

**ALAMEDA COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 22, 2015**

<b>Steering Committee Members Present: [15]</b>			
Rosemary Almand	Amapola Beenn	Kim DiGiacomo	Relena Ellis
Diana Engel	Carlota Escarez	Leah Goldsmith	Carmen Gonzalez
Renee Herzfeld	Judy Kriege	Jean Monroe	Melanie Mueller
Sandra Rodriguez	Sandi Soliday	Veronica Ufoegbune	
<b>Steering Committee Members Absent: [17]</b>			
Mirella Almaraz	Margaret Bartelt	Tracey Black	Alexandra Caraballo
Jenna Churchman	Franca Cioria	Mary Anne Doan	Clarissa Doutherd
Carolyn Hobbs	Margaret Jerene	Marva Lyons	Laura McNair
Susan Morris	Ramil Rivera	Zina Rosen-Simon	Sandra Taylor
Carol Thompson			
<b>General Members Present: [10]</b>			
Mitchell Ha	HUSD	Bobby Hawke	Lakeshore Learning
Celina Kamler	Raising a Reader	Rosie Kennedy	
Melinda Martin	First 5/ACOE	Grace M.-Orenstein	Emeritus
Heather Phebus	LIIF	Sue Shepardson	WestED PITC
Sadaf Siddiq	SSA		
<b>Child Care Planning Council Staff Present:</b>			
Angie Garling	Ellen Dektar	Neva Bandelow	Michael Panori
Kim Hazard	Natalie Lessa		

**1. Call to Order**

Veronica Ufoegbune, Council Chairperson, convened the meeting at 9:25 AM at the Redwood Conference Room at Behavioral Health Care, 1100 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA.

Veronica welcomed the participants. Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements. Kim Hazard introduced Heather Phebus of LIIF to the group.

This month's Mystery Member was introduced by Melanie Mueller, and it turned out to be Judy Kriege.

**2. Consent Calendar-Action**

The Minutes for the January 23, 2015 Planning Council meeting and the April 17, 2015 meeting, as well as the agenda for the May 22 meeting could not be approved because a quorum was not reached for this meeting and were referred to the Executive Committee Meeting of June 12, 2015.

**3. Planning Council Business: Action Items**

(A Quorum was not reached for this meeting. All Action Items were referred to the Executive Committee meeting of 7/13/15.) There was a straw poll taken for the items, however, to serve as a reference for the Executive Committee. Ellen Dektar presented a detailed background for all of the bills, including Pros, Cons, and Next Steps.

- Support AB 47 (McCarthy) As Amended 4/22/15. Recommended by the Public Policy Committee.
- Support AB 765 (Ridley Thomas). ECE Cost of Living Adjustments. Recommended by the Public Policy Committee.

- Support SB 311 (Beall and Wieckowski). School-Age Child Care Eligibility Pilot. Recommended by the Public Policy Committee.
- Support SB 567 (Liu). Annual Eligibility. Recommended by the Public Policy Committee.
- Support AB 47 As Amended (McCarty) Expanding Access to State Preschool. Recommended by the Public Policy Committee.
- Support \$600 Million for ECE, a \$47.14 Reimbursement Rate and ECE Funding Restored to Prop. 98. Recommended by the Council Staff.
- Allow Executive Committee to Approve 2015 Zip Code Priorities. Recommended by Council Staff.
- Elect a Council Chair-Elect. Recommended by the Nominating Committee.  
(This item was moved to the next ECEPC meeting)

**4. Committee Reports (verbal and/or written, time permitting):**

- **ECE Committee:** Melanie Mueller updated the Council on this Committee's activities. The ECE Committee met March 26, 2015. The Committee meets now every other month (instead of quarterly). The next meeting will be held May 28, 2015. The future meeting location will be the Alameda County Office of Education in Hayward.
- Rosemary Almand updated members on the activities of the Contractors group. The group continues to focus on discussing the impact of new funding sources on local programs and giving input on the new QRIS Block Grant.
- The Executive Committee approved the straw-poll actions taken in the April ECEPC meeting.
- Ellen Dektar updated the activities of the Public Policy Committee and their meeting of May 4, 2015.

**5. Community and Staff Reports**

- Angie Garling presented a PowerPoint summarizing Federal and State Budget updates and a commentary on the May Revise and Summary Highlights from Early Edge California.
- Angie Garling gave an update on the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS).
- Kim Hazard and Natalie Lessa presented an update on the Greening of Preschools in Alameda County and gave some pointers on proper hand washing in schools in the light of the drought and what can be done to save water while the tap is on.

**6. Presentation:**

The Minimum Wage Laws and Their Effects on ECE was presented by Jeremy Welsh-Loveman of the UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy.

**7. Public Comment:**

Neva Bandelow reminded the group that it is recruitment time for CARES Plus. Watch for these flyers through email.

Renee Herzfeld called attention to the Free Annual Children's Faire on Saturday, May 16, 11am to 3pm.

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair of the Early Care & Education Planning Council, adjourned the meeting at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by Early Care & Education Planning Council Staff.

**Adjourned to: Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Regular Meeting,  
Friday, July 24, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at the Redwood Room, 1100 San Leandro Blvd.**