Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

Executive Leadership Subcommittee

Public Meeting

Tuesday, January 06, 2026

11:00 am-12:30 pm

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AGENDA

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call 7 min.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair, and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair

2. Public Comment #1 5 min.
Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on the agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Co-Chairs may impose a time limit of two minutes. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction, control, or advisory power.

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **3 min.**
The Subcommittee will vote to approve a flexible agenda. Allowing the Subcommittee may take agenda items out of order; combine two or more agenda items for consideration; remove an item from the agenda, or delay discussion relating to an item. ECAC Executive Leadership Subcommittee Meeting Agenda at any time.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair, and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair

4. Approval of Minutes from October 29, October 30, and December 02, 2025 *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **3 min.**
The Subcommittee will vote to approve 3 sets of Minutes
Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair, and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair

5. Executive Leadership 2026 Meeting Schedule *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **5 min**
The Subcommittee will make their final decision on the 2026 meeting schedule.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair, and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair

6. Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 (PDG B-5) Updates *(Discussion, Informational)* **10 min**
The Subcommittee will hear an update on the PDG B-5 status.
Rachel Stepina, Preschool and Development Grant Birth -5 Manager, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

7. Review of Strategic Plan with Ad Hoc Update *(Informational, Discussion)* **5 min**
The Subcommittee will hear the Ad Hoc's current status and progress on the Strategic Plan while taking the time to provide feedback and suggestions for edits to the content of the Strategic Plan. (Item 7 & 8 combo)
Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair
Abbey Bernhardt, Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chair

8. Subcommittee Updates *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **10 min**
Each Subcommittee can present or discuss action items, updates, progress, and their needs
- **Executive Leadership:** Tiffany Alston & Patrice Gardner
- **Systems Alignment:** Tiffany Olivas and Abbey Bernhardt
- **Data and Evaluation:** Amanda Haboush Deloye and Marty Elquist
- **Policy and Finance:** Denise Tanata, Vacancy
- **Communication and Engagement:** Dr. Jamelle Nance & Brianna Cambra

9. First Five Nevada Family Leadership Council *(Informational, Discussion)* **10 min.**
The Subcommittee will hear updates regarding the work of the Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council.
Anna Villatoro and Tiffany Olivas, The Children's Cabinet

10. First Five Nevada Program Inclusion Requests *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **5 min.**
The Subcommittee will discuss and review Program Inclusion Requests, as needed.
Denise Tanata, Policy and Finance Co-Chair

11. Agenda Items for February 2026 Meeting *(Discussion and Possible Action)* **5 min.**
Subcommittee members to discuss items to add to the February Executive Leadership Agenda.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair, and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair

12. Upcoming Meetings (*Informational)*
- Data and Evaluation: 1.15.26 @1:00 pm
- Policy and Finance: 1.20.26, 3:30 pm
- General ECAC Meeting 1.21.26 9:00 am
- Communication and Engagement: 1.27.26, 11:30 am
- Systems Alignment: 1.28.26, 1:00 pm
- Executive Leadership: TBA

13. Member Updates *(Discussion, Informational),* **5 min**
Members of this Subcommittee can make announcements or share any information that may be beneficial to the ECAC and its members.

14. Public Comment #2
Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item on any matter within the Subcommittee's control or advisory power. No action may be taken on the matter raised under this item until the matter is included on the agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Chair will impose a time limit of three minutes.

15. Adjournment