

Board of Early Education and Care

August 13, 2025

9:00AM – 10:00AM

Virtual Meeting

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Members of the Board of Early Education and Care Present

Dr. Patrick Tutwiler, Secretary of Education

Amy Kershaw, Commissioner

Paul Belsito, Chair

Maria Gonzalez Moeller, Vice-Chair

Dr. Kimberly D. Lucas

Cheryl Travers

George Atanasov

Linda D. Sagor, M.D., M.P.H.

Nikki Ruiz de Luzuriaga

Members of the Board of Early Education and Care Not Present

Carolyn Kain, J.D., Designee for HHS Secretary Kate Walsh

Jennifer James Price

Jamella Lee

MINUTES

Welcome and Comments from the Chair

Chair Belsito provided welcoming comments and provided an overview of the agenda.

Comments from the Secretary

Secretary Tutwiler provided brief welcoming comments.

Comments from the Commissioner

Commissioner Kershaw provided brief welcoming comments. Commissioner Kershaw discussed the agenda for the upcoming September Board meeting.

Statements from the Public

Chair Belsito acknowledged that no public comment was received by the Board.

Routine Business:

- Approval of minutes from June 11, 2025 Meeting – VOTE

- Approved unanimously. Board Member Nikki Ruiz de Luzuriaga abstained.

Items for Discussion and Action:

- Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) Program Updates

Commissioner Kershaw provided a reminder about recent statutory requirements related to the Board's formal involvement in the establishment and approval of changes to the Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) formula. Commissioner Kershaw discussed the positive effects of the current formula on the early education field and stability of the C3 program. Commissioner Kershaw discussed next steps.

Jocelyn Bowne-EEC Deputy Commissioner for Workforce, Program Support & Innovation shared the planning and approach for the C3 program for FY26 related to compliance and data analysis. Deputy Commissioner Bowne shared the proposed actions to update the C3 program for FY26. Deputy Commissioner Bowne shared the new public comment requirements and the related timeline. Deputy Commissioner Bowne detailed the current C3 formula calculations. Commissioner Kershaw noted language included in the statute related to waivers. Board Members Lucas and Sagor, Deputy Commissioner Bowne and Commissioner Kershaw discussed data related to programs not participating in Child Care Financial Assistance (CCFA), and the new attestation that programs will complete related to participating in CCFA. Chair Belsito commented on opportunities for growth in the C3 program.

- FY26 Formula – VOTE

Chair Belsito moved for a vote on the FY26 C3 Formula and authorized EEC to publish the proposed draft C3 formula for a public comment period.

Approved unanimously.

Chair Belsito provided closing comments.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30AM