



Public Policy Committee Minutes December 1, 2021

"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:

Aida White (CAPE), Ana Del Aguila (Las Positas College), Ana Rasquiza (First 5), Angela Cabrera (ACOE), Angela Lopez (Los Positas College CDC), Carmen Baires (St Vincent's Day Home), Carson Cook (), Deborah McFadden (), Diana Garcia (First 5), Gwen Babaoye (24 Hour), **Jennifer Cabán** (ACSSA), Katie Honegger (4Cs of Alameda County), **Kelly O'Lague** (Hively), Kevin Lacy (24 Hour OPTCC), Kym Johnson (Bananas), LaTae' Willis (), LaToya (), LaWanda Wesley (OUSD), Lorita Riga (ACECE Program), Makinya Ward (Kids Konnect Preschools), Marina Moreida (), Michele Rutherford (First 5), Mimi M (), Nancy Strohl (Consultant), Page Tomblin (Alameda COE), Raquel Balingit (), Shruti Agarwal (Shruti's Family Daycare), Trisha Barua (Oakland Starting Smart and Strong), Tucker Brofft (St. Mary's Center), Veronica Ufoegbune (Ephesian Children's Center), Virginia Hunt (), Yesenia Chavez (BAHIA)

Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

- Chair, Jennifer Cabán called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. facilitated welcome and introductions.
- Announcement - Website re-open: Tool Kit for Child Care Programs in Alameda County During COVID-19
<https://sites.google.com/view/reopening-child-care-alameda/home>

Consent Calendar

- Review and approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - Jenn motioned to approve the agenda. Nancy Strohl moved. Kym Johnson seconded. Roll call vote to approve. All approved the agenda.

Federal, State, Local Policy and Legislative Updates

- Federal Update
 - Page shared that the Build Back Better Act passed the house before Thanksgiving break. It is now slated to go through the Senate. She also shared an article from the [Washington Post](#). Jenn shared that the Federal Registry is soliciting comments in regards to requiring Head Start agencies staff to be vaccinated by January 31, 2022.

Bylaws Task Force Update

- Kym gave an overview of what the task force is charged with. More specifically she shared that the bylaws are out of date and need updating. This is a time limited Task Force and she is still looking for volunteers to join.

Planning Public Policy Platform Development

This committee is tasked with the creation of the [Public Policy Platform](#). This is the vehicle that allows us to do any advocacy related to budgets and bills locally, statewide and federally. It is our guiding principle. Suggestion made to have an additional in-depth one pager that has key issues described. Jen has taken all discussion and input and will work on the creation of a more robust document. More discussion to be had around this development.

AB-22 Advocacy Introduction

- There are a number of entities that are discussing advocacy. AB22 has become a placeholder for a range of early childhood issues. There is nothing concrete to report at this time.

Agenda items for December

- AB-22/TK Implementation
- Governor's budget analysis
- Build Back Better bill
- Measure C update
- Public Policy Platform

Adjournment – Chair, Jennifer Cabán adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m

Next Meeting – January 19, 2022