

## **Open Meeting Minutes**

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### **Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 9:00 AM -11:30 AM**

**Present:** Ann Terrell, Barbara Bales (designee), Cailin O'Connor, Danielle Williams, Daria Hall, Dea Wright, Deborah Rathermel, Dr. Jill Underly, Duy Nguyen, Emilie Amundson, Erin Arango-Escalante, Jillian Clemens, John Ashley, Jose Martinez (designee), Kathy Mullally, Katie Roberts (designee), Kelly Matthews, Kia Kjensrud, Lana Nenide, Mark Tyler, Peng Her, Ruth Schmidt, Stephany Pruitt, Suzette Mayotte

Quorum: 24 Members Present

**Excused:** Jennie Mauer, Joan Beck, Lupe Martinez, Morna Foy, Rebeca Larson (designee), Rolf Wegenke, Salvador Carranza,

### **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Duy Nguyen. Duy asked for a motion to approve the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting minutes. Jose Martinez made a motion to approve, and John Ashley seconded the motion. The Council voted to approve the minutes.

### **Co-Chair Welcome and Updates**

The DCF Secretary and the State Superintendent provided updates to the council about Federal relief funds, the new council member (Stephany Pruitt), and early childhood initiatives. This included a summary of the last Leadership Council on the Early Years meeting, a brief update on Project Growth, the [Immigrant and Refugee Tool Kit](#) for School Districts collaboratively developed by DPI and DCF with the voice of lived experience, and an update on the [DPI Reading Advisory Council](#).

### **ECAC 2022 Overview**

The council learned about the updated process and structure for the councils work in 2022. The council had an opportunity to ask questions about the coming year and the updated process and structure that will be aligned to the early childhood strategic plan and needs assessment infrastructure built by the Preschool Development Grant (PDG). The council learned about the broader focus of the full and comprehensive Birth to Five system and the [federal guidance](#) on what this system includes and what domains the PDS needs assessment and strategic plan must attend to.

### **PDG Needs Assessment and Wisconsin Birth to Five Strategic Plan**

An update on the process and progress of the comprehensive needs assessment and B-to-Five strategic plan was provided to the council. Key projects and initiatives related to these were highlighted and shared with the council. This included when the preliminary results of the comprehensive needs assessment would be available (late march/early April 2022), the Risk and Reach website that will be available late April, Project Growth, and the Young Learnings Tribal Language Revitalization Grants. Council members were provided an opportunity to ask questions and share response.

### **Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards Revision**

The council received information about the WMELS revision process and information on the history of how the WMELS were initially created during the era of Common Core standards. The Council had an opportunity to ask questions about the process. The council was reminded of the deadline for the public comment period and were provided the link to the survey to submit public comment.

### **Equity and Lived Experience Voice**

The council received an update on the Parent/Caregiver Equity Advisory Cabinet, and information on examples of work that elevates Lived Experience Voice in program, policy, and systems change work.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment was submitted.

### **Wrap-up and Adjourn**

The council was reminded of the date and time for the next meeting, and that meeting format options will be assessed and communicated at a later date prior to the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Duy Nguyen asked for a motion to adjourn. Kelly Matthews made a motion to approve, and Katie Roberts seconded the motion. The council voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:23am.