**Board of Early Education and Care**

**August 31, 2021**

**Virtual**

**AGENDA:**

**Items for Discussion:**

* **Welcome and Comments from the Chair**
* **Comments from the Secretary**
* **Comments from the Commissioner**
* **Items for Discussion and Action**
	+ Adoption of Emergency Regulations – Discussion and Vote
		- The emergency regulations authorize the Commissioner to (1) modify educator qualifications and professional development requirements, and take other administrative measures to improve the ability of programs to hire qualified educators while maintaining the health and safety of children; and (2) issue policies and requirements pertaining to the prevention of serious illnesses, contagious diseases, and reportable diseases, including a [requirement for personal protective equipment](https://edit.mass.gov/media/2334006/download) to be used in programs. The emergency regulations also change the date by which educators need to renew their CPR certifications.