



Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2025

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

Chair Justin Blakely opened the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Commission (Policy Roundtable) meeting at 10:45 a.m. by welcoming Commissioners and guests.

2. Comments from the Chair

Chair Blakely expressed appreciation that quorum was reached and thanked Commissioners for their patience. Chair Blakely noted that the Policy Roundtable is preparing for critical issues to address in 2026. The Policy Roundtable will utilize information presented in its meetings to inform which children and family issues to uplift in its Pursuit of Positions.

3. Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2025

Chair Blakely presented the minutes for the November 12, 2025 Policy Roundtable meeting and asked for a motion to approve the November 12, 2025 minutes. Commissioner Gloria Davis made the motion to approve the November 12, 2025 minutes; Commissioner Ricardo Mota seconded the motion. The motion to approve the November 12, 2025 minutes was approved unanimously.

4. Presentation on Service Coordination Strategy: Action #4 – Women and Families Experiencing Homelessness Update

Commissioner Chanel Smith, Department of Public Health (DPH) Women and Family Homelessness Senior Advisor, and Lonnie Resser, DPH Office of Planning, Integration, and Engagement Staff Analyst, provided an overview and update on changes to LA County's homeless services system. For example, LA County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACHSA) and LA County's Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH) were recently established and will be new to the system. In 2024, LA County voters passed Measure A: Affordable Housing, Homeless Solutions, and Prevention Now Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance which repeals Measure H and imposes a countywide ½ cent sales tax to fund County homeless services and LACHSA. It is projected that in order to continue the current level of services in FY 2026-2027 an additional \$950 million will be needed. A spending plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in January 2026. Commissioner Smith also shared that her Office is partnering with the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE) to develop a strategy to improve coordination between the early care and education (ECE) system and homeless services. Further details are available in the PowerPoint presentation. Vice Chair Mercedes Santoro opened the floor for Commissioner discussion and the following highlights some of the discussion:

- Every community college has Support Service Coordinators who provide resource supports to college students who are parents. It is important for the ECE system to collaborate with these Coordinators.
- It is common for families who need child care to also need housing services. If ECE programs refer parents to other support services, such as housing, then it is important for those services to be available to families.
- The Policy Roundtable should work with HSH to ensure that HSH has the ECE expertise needed to establish and maintain a strong system of coordination for families experiencing homelessness and the ECE system.



- Presidential Executive Orders and funding guidelines are limiting who is eligible for housing and support services. Housing services has little capacity to serve new participants/clients/families.
- ECE needs to be integrated in more affordable and temporary housing projects

Vice Chair Santoro 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

Chair Blakely highlighted ways groups are responding to the state and federal public policy landscape. For example, the ECE Budget Coalition determined that for 2026 it will focus on the following issues: 1) child care slots, 2) single rate methodology, and 3) reversion account. He also noted that California officials are partnering with Health Foundations to convene a workgroup to create an Affordable Care Act for California. He highlighted that the California Legislature will reconvene on January 5, 2026, the Governor's budget will be released by January 9, 2026, and there is a possibility that the federal government could have another shutdown in February 2026. Chair Blakely reviewed items from the Federal Budget Reconciliation Bill H.R. 1 that will impact immigrant communities, Medi-Cal and CalFresh eligibility requirements, and that California may lose up to \$187 billion in federal health care funding over the next decade. Chair Blakely opened the floor for Commissioner discussion and no comments were provided. Chair Blakely opened the floor for public comment and no public comments were provided.

7. Announcements and General Public Comment

Vice Chair Santoro opened the floor for announcements and public comment. Vice Chair Santoro provided the following announcements:

- LA County Parks and Recreation will continue to provide Every Body Plays (EBP) After-School programs from December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026 across its 59 sites
- LA County Parks and Recreation will offer the following free food programs:
 - Hot Supper Program to an additional 34 sites from December 15, 2025 - February 20, 2026
 - Festive Friday Snack Packs at 34 sites through April 17, 2026

8. Meeting Review and Call to Adjourn

Vice Chair Santoro made the motion to adjourn the December 10, 2025, meeting; Commissioner Steve Sturm seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed with no objections. The Policy Roundtable meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Attendance

Commissioners Attendance

1. Jessica Perea, *First Supervisorial District*
2. Justin Blakely, *Second Supervisorial District*
3. Gloria Davis, *Second Supervisorial District*
4. Amber Rivas, *Third Supervisorial District*
5. Ricardo Mota, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
6. Robert Gilchick, *Department of Public Health*

Alternate Commissioners Attendance

1. Samuel Lujan, *Department of Public Social Services*
2. Dora Jacildo, *Commission for Children and Families*
3. Colin Legerton, *Los Angeles County Department of Education*
4. Steve Sturm, *Department of Children and Family Services*



5. Chanel Smith, *Department of Public Health*

Guests Attendance

1. Mirel Herrera, *Early Edge California*
2. Monica Hernandez, *Program for Infant Toddler Care*
3. Edilma Serna, *Program for Infant Toddler Care*
4. Brenda Espiritu, *LA County Department of Economic Opportunity*
5. Jessica Guerra, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
6. Lonnie Resser, *Department of Public Health*
7. Lisa Wilkin, *Child Development Consortium of Los Angeles*

OAECE Staff Attendance

1. Diana Alvarado, *Policy and Program Specialist*
2. Alejandra Berrio, *Program Manager*
3. Debra Colman, *Director*
4. Leanne Drogin, *Deputy Director*
5. Sheronda Helton, *UPK Research Specialist*
6. Ida Legesse, *Program Manager*