Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council
Executive Leadership Subcommittee Public Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Virtual Meeting Location: Zoom.com

ATTENDANCE

8 of 10 members present
1. Tiffany Alston, ECAC Chair
2. Brianna Cambra, Communication and Engagement Co-Chair
3. Patrice Gardner, ECAC Vice Chair
4. Dr. Jerek Hough, Workforce Development Co-Chair
5. Marty Elquist, Data Co-Chair
6. Jamie Mendez, Workforce Development Co-Chair
7. Dr. Jamelle Nance, Communication and Engagement Co-Chair
8. Tiffany Olivas, Family Leadership and Engagement Co-Chair

2 of 10 Members Absent
1. Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Data Co-Chair
2. Denise Tanata, Policy and Finance Co-Chair

Public in Attendance:
1. Sydnie Bewick, Community Member from Sunrise Children's Foundation
2. Sabrina Jones, ECAC System Specialist, Office of Early Learning And Development, Nevada Department of Education
3. Rachel Stepina, Preschool Development Grant Birth - Five Manager, Office of Early Learning And Development, Nevada Department of Education
4. Brooke Yarborough, ECAC Member

MINUTES

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call
- Patrice Gardner called the meeting to order at 11:02 am
- Sabrina Jones conducted roll call, noted above

2. Public Comment 1
Public Comment not given during this agenda item.
- Marty Elquist apologized for being late

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda (*Discussion for Possible Action)*
Members approved of a flexible agenda.
- Tiffany Alston motioned to approve a flexible agenda
- Tiffany Olivas seconded the motion
- Members voted, motion passes, flexible agenda approved

4. Approval of Minutes (Discussion for Possible Action)
Members approved the May 05, 2026, Minutes
- Tiffany Olivas shared 2 minor errors
  - Tiffany Alston's name has extra "f" to remove
  - Data Subcommittee has different font under Subcommittee Updates
- Tiffany Alston motioned to approve the May Minutes with corrections
- Brianna Cambra seconded the motion
- Members vote unanimously, motion passes

5. Subcommittee Updates *(Discussion, Informational)*

Executive Leadership:
- Patrice Gardner announced that:
  - Dr. Jerek Hough was appointed as an ECAC Member and is now the Workforce Development Co-Chair
  - Family Leadership and Engagement Subcommittee in search of a parent leader for the Co-Chair role
  - The Child Care and Development Program (CCDP), with Brooke Yarborough's support, partnered with ECAC to budget for one Administrative position for the next year.
    - The two roles will combine to one
    - The employees, Brandi Hearst and Sabrina Jones will need to reapply and interview amongst public applicants if interested in staying
- Sabrina Jones announced the following:
  - Secretary Training scheduled on 6.29.26
  -]Annotated agendas will no longer be provided starting in August; however,
  - Template available in Subcommittee folders

Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee:
- Patrice Gardner reported that the Committee met twice
  - Still working on Seat Discrepancy

Family Leadership and Engagement:
- Tiffany Olivas noted schedule updated to first Thursday/monthly from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
  - July 2nd may be cancelled as itis a holiday week
  - Highlighted systemic hurdles, including
    - Lack of participant compensation funds and

- Restricted translation tool access for Spanish-speaking parent leaders.
- Utah's ECAC leaders discussed with her that parent-led ownership can be 7-8 year project

Workforce Development:

- Jamie Mendez welcomed Dr. Jerek Hough as Co-Chair
  - Shared that June 19th meeting rescheduled to June 30th

Data Subcommittee :

- Marty Elquist shared that:
  - They are still in search of a secretary
  - Incorporating last year's activities to the new Workplan
    - Alignment between the two are very close
  - Continue to receive updates from Nevada Department of Education and their work with EC Data Labs.
    - Moving towards an ECIDS in our state

Communications and Engagement:

- Dr. Jamelle Nance shared:
  - The "Share your Story" (referred to as "Family Share") draft is out to various groups for feedback
  - Thanked Laura Brown for Volunteering for Secretary
  - Meeting on 7.28.26

Policy and Finance

- Tiffany Alston shared that meetings were not long enough
  - Members chose:
    - to meet monthly
    - extend meetings to 90 minutes instead of 60.

6. Preschool Development Grant, Birth-5 (PDG B-5) Sustainability Plan *(Discussion, Informational)*

Members discussed the PDG sustainability plan and feasibility matrix

Rachel Stepina, PDG B-5 Grant Manager

- Rachel Stepina reviewed the five key tasks of the Birth through 5 Sustainability approach, then discussed:
  - Feasibility matrix for partner-led projects such as
    - ECAC Strategic Plan
    - Local ECAC Supports
    - Members went over the matrix, the levers and discussed the Strategic Plan levers and needs, completing the table
  - PDG team will duplicate the Local ECAC matrix and hold 30- to 45-minute meetings with individual local ECAC chairs to gather local data
  - Historic contexts regarding previous Preschool Development Grant (PDG) funding will be added to the documentation

7. Review Progress of ECAC Website Revision *(Discussion, Informational)*

Members reviewed upcoming website changes

Brianna Cambra and Dr. Jamelle Nance, Communication & Engagement Co-Chairs

- Brianna Cambra shared a visual preview of the new website layout featuring:
  - dedicated sections for parents,
  - policymakers, and
  - professionals.
  - noted that public "Hot Topics" are separated from internal governance items
- Rachel Stepina stated that a live poll at the April symposium indicated that cross-sector data centralizations are the community's top priority

• Brianna Cambra shared Purdue Marion and Associates(PMA) will conduct a high-level navigation presentation at the Executive Leadership meeting on July 7th
• Patrice Garnder requested Brainna Cambra make sure That the website is ADA compliant per STATE regulations
• Brianna Cambra to follow up to ensure the site is fully ADA compliant

8. Governors' Workforce Development Board (GWDB) Childcare Subcommittee *(Discussion, Informational)*
The Members were updated on progress of the GWDB Subcommittee
Brianna Cambra, Communications and Engagement Co-Chair
• Brianna Cambra reported on the subcommittee's May meeting
  ○ Focused on economic and capacity-building demands
    ▪ highlighted in the "DREAM bill"
  ○ Denise Tanata and Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod spearheaded state-level presentations
  ○ Future intentions to consolidate complex data into:
    ▪ a simplified "one-pager"
      ○ Holds key impact statements
    ▪ The next meeting is scheduled for August 26th,
      ○ Tentatively hosted at The Children's Cabinet in Henderson (Green Valley area), NV

9. Executive Leadership Workplan Review (*Discussion, For Possible Action)*
• Tabled due to time

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting on July 7, 2026 *(Discussion, For Possible Action)*
The Subcommittee Members discussed the July agenda.
• Brianna Cambra let Members know that Brandi Hearst had been working with her to set up the 2 agenda items as follows:
• Website progress update
• Review Communication and Engagement's "Story Share" for feedback
• No other requests

11. Member Updates
• No updates shared

12. Public Comment #2 – *3 min*.
• Public comment was not made during this agenda item

13. Schedule for Upcoming Meetings
Data and Evaluation: 6.18.26, 1:00 pm
Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee 6.23.26 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Policy and Finance: 6.25.26, 3:30 pm
Workforce Development: 6.30.26, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Family Leadership and Engagement: 7.02.26, 4:00 pm
Executive Leadership: 7.07.26, 11:00 am
General ECAC: 7.15.26, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Communication & Engagement: 7.28.26, 11:30 am

14. Adjournment
• Patrice Gardner adjourned meeting at 12:25 pm