

Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council
Wednesday, December 10, from 9 am to 12 pm
Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Dr. Jill Underly, Jeff Pertl, Jillian Clemens, Andrea Gugel, Angi Kreuger, Heidi Luft, Jennie Mauer, Suzette Mayotte, Ivy Meierotto, Charlene Mouille, Rebecca Murray, Dan Rossmiller, Dea Wright, Dr. Katie Roberts, Jose Martinez, Kathy Mullally, Kathy Paul, Kelly Matthews, Jennie Mauer, Morna Foy, Lana Nenide, Barbara Bales, Cailin O'Connor, Deborah Rathemel, Kendra Norris, Jose Martinez, Ruth Schmidt, Bianca Hill

Welcome, Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and the Council members reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the October 8, 2025, Council meeting.

- Rebecca Murray motioned to approve the minutes.
- Jose Martinez seconded the motion to approve the minutes.
- Minutes were approved.

Co-Chair Comments

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) State Superintendent and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Secretary welcomed the Council and provided department updates.

Early Learning Development Guidelines (ELDG) Revision Project

The Council heard about Phase 1 of the ELDG Revision Project (formerly known as Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)) from Marzano Research Group.

Federal Update

DCF, DPI, and the Department of Health (DHS) provided federal updates. The Wisconsin Head Start Association (WHSA) Executive Director provided updates on Head Start as it relates to federal funding.

State Agency Update

The Council heard and discussed agency budget overviews from DCF, DPI, and DHS.

Get Kids Ready Program Update

The Council received updates on the Get Kids Ready program, a new school readiness initiative to support licensed and certified child care providers serving four-year-olds.

Public Comment

The Council will hear comments and updates from members of the public.

Next Steps

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11th from 9am – 12pm.

Adjourn

Sara Knueve requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Kelly Matthews motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Cailin O'Connor seconded the motion to adjourn.
- Meeting was adjourned.