



MARYLAND STATE CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION  
**Meeting Notes for Thursday, January 20, 2022**  
 Virtual Board Meeting.

**Meeting To Order Call to Order at 11:00 a.m.**

Board Members		Chapter Representatives and Special Guest	
President --Marina Maier	X	Anne Arundel County—Ruthie Claytor	X
Executive Director-- Chris Peusch	X	Baltimore City—Jenn Dorsey	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.-- Vacant		Baltimore County—Lisa Dickenson	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.-- Jennifer Dorsey		Carroll County—Amanda Beacham	X
Secretary-- Syretha Storey	X	Carroll County—Angela Behegan	X
Treasurer-- Deb Kamplain		Frederick County--Caroline Walker	X
Immediate Past President—Vacant		Harford County—Katie Young	
Business Rep—Barry Benesch		Harford County—Karen Eisenhuth	
Member-at-Large—Cathy Neville		Harford County—Mary Jack	
Member-at-Large—Kate Gentry		Howard County—Randi Albertsen	
Member-at-Large—Audrey Pabs-Garnon		PG County—Barbra Dubik	X
Member at-Large —Imani Angela Rose	X	PG County—Deborah Williams	X
Member-at-Large-- Bonnie Hendershot	X	MoCo County—Astrid Crockshank	
Member-at-Large-- Lavonne Taylor		Washington County—Kim Ritchey Headley	X
President Emeritus—Charles Wainwright		Washington County—April Singleton	X
		Celebree Schools—Kristen Miller	X

**Chapter Reports**

- **Anne Arundel:** Blueprint meeting. Assessing if the county will be able to support 30%. What groundwork can be laid to support 30% community participation and ramp up as needed. A separated document shared (Q/A). A MOU will be established between MSDE, AACPS and the provider. AACPS will refer people to private providers. Regarding commensurate salary requirement, most public schools have their salaries posted on their website. Discussed potential transportation barriers. Discuss potential of space share with other programs. Discussion about Pre-K Expansion is not financially feasible for some programs.
- **Baltimore City:** Members reporting confusion about grant disbarments. MSDE slowed the process to give time to correct pending errors. Two reports pending. Baltimore Young Children Prenatal to Five Experiences (what services a child receives) and a systems report (what systems are available and how are they being used). Landscape analysis complete. ECAC working on website development.
- **Carroll County:** Combing early childhood groups (e.g., ESMART, Judy Center, etc.) for county meetings.
- **Howard County:** Chapter meeting next week. County Executive allocated \$8 Million for County Teacher bonuses to be matched by the school system.
- **Prince George’s County:** Having regular evening meetings. Good attendance. Planning a kickoff meeting.
- **Washington County:** Experiencing a significant COVID spike.

**MSCCA Sponsored Pre-K Expansion Grant Support:** Motion for Request for Proposals (RFP) to target Pre-K Expansion Support passed.



**MSCCA Virtual Rally:** January 24<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Peter Franchot. Discuss how child care should be included in the allocation of the State's surplus funds. February 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussion Maryland Scholarship Fund efficiencies.

**Bill Tracking:** Chris shared a list of bills that MSCCA is tracking. Reviewed listed bills.

- **MSCCA Bill:** Reviewed language of the bill. Chris is questioning if MSDE's marking of the bill matches the way the bill was written.
- **HB89: Child Grants--** Establishing the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program and the Child Care Expansion Grant Program in the State Department of Education; and establishing that the purpose of the Program is to provide financial support to licensed child care providers in the State that are in danger of closing in the next 12 months due to financial hardship.
- **Outdoor Preschool License Pilot Program – Establishment** : To establish the Outdoor Preschool License Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; and generally relating to the establishment of the Outdoor Preschool License Pilot Program.
- **Time To Care:** To establish the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to provide certain benefits to individuals who take leave from employment for certain purposes . MSCCA will not come out for or against. Monitor.

**Handouts:**

- [2022 MSCCA Board Meeting Schedule](#)
- [Membership Report](#)
- [Child Care Scholarship](#)
- [MSCCA Bill Tracking List](#)
- [Probationary Teacher Qualifications](#)
- [Queen Letter](#)