



**Commission on Child Care
Full Commission Meeting: Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2025**

Location: Virtual Meeting Hosted on Microsoft TEAMS

Note: Note: These minutes are presented in draft form and have not been formally approved by the Commission on Child Care (CCC) due to the absence of a quorum. They remain subject to amendment and official adoption at a subsequent meeting where a quorum is present.

Members Present: Jennifer Arnaiz, Elka Forbes, Melissa Jordan, Eden Medhanie, Laurie Moran, Bill Polman and Nagwa Rizk

Members Absent: Tracey Clay, Allison Fialkov, Niambi Heyward, Brandon Howard, Yvonne Iscandari, Maya Massey and Lesley Romanoff

Guests Present: Rossana Espinoza-Thorndahl, LCAM; Laura Jahromi, COA

Staff Present: Erin Stilwell (DHHS)

Meeting Called to Order: Elka Forbes, CCC Co-Chair, called the May 28th meeting to order at 6:36 pm

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Review and Vote of April 23, 2025 meeting minutes

Action: Motion to accept the April 23rd meeting minutes as written: Melissa Jordan
2nd: Elka Forbes

ECE Updates: Jennifer Arnaiz, Administrator, Early Childhood Services

- Budget process has concluded; there was a \$5 million dollar increase to the ECEI to sustain the work already undertaken; funding for other programs is based on what is received by the State
- No updates as of yet on the status of the MC Head Start grant
- Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) for Infants and Toddlers Program had their final meeting for the year and is looking to recruit new members

Children's Opportunity Alliance (COA) Updates: Laura Jahromi, COA

- COA will take over the role of the Local Early Childhood Advisory Council once updated county legislation is passed
- COA's Common Agenda, a collective impact model, is complete and can be viewed on the COA's website
- COA will be launching a workforce workgroup

FY25 ECE Workforce Policy Priorities Work: Breakout Groups

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned directly from the breakout groups at 8:00 pm

Next CCC meeting: Annual Planning Retreat: In-Person on June 18, 2025