



Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

June 18, 2020, 2:00 PM

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Members Present (18):

Dave Morley, Chair
Julie Hussey, Vice Chair
Sue Williams
Alexia Newman
Joshua Baker
Tim Holt
Marshall Taylor
Rep. Jerry Govan
Roger Pryor, Jr.

Mary Poole
Michael Leach
Mary Lynne Diggs
Dr. David Mathis
Sen. Gerald Malloy
Sen. Greg Hembree
Dr. Amy Williams
Dr. Shelley Canright
Jennifer McConnell

Members Absent (3):

Rep. Rita Allison
Angel Johnson-Brebner
Walter Fleming

Others Present(58):

Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette
Georgia Mjartan
Avian Jones
Samantha Ingram
Betty Gardiner
Joyce Stacey
Chelsea Richard
Laura Baker
Anna Workman
Paula Durham
Kim Archung
Adriana Vidal
Tina Camp
Reginald Williams
Candi Lalonde
Akela Collier
Daniel Ralyea
Kim Trudell
Crystal Campbell
Sally Cauthen
Mimi Frederiksen

Tierra Thomas
Megan Finnern
Janie Quinn
Suzanne McGougan
Shayla Pettigrew
Tonia Stuckey
Joeann Conyers
Veronica Reynolds
Lisa Huff
Carla Brown
Cassie Barber
Cindy Galloway
SheKiah Reese
Janice Kilburn
Barbara Scott
Nancy Ziobro
Kawiana Young
Jon Artz
Spencer Scott
Claudia Dunmore
Cindy Ellis

Carletta Israel
Matthew Ferguson
Kristine Jenkins
Pierce McNair
Christine DiStefano
Fred Greer
Delores Rock
Kristie Bader
Tiffany Outlaw
Bridgett Shealey
Martha Strickland
Darlene Thomas-Burroughs
Sharon Bruton
Maggie Tucker
Debbie Robertson
Mark Barnes



Mr. Morley called the ECAC meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Mr. Morley thanked Dr. Toomey for his service on the board and welcomed Mr. Marshall Taylor, the new acting director of DHEC. Mr. Morley discussed to recent newspaper articles where SC First Steps was featured.

Ms. Mjartan asked for a quorum call. Quorum was met.

Mr. Morley provided a motion to approve the April 23, 2020 minutes as written. Mr. Pryor provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Mathis thanked Ms. Barber for her assistance on the Interagency Collaboration Committee and provided a report on the committee.

Ms. Mjartan thanked Lt. Gov. Evette for her commitment to South Carolina's young children and their families and offered appreciation for her participation in the Early Childhood Advisory Council.

Mr. Morley introduced Dan Ralyea, the Director of Research and Data Analysis for the SC Department of Education. Mr. Ralyea presented on the State Longitudinal Data System Grant. Dr. Mathis asked Mr. Ralyea what is needed from the ECAC. Mr. Ralyea is asking that the ECAC provide a data governance document for agencies to share and maintain early childhood data in SC.

Mr. Morley introduced Dr. Matthew Ferguson, Director of the Education Oversight Committee; Dr. Christine DiStefano, Professor of Education Psychology and Research at USC; and Dr. Fred Greer, Research Associate Professor at USC. They presented on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Report.

Mr. Leach presented on the Preschool Development Grant.

Mr. Morley provided an opportunity for Lt. Gov. Evette to speak, where she thanked Ms. Mjartan and all of the presenters for their data and research. She asked everyone to encourage the citizens of SC to complete the census.

Mr. Morley provided a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hussey provided a second and the motion unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Morley at 3:31 p.m.