



# Alameda County Early Care & Education Planning Council

## Public Policy Committee

### Minutes

#### March 02, 2022

*“The Mission of the Public Policy Committee is to support the mission of the Planning Council by monitoring and developing early care and education legislation, policies and regulations that impact children, families and childcare providers and recommending appropriate action to the Early Care and Education Planning Council.”*

#### **Attendees:**

Ana Del Aguila (Las Positas College), **Ana Rasquiza** (First 5), Angela Cabrera (Alameda COE), Diana Garcia (First 5), **Jennifer Cabán** (ACSSA), Lorita Riga (ACECE Program), Makinya Ward (Kids Konnect Preschools), Michele Rutherford (First 5), Page Tomblin (Consultant), Pamm Shaw (YMCA East Bay), Sally Chou (4Cs of AC), Shruti Agarwal (Shruti's Family Daycare), Susan Jeong (Alameda COE), Trisha Barua (Oakland Starting Smart and Strong)

#### **Welcome/Introductions/Announcements**

- Co-Chair, Jennifer Cabán called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and facilitated welcome and introductions.
- Jennifer announced new co-chair Ana Rasquiza.

#### **Consent Calendar**

- Review and approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - Ana motioned to approve the [agenda](#) and [minutes](#). Jenn moved. Trisha seconded. Roll call vote to approve. All of those in attendance approved the agenda and minutes.

#### **Presentations and Discussions:**

##### **Public Policy Platform Approval Update**

- [2022 Public Policy Platform](#)
  - Document draft shared with group. This draft was presented to the Executive Committee at March 1 meeting. All positive comments received and recommendation made to send to Steering Committee for formal approval at their next meeting on 3/18/22. A huge thanks to Page for pulling together the visual and content.

##### **F5 Facilities Needs Assessment Update**

- ECE Licensed Facilities Needs Assessment
  - Nearly 300 responses have been received thus far. This number does not include some of the bigger providers (i.e. YMCA). A reminder will be sent this week to those FCC's who have not yet responded. The plan is to close the survey mid next week. The next Facilities Ad Hoc meeting will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The [San Mateo County Early Learning Provider Facilities Survey Findings](#) has been used (with permission) as a tool to create the survey which will be used to create our report.

- The [Minor Renovations and Repairs grant](#) is being tracked by the Ad Hoc committee. This grant is currently being sent out to child care providers. Applications are currently open and will close on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Legislative and Budget Updates

- [Letter to Alameda County Delegation and Gov. Newsom](#)
  - Approval has been received from the Executive Committee. Trisha is in the process of sending the letter out to the three Oakland electives and Page will send it to the remainder of the Alameda County delegation for approval.
- State Legislative Update
  - [Legislative Tracking and Positions 2022](#) shared with the group. This tracker is current as of March 2, 2022. The following bills were highlighted:
    - [AB 2131](#) – Is this an implementation of the birth to five legislation passed a couple of years? Several members to take a closer look.
    - [AB 2517 – It Takes a Village Act](#)
    - [AB 2806](#) – Childcare and developmental services: preschool: expulsion and suspension: mental health services: reimbursement rates
    - [AB 2827](#) – Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program
    - [AB 2832](#) - Whole Child Community Equity
    - [SB 976 – Universal Preschool](#)
    - [SB 1047](#) - California state preschool program: eligibility
    - [AB 1912](#) - Education finance: Oakland Unified School District: contingent funding
    - [SB 854](#) - Hope, Opportunity, Perseverance, and Empowerment (HOPE) for Children Act of 2022
  - Alameda Child Care Pilot – This Pilot sunsets next June. Keeping an eye on this bill and facilitating conversations
  - [Build Back Better Act](#) - Provides free child care for children under the age of six and free universal preschool services. This bill is still stalled in the Senate and does not have the votes that it needs to move forward.

### Agenda items for April

- [Redistricting – Overview of redistricting in Oakland](#)
- Bill Tracker

**Adjournment** – Co-Chair, Jennifer Cabán adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

**Next Meeting** – April 6, 2022