**Board of Early Education and Care Motion 2021-01**

**Approval of the Department of Early Education and Care's**

**Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities Memo and**

**Authorization to Submit the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities Memo**

**to the Secretary of Education**

The Commissioner of Early Education and Care (“Commissioner”) is required to propose a budget request to the Board of Early Education and Care (“Board”). See G.L. c. 15D, § 4. The proposed budget request shall reflect the goals and objectives of the Board and the Secretary of Education (“Secretary”). Id. The Board must review the proposed budget request and make recommendations regarding the budget to the Secretary. Id. The Secretary shall then prepare and submit a budget request on behalf of the Department of Early Education and Care (“Department”) to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means, the Joint Committee on Education, and the Secretary of Administration and Finance. Id.

The Department recommends that the Board adopt the Commissioner's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities Memo that reflects the investment priorities for Fiscal Year 2022 in line with the Department’s ongoing strategic planning process, as its budget recommendation to the Secretary, in accordance with G.L. c. 15D, § 4. Furthermore, the Department requests that the Commissioner be authorized to submit the Board's budget recommendation to the Secretary on its behalf.

**MOVED: that the Board of Early Education and Care, in accordance with G.L. c. 15D, § 4, hereby adopts the Department of Early Education and Care’s proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities Memo as its budget recommendation which reflects the investment priorities for Fiscal Year 2022 in line with the Department’s ongoing strategic planning process. The Board further authorizes the Commissioner to submit the Board's final budget recommendations to the Secretary of Education.**