



**ALAMEDA COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, January 12, 2020

Steering Committee Members Present: [19] Melanie Mueller, Chair			
Boskovich Alexandra	Cabán Jennifer	Brown Briana	Chavez Yesenia
Del Aguila Ana	Harrell Erica	Honegger Katie	Page Tomblin
Jerene Margaret	Johnson Kym	Johnston Darlene	Lacsado-Naputi Tiffany
Morris Susan	Porell Victoria	Stillwell-Parvensky Michele	Strohl Nancy
Harvey Nancy	Wesley LaWanda	Katrina Adams	
Steering Committee Members Absent: [6]			
Bandelow Neva	Blakemore Jessica	Dulka Kelly	
Gray Nanette	Nicholson Julie	Ward Makinya	
General Members & Visitors Present: [3]			
Melissa Rydman, Representative for Office of the Clerk, Alameda County Board of Supervisors			
Michele Rutherford, First 5, Alameda County			
Vincent Cheng, First 5, Alameda County, Planning Council Membership Candidate			
Early Care & Education Program Staff Present: [6]			
Anna Miera	Angela Cabrera	Denise Turner	
Ellen Dektar	Lorita Riga	Sujatha Ganesasankar	

I. Call to Order

- Melanie Mueller, Chair, convened the meeting at 9:15 AM at 4Cs of Alameda County, 22351 City Center Drive, Hayward, CA 94541.
- The group shared introductions and the Chair postponed the welcome to new members beginning Year 2020 term of appointment in their absence.
- The Chair also welcomed Melissa Rydman, Representative for Office of the Clerk, Alameda County Board of Supervisors and thanked her for graciously accepting the committee’s invitation to attend the meeting to provide the Oath of Office on behalf of the Clerk of the Board to newly appointed members.

II. Consent Calendar - Actions

- Approved the January 17, 2019 Agenda and the November 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - o The Council Chair Melanie Mueller, called for a motion to approve the agenda, and minutes **Alexandra Boskovich** motioned and **Jennifer Cabán** seconded.
 - o The motion passed with one abstention: **Page Tomblin**

III. Planning Council Business

- Action Item #1: Approve LPC Key Points for Letter to Governor Newsom on 2020 Budget Proposal Ellen D., provided background on the handouts that pertained to the action item. Jennifer C., Public Policy Committee Co-chair, provided an updated budget analysis on the foster care bridge program, and led a discussion of the key points of the letter to the Governor.
The Council Chair **Melanie Mueller**, called for a motion to approve, **Page Tomblin** motioned and **Susan Morris** seconded.
 - o The motion was passed with one abstention: **Nancy Strohl**
- Action Item #2: Approve LPC Letters to Appointees to New State Early Childhood Policy Council. Members provided input on the draft letter and expressed an overall shift in approach from if’s to when i.e., rather than could you please... to, “*when will you be available to visit your County’s ECE Local Planning Council?*”
 - o The Council Chair **Melanie Mueller**, called for a motion to approve, **Ana Del Aguila** motioned and **Alexandra Boskovich** seconded.
 - o The motion to approve was passed with no abstentions.

IV. Committee Reports:

- The Council Chair referred members to written committee reports found in handouts packet.

V. Community and Staff Reports: (verbal and/or written, time permitting)

- Parent Voices report out was provided by Clarissa Doutherd, Executive Director of Parent Voices Oakland
- Denise Turner, LPC Coordinator, provided the Coordinator’s Report; which summarized recent mandated reporting to the State; Certification of Membership.

VI. Presentations & Discussion

- Alameda County Children’s Health & Child Care Initiative – An informational update was provided by Michele Rutherford, First 5, The committee received information on program design and to criteria for the proposed Community Advisory Committee (CAC) which will need to be appointed by the body and also by the Board of Supervisors pending the outcome of the tax ballot measure.
- Performance Measure #1 – Retained and Increased ECE Access large group activity was facilitated by the Executive Committee; members contributed actionable activities that the planning council to pursue using flip chart paper separated into topic areas. Next steps: include the Executive committee assigning action items to various committee co-chairs to be further addressed.

VII. Correspondence

Lawanda W., shared a hardcopy of her recently published book: Culturally Responsive Self-care Practices for Early Childhood Educators, Co-authored by Planning Council Members Julie Nicholson, fellow Planning Council member, along with Priya Shimpi-Driscoll, Julie Kurtz and Doménica Márquez.

VIII. **Adjournment:** Melanie Mueller, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on: Friday, March 20, 2020 9 am to 12 pm at Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE), 313 W. Winton Ave., Hayward, CA 94544