

**Board of Early Education and Care
January 15, 2025
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Department of Early Education and Care, Central Office
50 Milk Street, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02109**

AGENDA

Welcome and Comments from the Chair

Comments from the Secretary

Comments from the Commissioner

Statements from the Public*

Routine Business:

- Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2024 Meeting – VOTE

Items for Discussion and Action:

- Child Care Financial Assistance FY25 Reimbursement Rate Increase – VOTE
- FY25 Student Loan Repayment – VOTE
- Early Childhood Mental & Behavioral Health – Overview & Key Initiatives
- FY25 Mid-Year Review

NOTE: This meeting will be broadcast over EEC's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/EECMass>

The above agenda items are those that the Chair of the Board reasonable anticipated discussing at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items, not listed, may also be brought up for discussion, to the extent such is permitted by law.

*The Board of Early Education and Care also makes up to 30 minutes available for persons in the audience to address the Board on specific agenda items. In order to hear as many speakers as possible, the Board limits individuals to 3 minutes, although written material of any length can be submitted. The Board asks associations or groups to select only one speaker to represent the organization. Those wishing to speak should indicate their intent by filling out the sign-in sheet that will be available during the half-hour prior to the start of the meeting.

Please submit written public comment to: office.commissioners@mass.gov. Public comment received by 5 pm on Tuesday will be sent to the Board in advance of Wednesday's meeting. Public comment received after 5 pm on Tuesday will be sent to the Board shortly after the meeting.