and not just focus on people who are accessing services
- In “Action #5” remove the Department of Public Social Services and add the Department of Children and Family Services

Vice Chair Blakely opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were provided.

6. Approval of Service Coordination Strategy

Chair Albarran Moses asked for a motion to approve the Actions in the Service Coordination Strategy. Commissioner Pulver made the motion to approve the Actions in the Service Coordination Strategy; Commissioner Amber Rivas seconded the motion. Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for discussion and the following was stated: number each of the Actions and sub-Actions. The motion to approve the Actions in the Service Coordination Strategy passed with no abstentions.

7. Presentation on Status of Local, State, and Federal Public Policies and Joint Committee on Legislation

Vice Chair Blakely provided an overview on the Governor’s Proposed 2025–26 State Budget, proposed State legislation, and Federal public policies. He noted that the Governor’s Proposed Budget was released during the Policy Roundtable meeting. Further details are available in the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Luis Bautista provided an update regarding Head Start funding. He shared that the President’s Budget includes funding for Head Start to remain at its current level. He added that Head Start has remained at the same level for the past two years despite rising program costs. He reported that Head Start annual funding totals \$12.3 billion nationally of which \$1.6 billion is allocated to California and \$500 million is allocated to LA County.

Vice Chair Blakely shared that CEO Legislative Affairs Intergovernmental Relations (LAIRs) has not determined if LA County will adopt two Pursuits of Positions approved by the Commission in April 2025. Vice Chair Blakely provided an update on the ECE wildfire recovery and rebuild efforts. OAECE submitted to the Department of Public Health Government Affairs and CEO LAIRs a request for the State to provide additional support for ECE programs impacted by the wildfires. CEO LAIRs will determine the County’s level of advocacy for this request after the May Revised Budget is released.

Vice Chair Blakely provided an update on the Joint Committee on Legislation (Committee) April 2025 meeting. The Committee reviewed the status of the Governor’s proposed State Budget, proposed legislation, and federal public policies at the April 2025 meeting. The Committee determined that it was not going to provide a policy recommendation to the Commission to consider in May 2025. Further details are available in the PowerPoint presentation. Vice Chair Blakely opened the floor for Commissioner discussion. The following highlights some of the discussion:

- House of Representatives proposed legislation (H.R.3156) eliminates child care funding from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). If H.R.3156 passes with this stipulation then Stage 1 CalWORKS recipients would be impacted significantly.
- Clarification regarding AB 753 was requested

Vice Chair Blakely opened the floor for public comment and the following highlights some of the comments:

- There are proposed funding cuts to the child care provider cost of living increase, health care and retirement fund, and the Emergency Child Care Bridge program
- It is likely that the “hold harmless” provision will not be approved to continue

8. Presentation on Early Care and Education Supervisorial District Delegation Updates

Vice Chair Blakely reminded Commissioners that the Policy Roundtable created the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Delegation Teams to increase engagement and have a consistent voice with the BOS. Delegation Teams are comprised of Policy Roundtable Commissioners and Planning Committee BOS appointees. Once the Pursuit of Position was approved at the April 9, 2025 Policy Roundtable meeting, the BOS Delegation Teams were charged with meeting with their respective BOS Office. Vice Chair Blakely invited each Team to share the status of their engagement efforts with their respective BOS Offices.

- Supervisor Hilda Solis, District 1: The Team is scheduling a meeting with Supervisor Solis’ Office.

- Supervisor Holly Mitchell, District 2: The Team is scheduling a meeting with Supervisor Mitchell's Office.
- Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, District 3: BOS Delegation Team Lead and Commissioner Cowan reported that the Delegation Team met with Supervisor Horvath and topics they discussed included: immigration, wildfire recovery, and funding insecurities related to the Child Care Bridge Program.
- Supervisor Janice Hahn, District 4: The Team is scheduling a meeting with Supervisor Hahn's Office.
- Supervisor Kathryn Barger, District 5: BOS Delegation Team Lead and Commissioner Sylvia Jauregui reported that the Delegation Team met with Supervisor Barger and one of the main topics of discussion was the Commission's focus on improving systems coordination.

9. Presentation on Child Care Planning Committee: Update on Developing Strategies to Strengthen the System of Supports for Children with Exceptional Needs, Increase Families Awareness Regarding Child Care Options, and Support Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) Programs Ability to Meet Quality Standards and Expand UPK Community-Based Services

Commissioner Debra Colman, OACE Director, provided an update on Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) activities. Some of the Planning Committee activities reviewed range from developing strategies to improving the UPK mixed delivery system, informing the development of a centralized child care referral system, and strengthening the support system for children with exceptional needs. Further details are available in the PowerPoint presentation.

10. Announcements and General Public Comment

Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for announcements and public comment and the following was provided:

- Rachel Bocarsly shared that the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks plans to transition eight of its twelve child care centers to non-city operators by the end of 2025. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released soon on the Department's business opportunities page for interested providers.
- Commissioner Colman shared that the Planning Committee will meet on June 4, 2025, at The California Endowment. The Planning Committee will present recommendations for the UPK strategy for the upcoming program year.

11. Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn

Vice Chair Blakely moved to adjourn the Policy Roundtable meeting. Commissioner Jessica Perea seconded the motion. Vice Chair Blakely opened the floor for discussion. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed with no objections. The Policy Roundtable meeting was adjourned at 12:00 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. Amber Rivas, *Third Supervisorial District*



6. Alejandra Albarran Moses, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
7. Ricardo Mota, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
8. Sylvia Jauregui, *Fifth Supervisorial District*
9. Jennifer Hottenroth, *Department of Children and Family Services*
10. Kanchana Tate, *Department of Mental Health*
11. Mercedes Santoro, *Department of Parks and Recreation*
12. Robert Gilchick, *Department of Public Health*
13. Nurhan Pirim, *Department of Public Social Services*
14. Paul Pulver, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
15. Luis Bautista, *Los Angeles County Office of Education*
16. Jacquelyn McCroskey, *Commission for Children and Families*
17. Dean Tagawa, *Los Angeles 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. Ranae Amezcuita, *Los Angeles Unified School District*
5. Jaime Kalenik, *First 5 LA*

Guests Attendance

1. Jen Baca Beltran, *SEIU Local 99*
2. Rachel Bocarsly, *City of Los Angeles*
3. Sarah Fisher, *Department of Economic Opportunity*
4. Jessica Guerra, *Child Care Alliance Los Angeles*
5. Monica Hernandez, *PITC WestEd*
6. Mirel Herrera, *Early Edge California*
7. Cindy Nguyen, *California Department of Social Services*
8. Carmen Odom, *California Department of Social Services*
9. Molly Pleitez
10. Edilma Serna, *PITC WestEd*

Staff Attendance

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