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General ECAC Public Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
9am - 12p.m. Virtual and In- Person Meeting

Meeting Access

Location	Zoom Meeting Link	Meeting ID	Passcode
Virtual Zoom online platform	General ECAC Meeting Link	815 9023 7818	308879

Public Notice

The Public is hereby notified that the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council may consider agenda items out of the posted order, except that public hearings will not begin earlier than the posted time. Items may be removed, deferred, or combined for consideration. Public comments will be provided at the beginning and conclusion of the meeting. The Subcommittee Co-Chairs may limit public comment to three minutes per speaker to allow all members of the public an opportunity to be heard. Members of the public may provide comments in person or may call in on 253.205.0468.

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In-Person Meeting & Posting Locations

Southern Nevada Sunrise Children's Foundation, 2795 Desert Inn Rd #100, Las Vegas, NV 89121

Northern Nevada Child Care Services Center Matley Lane, #110 Reno, NV 89502

Meeting information and materials are available at no charge on the General ECAC Webpage. Notice will also be emailed to people who have requested notice. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate members of the public who require special accommodation or assistance. Please email Nevada ECAC at least five business days in advance so arrangements can be made.

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Roll Call, 5 min.

The Chair will call the meeting to order. Member attendance will be taken to establish quorum.

2. Public Comment #1, 3 min.

Public comments will be taken during this agenda regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Chair may impose a three-minute time limit for public comments.

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda (For Possible Action) 2 min.

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

Lead: Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair, and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC, Vice Chair

4. Approval of September 16, 2026, General ECAC Minutes (Discussion for Possible Action) 3 min.

The Council will review and consider approval of the September 16, General ECAC meeting minutes.

Materials: September 16 General ECAC meeting minutes

Lead: Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair, Patrice Gardner, ECAC Vice Chair

5. Nevada's Child Care Alternative Cost Methodology (Discussion and Possible Action) 20 min.

P5 Fiscal Strategies will provide an overview of Nevada's Child Care Alternative Cost Methodology and get feedback from the Council. Alternative Methodology is a tool to estimate the true cost of providing child care by county and type of care in Nevada. States can use Alternative Methodology instead of Child Care Market Rates to set reimbursement rates for the Child Care and Development Program.

Materials: Nevada Cost Child Care Cost Modeling

Lead: Jeanna Capito, Co-founder and Principal, Prenatal to Five Fiscal Strategies

6. Annual Report Priorities and Recommendation Discussion and for Possible Action)20min

The members will review, discuss and vote on ECAC Annual report priorities and recommendations to be added to the Mandated 2026 ECAC Annual Report. The report will be submitted to Nevada Governor and Legislative on December 1, 2026.

Lead: Denise Tatanata, Policy and Finance Subcommittee Co-Chair

7. Early Childhood Inclusion Position Statement (Informational) 10 Minutes

The council will hear information regarding a Joint Position Statement of the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

Materials: Early Childhood Inclusion Position Statement PDF.

Lead: Dr. Jenna Welgarz- Ward, Associate Professor University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Early Childhood, Multilingual, and Special Education

8. Share Your Story Form Approval (Review, Discussion and for possible action)10 minutes

Review of the Communication and Engagement subcommittee revised Share My Story form. The purpose of the form is to embed on the website to collect voices of impacted providers, families, and community members, and to serve as a data collection point for members of the public who choose to use public comment for advocacy.

Lead: Brianna Cambra, Co-Chair, Communication and Engagement Subcommittee

9. PDG B-5 SMART Grant - Nevada Overview (Information /Discussion) 20 minutes

Members will review the finalized Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Strategic Measurement, Analytics, and Results using Technology (SMART) grant application to develop context and understanding of what Nevada is proposing. Please note: the current Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is due November 20, 2026, and all feedback cycles to inform grant development have been concluded.

Materials: PDG B-5 SMART (Strategic Measurement, Analytics, and Results Using Technology) pdf.

Addition information: PDG B-5 SMART Grant Pre-Application Webinar 2026 pdf.

Lead: Rachel Stepina, PDG B-5 Grant Manager, Matthew Hoffman, Education Programs Professional Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

10. Subcommittee Updates (Information, Discussion, Review, and Public Comment)10 min

Subcommittee Chairs and Co-Chairs will provide brief updates on Subcommittee progress, key discussions, action and items.

11. Partner Report Updates (Information, Discussion, Review, and Public Comment) 10 min

Members will review key updates submitted by ECAC partners and identify information, resources, or coordination opportunities relevant to the Council's work.

Lead: ECAC Chair and Partners

12. Member Updates and Announcements (Informational) 3 min

Members may share brief announcements, resources, upcoming events, or opportunities relevant to Nevada's early childhood system.

Lead: ECAC Members

13. Discuss Items for the Next Meeting and Future Agenda Requests (Discussion) 3 min

Members will identify follow-up topics, presentations, unfinished business, and other items for a future General ECAC meeting.

Lead: Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair, Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair

14. Upcoming ECAC Meeting Schedule (Review and Discussion) 2 min

Members will review upcoming ECAC and subcommittee meeting dates and note scheduling needs or conflicts.

- Communication and Engagement: November 24, 2026, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Executive Leadership: December 1, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Family Leadership and Engagement: December 3, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Data: December 17, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Workforce Development: January 12, 2027, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Tentative)
- Policy and Finance: January 19, 2027, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- General ECAC: January 20, 2027, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Morning / Hybrid Meeting)
- ECAC New Member Orientation December 16, 2pm to 4pm

15. Public Comment #2, 3 min

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item on any matter within the Council's jurisdiction, control, or advisory power. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Chair may impose a reasonable time limit for public comment.

16. Adjournment

The Chair will adjourn the meeting.