



**Commission on Child Care
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2023-Approved
Meeting hosted virtually on Microsoft TEAMS**

Members Present: Tracey Clay, Allison Fialkov, Elka Forbes, Brandon Howard, Yvonne Iscandari, Jennifer Penrose, Nagwa Rizk and Verna Washington

Members Absent: Jennifer Arnaiz, L'Ornya Bowie, Dr. Gearline Bryan, Laurie Moran, Tara Philips, Bill Polman and Lesley Romanoff

Guests: Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS/ECS)

Staff Present: Erin Stilwell (DHHS)

Meeting Called to Order: Brandon Howard, CCC Vice Chair, called the (virtual) full commission meeting to order at 6:36 pm

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Review and Vote on April 26, 2023 Full Commission Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion to accept the April 26, 2023 meeting minutes as written: Tracey Clay
2nd: Jennifer Penrose
All in Favor

Election for Chair and Vice Chair: The CCC opened the floor for a final call for nomination for the chair and vice chair positions to serve during the 2023-24 commission year. No nominations were provided. Current slate includes Tara Phillips, Brandon Howard, Elka Forbes and Jennifer Penrose. Commissioners decided to elect a chair, vice chair and two additional vice chairs to serve as committee chairs.

Action: Election by acclamation

June Annual Planning Retreat Update: CCC will host their Annual Planning Retreat "in person" on Wednesday, June 28th beginning with a light dinner at 6:00. Retreat will end at 8:00 pm. The meeting will also be hosted on TEAMS for those commissioners who are not able to attend in person.

Public Policy Committee Update (Brandon Howard and Jennifer Penrose): As a way to inform some of the new councilmembers on the role and priorities of the CCC, members of the Public Policy committee would like to meet with Councilmember Sayles, Luedtke, and Mink. Committee members will work on email language and share with full CCC before sending.

Programmatic Issues Committee Update (Tracey Clay): This committee has been having conversations on how to best support the child care workforce, specifically noting the tremendous emotional and financial stressors placed on the workforce; concerns that child care providers themselves are facing evictions, homelessness, losses and then coming to work to care for children; considering a way to share resources within the child care community about mental health, food security, rental assistance, etc.

State Scholarship and WPA Update: Yvonne Iscandari was not able to attend the beginning of meeting, but provided a written update that was shared with the CCC:

- WPA Program Updates
 - Number of children receiving WPA FY23: 655
 - Number of children receiving Supplements FY23: 1280
 - Number of nondocumented children receiving vouchers: 4
- OESS Outreach Specialist has shared information on WPA 18 different elementary and middle schools in MCPS

Committee Break Out Sessions and Adjournment for Committees

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

The next Commission on Child Care Meeting will be the annual planning retreat hosted IN PERSON on June 28, 2023