Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

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Family Leadership and Engagement Subcommittee Public Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2026

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location	Zoom Link	Meeting ID	Passcode
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Public Notice

The Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) may take agenda items out of order, combine items for consideration, or remove or defer items as needed. Public hearings, if any, will not begin earlier than the time posted on the agenda.

Public comments will be provided at the beginning and conclusion of the meeting. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. The Subcommittee Co-Chairs may limit public comment as necessary and reserve the right to call on individuals or allow testimony at any time during the meeting. Telephonic public comment can be called in at 253.205.0468.

This notice will be posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020, and applicable Nevada Department of Education requirements. Meeting information and materials will be available on the Nevada ECAC Family Leadership & Engagement Subcommittee webpage. This notice will also be posted on the Nevada Department of Education website, the Nevada Public Notice website, and the Nevada ECAC website, and emailed to people who have requested notice.

Reasonable accommodation will be provided for members of the public who require assistance to participate in this virtual meeting. Please contact nevadaecac@gmail.com at least five business days in advance, when possible, to request an accommodation.

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Co-Chairs will call the meeting to order, and member attendance will be taken to establish quorum.

Time: 5 minutes

2. Public Comment #1

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Time: 5 minutes

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda (For Possible Action)

Members will consider approval of a flexible agenda to allow agenda items to be taken out of order, combined, or adjusted as permitted by the posted public notice.

Time: 2 minutes

4. Approval of September 3, 2026, Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)

Members will review and consider approval of the September 3, 2026, Family Leadership and Engagement Subcommittee meeting minutes. Time: 3 minutes

6. Family Leadership & Engagement Work Plan – Continued Review and Action Planning (Review and Discussion)

Members will continue reviewing the Family Leadership & Engagement Work Plan and identify priority activities, responsibilities, timelines, and next steps for implementing assigned ECAC Strategic Plan objectives, including activities that elevate family voice, engagement, and leadership.

Materials: Family Leadership & Engagement Work Plan

Lead: Tiffany Olivas and Zepporah Cousin Lee, Family Leadership and Engagement Subcommittee Co-Chairs
Time: 15 minutes

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7. Family Review and Feedback Request Process (Review and Discussion)

Members will continue developing a formal process for ECAC subcommittees and partners to request family review and feedback on materials, initiatives, and other work. Discussion may include the submission process, expectations, review timelines, and information to be made available on the Subcommittee webpage.

Lead: Tiffany Olivas and Zepporah Cousin Lee, Family Leadership and Engagement Subcommittee Co-Chairs
Time: 10 minutes

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8. Preparing Families for the 2027 Legislative Session and Children's Week: Legislative Process 101 (Information and Discussion)

Members will begin a monthly series to support meaningful family participation in policy and legislative advocacy. This discussion will focus on the Nevada legislative process, how families can participate, and introductory tools for sharing family experiences and perspectives.

Lead: Shannon Bilbray- Axelrod, Director of Policy and External Affairs – The Children's Cabinet
Time: 15 minutes

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9. Policy & Finance Collaboration – (Information and Discussion)

Policy and Finance Co-chair will provide an update on the Policy & Finance Subcommittee and discuss opportunities to authentically engage families in ECAC policy priorities and legislative advocacy.

Lead: Denise Tanata, Policy and Finance Co-chair
Time: 5 minutes

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10. ECAC 2026 Policy Priorities and Recommendations (Review, Discussion, and Public Comment)

Members will review and discuss proposed ECAC policy priorities and recommendations for inclusion in the 2026 **Annual Report** to the Governor and Nevada Legislature. Members will provide feedback and suggest revisions as needed.

Lead: Denise Tanata / Policy and Finance Subcommittee

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11. ECAC Subcommittee Co-Chair Rotation (For Possible Action)

Members will discuss and consider establishing a rotating process for ECAC Subcommittee Co-Chairs to attend Family Leadership & Engagement meetings and provide updates on their work, including opportunities where family voice, leadership, feedback, or participation may be beneficial.

Lead: Family Leadership and Engagement Subcommittee Co-Chairs
Time: 5 minutes

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12. Member Share-Out and Items for Next Meeting (Information and Discussion)

Members may share brief announcements, resources, opportunities, or updates relevant to families and identify follow-up topics or future agenda items.

Lead: Subcommittee Members
Time: 3 minutes

13. Upcoming ECAC Meeting Schedule (Review)

Members will review upcoming ECAC meeting dates and scheduling needs, as applicable.

Lead: Tiffany Olivas and Zepporah Cousin Lee, Family Leadership and Engagement Subcommittee Co-Chairs
Time: 3 minutes

- Executive Leadership: October 6, 2026, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Data: October 15, 2026, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Policy & Finance: October 22, 2026, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Executive Leadership: November 3, 2026, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Family Leadership & Engagement: November 5, 2026, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- General ECAC: November 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

14. Public Comment #2

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Time: 5 minutes

15. Adjournment

The Co-Chairs will adjourn the meeting after completion of the posted agenda.