



**Commission on Child Care
Full Commission Meeting-Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2022-**Approved**
Virtual Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams**

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, L’Ornya Bowie, Tracey Clay, Allison Fialkov, Elka Forbes, Will Hegwood, Yvonne Iscandari, Brandon Howard, Laurie Moran, Jennifer Penrose, Bill Polman, Nagwa Rizk, Lesley Romanoff, and Verna Washington

Members Absent: Gearline Bryan and Tara Phillips,

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Meeting Called to Order: Tracey Clay, rotating chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07pm

Roll Call (no guests present)

Review and Vote of March 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion to accept the minutes as written: Laurie Moran

2nd: Jennifer Penrose

Full vote taken via roll call: all in favor

Call for Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair

Tara Phillips has shared that she is willing to step into the vice chair position for the next commission year. Commissioners were encouraged to continue submitting nominations for the chair role prior to the May 25th election.

Poll for “In Person” vs. “Virtual” Option for June Planning Retreat

Commissioners at the meeting were asked to complete a poll with their preference for “in person” vs “virtual” option for the June planning retreat. A majority of the responses were in favor of an “in person” option. A virtual option will also be made available.

Discussion: *Workforce and Compensation*

State and County Legislative Updates (Dr. Barbara Andrews)

- Dr. Andrews shared the highlight from the close of the 2022 State of Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session; there were many bills in support of early care and education

Community Use of Public Facilities Updates (Bill Polman)

- Beginning to see child care programs in public space reopening back to a pre-pandemic level
- CUPF is working on a new bid process that will be piloted with 4 child care programs in school buildings

Announcement/Comments:

Dr. Barbara Andrews: ECS Child Care Support Services will be hosting one additional community forum on May 11th on the topic of Access and Affordability

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.