**Early Education and Care Workforce Council**

Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018

SECTION 79.   There shall be an early education and care workforce council to make recommendations on improving and enhancing professional development and higher education opportunities necessary for the growth and stability of a high quality early education and care workforce.

The council shall consist of at least 3 persons to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 person to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 3 persons to be appointed by the president of the senate; 1 person to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the commissioner of higher education or a designee; the secretary of labor and workforce development or a designee; and 1 person from each of the following organizations: the Massachusetts Association of Early Education and Care, the Massachusetts community colleges executive office, the president of a community college or a designee, the Massachusetts Head Start Association, Inc., the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc., the Massachusetts Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators, the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Inc., Strategies for Children, Inc., the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs, Inc., the United Way of Massachusetts Bay, Inc., the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, the Alliance for Business Leadership, Inc., a representative of SEIU Local 509 and a representative of a family child care provider chosen by the commissioner of early education and care.

Additional council members may be added to the council upon the recommendation of the commissioner of early education and care and the approval of the board of early education and care. All additional appointees shall have a special expertise or interest in early childhood education and workforce training and professional development and shall include a mix of representatives of the early childhood community, the civic, labor and business communities, academics, teachers, social service providers and health care providers.

Members shall not, by virtue of their membership, be considered state employees under [chapter 268A](http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/gl-268a-toc.htm). The members of the council shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed, subject to appropriation, for expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred in the performance of their responsibilities. Members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. No member shall serve for more than 2 consecutive terms. The council shall hold its first meeting not later than 60 days after the effective date of this act and shall meet not less than 4 times annually.

The commissioner of early education and care shall consult with the council on the establishment of professional development and higher education opportunities for early educators that focuses on the unique needs and challenges of providing career advancement and support for the early education and care workforce.

The council may review and offer comments on any rules or regulations before promulgation by the board and may, from time to time, make recommendations to the board that it considers appropriate for changes and improvements in early education and care professional development, training and career support.

| **Budgetary Representatives** | **Organization** | **EEC Workforce Council Member** |
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| Members Appointed by Speaker of the House | Massachusetts House of Representatives | Alice Hanlon Peisch, Representative, Chair of Joint Committee on Education |
| Christine Barber, Representative, Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development |
| Michele Lisio, Senior Advisor, Speaker DeLeo's Office |
| Member Appointed by House Minority Leader | Massachusetts House of Representatives | **TBD** |
| Members Appointed by Senate President | Massachusetts Senate | Michael Moore, Senator |
| Jill Dixon, President, Taly Foundation |
| Lesley Kinney, Suburban Athletic & Child |
| Member Appointed by Senate Minority Leader | Massachusetts Senate | Mary Jayne Byrnes |
| Commissioner of Higher Education | Department of Higher Education | Winnie Hagan, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Student Success |
| Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development | Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development | Jennifer James, Undersecretary, Workforce Development |
| Massachusetts Association of Early Education and Care (MADCA) | Massachusetts Association of Early Education and Care (MADCA) | Stephen Huntley, President |
| Executive Office of Community Colleges | Massachusetts Community Colleges Executive Office | Gretchen Manning, Deputy Executive Director |
| President of Community College | Mass Bay Community College | David Podell, President |
| Massachusetts Head Start Association | Massachusetts Head Start Association | Michelle Haimowitz, Executive Director**Designee:** Anat Weisenfreund, Chair for Massachusetts Head Start Association Board |
| Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children | Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children | Lynn Calling, Executive Director |
| Massachusetts Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators | Massachusetts Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators | Sandra McElroy, President |
| Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education | Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education | Rebecca Fracassa, Director of Community Impact for Comcast |
| Strategies for Children/Early Education for All | Strategies for Children/Early Education for All | Amy O'Leary, EEA Campaign Director**Designee:** Titus DosRemedios, Director of Research and Policy |
| YMCA Alliance of Massachusetts | YMCA Alliance of Massachusetts | Peter Doliber, Executive Director |
| United Way of Massachusetts Bay | United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley | Karley Ausiello, Senior Vice President for Community Impact |
| Massachusetts Business Roundtable | Massachusetts Business Roundtable | J.D. Chesloff, Executive Director |
| Alliance for Business Leadership, Inc. | Alliance for Business Leadership, Inc. | Jesse Mermell, President**Designee:** Meagan Greene, Senior Director of Policy & Operations |
| SEIU FCC Representative | Local 509 SEIU FCC Representative | **TBD** |
| FCC Provider Selected by Commissioner |   | **TBD** |