

**Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting**  
**March 3, 2021 9:00 AM -11:30 AM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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Present: Emilie Amundson, Erin Arango-Escalante, John Ashley, Barbara Bales (designee), Joan Beck, Sheila Briggs, Salvador Carranza, Jillian Clemens, Quincey Daniels, Morna Foy, Daria Hall, Lisa Hassenstab, Peter Kelly, Kia Kjensrud, Kelly Matthews, Kathy Mullally, Lana Nenide, Cailin O'Connor, Deborah Rathermel, Suzette Rembert, Ruth Schmidt, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Ann Terrell, Mark Tyler, Barbara Van Haren, Danielle Williams, Dea Wright

Excused: Ray Cross, Peng Her, Rebecca Larson (designee), Lupe Martinez, Jose Martinez (designee), Katie Roberts (designee), Rolf Wegenke,

Staff: Priya Bhatia, Jillian Clemens, Sherry W. Kimball

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Assistant State Superintendent Sheila J. Briggs. Council members reviewed the meeting minutes from the March 3, 2021 Council meeting. The minutes were approved without any additions or edits. A quorum of fifteen members were present.

**NEW BUSINESS: CO-CHAIR WELCOME AND UPDATES**

State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor welcomed Council members and provided a summary of the Wisconsin Department for Public Instruction budget items that are written into the Governor's proposed biennial budget. Secretary Emilie Amundson provided a summary of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families budget items that are written into the Governor's proposed biennial budget. Both summaries highlighted items that connect to the early care and education field and the importance of agency collaboration to support Wisconsin's youngest citizens.

**NEW BUSINESS: OVERVIEW OF EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION INITIATIVES**

Division of Early Care and Education Administrator, Erin Arango-Escalante, and Assistant State Superintendent Sheila J. Briggs provided information related to the Birth-5 Early Childhood State System and its connection to the mission/focus of the ECAC Council. Information shared related to the importance of equity, the Preschool Development Grant, the Wisconsin Infant Toddler Policy Project, and proposed budget items related to the Child Care Strong initiative, early childhood special education and full-time membership aid for full day 4K.

**NEW BUSINESS: ECAC MEMBERSHIP**

Information was shared with Council members to clarify the roles of Council members and non-members. Council members will act as a lead for any potential ECAC workgroups and non-members will be invited to participate as content experts. A public comment period will be added to all future ECAC Council meeting agendas to allow for non-member participation.

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NEW BUSINESS: EQUITY IN EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

Dr. Sherri Killins Stewart, Director of Systems Alignment, and Integration at BUILD, provided a presentation about BUILD's initiative and framework for centering equity in the early care and education system. Brief discussion ensued related to how the initiative can support the ongoing focus of the ECAC.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

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