



MARYLAND STATE CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes-Thursdays, April 20, 2023

11:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Meeting Call to Order at **11:10 a.m.**

Board Members		Chapter Representatives	
Executive Director- Chris Peusch-	X	Anne Arundel County—Courtney Feather	V
President - Lisa Dickenson	X	Baltimore City—Annie Reyes	
1 st Vice Pres.- Ruthi Claytor	X	Baltimore City-	
2 nd Vice Pres.- Open		Baltimore County—Quandra Greene	X
Secretary- Astrid Crookshank	X	Baltimore County—Caitlyn Holley	V
Treasurer- Kim Ritchey	X	Carroll County—Amanda Beacham	V
Immediate Past President—Marina Maier	V	Cecil County Janelle Schmidt	V
Business Rep—Barry Benesch		Frederick County—Cindi Webb	X
Member-at-Large—Barb Dubik	V	Harford County—Janelle Schmidt	V
Member-at-Large—Bonnie Hendershot		Howard County—Randi Albertsen	X
Member-at-Large—Deb Kamplain	X	PG County—Deborah Williams	
Member at-Large —Imani Angela Rose		MoCo County—Jan Williams	X
Member-at-Large—Carolina Reyes	X	MoCo County - Tracey Clay	V
Member-at-Large- Syretha Storey		Washington County—April Singleton	X
President Emeritus—Charles Wainwright	X	Alt Mem at Large—Kristen Miller	
Guest -		Alt Member at Large - Cindi Webb	
Guest		Carroll County - Dana Chirillo	

Outcomes for meeting:

1. Board Members and Executive Director will review the updates and needs from the Professional Development Committee to executive our largest fundraiser and membership benefit for Professional Development, statewide Conference by the Sea for 2023, May 4-7th.
2. Full Board will review recommendations and approve or amend the membership/ outreach/grant committee's Passion for Excellence membership benefit grant application/s.
3. Board Members and Executive Director will review and approve the MSCCA fiscal year budget with our MSCCA team member from Kullman CPA- Joe Campbell
4. Board Members/Legislative Committee and Executive Director will recap final legislative session updates for 2023.

Call to Order (Turn your cell phones 'OFF'/or 'vibrate' ONLY)

President- Lisa Dickinson

Introductions of Board Members and Guests

Chris Peusch, Executive Director – introduce Joe Campbell, Accountant

Kullman

Virtual attendees introduce, Welcome to new member Jan Williams new MoCO Chapter leadership -St Francis International School

Minutes- March, 2023 Board meeting minutes

Astrid Crookshank, Secretary

Any corrections? NO :

MOTION to APPROVE MINUTES - Deb/ Randi - VOTE all in favor - PASSED

Treasurer's Report (Budget and Finance)

Kim Ritchey and Chuck Wainwright, Treasurer & Emeritus Chairs

Chuck - ALL the good news inside the budget reports. March 2023 had \$22k more than March 2022. and fewer expenses.

YTD income is 73K more than this time last year. more expenses as well. All good news remaining conference money comes closer to June /July from state funds.

Will have more conference revenue from Waitlist attendees registering. Invoices need to be sent

MOTION TO ACCEPT the treasurer's report QUandra/Jan - Vote all in favor - MOTION PASSED>

New Business:

Formally welcomed new Chapter leaders-Lisa D. - introduced Tracy C and Jan W. new MoCo leadership
MSCCA Budget Review- Joseph Campbell, Chris P, Chuck W. and Kim R.
joining meeting at 12 -

Joseph Campbell: CPA from Kulman and Associates. reviewed worksheet from last meeting in March reviewed percentages of changes in budget, to assess where we are and where we want to be. Followed expenses by the month, instead of averages. This approach will help future comparisons of Budget to Actual be more accurate. Do we have a FY24 budget that we need to review? This can be quickly updated based on FY23, will include any Board suggestions - Board members did indicate interest in comments for variations to help board remember what is causing the increases and decreases, and interest in ability to find the details behind the budget line items.

MSCCA Grant Review- Ruthie C. and Grant Committee - met last week in MtAiry. reviewed the grant applications - referred to document from email. 3 Objectives -1. Decide on the future name of Grant 2. Score Grant applications 3. Decide on Budget. 6 recipients will be announced/posted at CBTS, and names read out at CBTS and ask to stand if present. Ask J Nizer for a statement to read, can also be attached to email to each recipient.

Board vote on 3 Objectives:

1. OBJECTIVE 1 - **MOTION - Keep current name of grant for this CBTS, have J N send email to be read, and read recipients at CBTS.**

a. April/Astrid/Quandra - all in favor. MOTION PASSED

2. OBJECTIVE 2 - Score the applications - (explanation in document shared) Grant funds are given by direct service - cash not given to recipients. **No MOTION needed.**

(Discussion - how we get funds - from raffle baskets and raffle tickets from two conferences. That money is split between advocacy costs and grant. Kim R to keep detailed)

3. OBJECTIVE 3 -Decide on a budget. current amount is \$5000. Total ask from applicants was \$9281. Committee is asking for an increase to \$10k. considering no awards given for last 2 years. Suggest moving forward we will use the amount raised from CBTS and Fall conference raffles as the budget for following year. With addition of advocacy charge on membership, we can use all the raffle monies for grant - Grant is a member benefit, it is an investment to increase membership. Can the request be covered by the current budget? Kim and Chuck say its reasonable. More income and expenses coming in for CBTS but all should be covered.

MOTION - Deb K/Astrid move to Approve additional funds to bring the Grant allocation to \$10000 for this year scholarship (and increase if \$5000) . Second: VOTE - all in favor-MOTION passed.

Governor Citation -MSCCA

Month of Young Child Panel and Partnership with Arts for Learning Maryland - excited about Governor's proclamation.

We applied for a second proclamation for May 12 Child Care Provider day.

Baltimore City Chapter leadership vacant - need new leadership. (Annie R and Joanne J can no longer act as leaders.)

At CBTS - try to find Balt City centers who may be interested in Chapter leadership.

Pre-K grant released and opportunity to provide member support- Randi A., Lisa D., Kim R. and Caitlin H. offer comments applications June 13. , previously awarded grantees use previous rating scale award for new year discussion.

Concerns were shared that the meetings withMSDE do not answer every providers questions, small centers do not feel it is viable to pursue the grant. Discuss having a Roundtable with Randi (grant consultant) to help answer questions for member providers.

[Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program \(marylandpublicschools.org\)](http://marylandpublicschools.org)

Maryland Rebuilds Grants shared- MSCCA partner on Johns Hopkins IDEALS grant, email sent out with who received grant and details of how they are applying funds. -MSDE Awards More Than \$23 Million to Lay the Groundwork to Bolster and Expand Maryland's Early Childhood Education and Childcare Communities (govdelivery.com)

Old Business:

Bylaws- updates Imani Rose and Barry Benesch- co-chairs

Nominating Committee- Marina M-chair

MSCCA membership video – Adam Green can add one or two more interviews- do we keep trying or go with what we have? Goal is to complete by first quarter

Subcommittee forming to discuss opportunities to partner with Latino Child Care Assc. of Maryland

Chapter PowerPoint and separate orientation

Annual Report- Syretha Storey sent to Chris P and finalizing with some combination of 2022-2023 to be completed by June Board meeting end of FY 2023

UMBC new teacher Pathway - Carolina R working on committee to develop this new program,

Committee Reports

ARTICLE XI

COMMITTEES

The following will be **standing committees**, included but not limited to: Nominating, Administrative and By-laws, Legislative, Membership and Member Services and Professional Development. The President shall appoint such Standing and Ad Hoc Committees as may be needed.

See Committee brief descriptions in your orientation binder.

Nominating Committee: Past President Chair, Chapter Representatives participate in committee-Marina Maier, Chair and All Chapter Presidents/Leaders are committee members.

Legislative - Legislative Task Force, Public Policy & Program Oversight and Regulations: Carolina Reyes, Member at Large, Chair

HB 1219 and SB 893- Administration led- Maryland Educator Shortage Act 2023- see attached

HB 495- Early Childhood Development - Child Care Scholarship Program – Alterations bill passed. That may sound dull, but it will ensure that families continue to have access to the assistance needed to pay for child care. One critical component this legislation is that it essentially makes the pandemic era provisions made possible by ARPA funds – permanent. So the May 2022 reimbursement rates, family eligibility criteria, and copayment levels are now the program's new baseline, even after the expiration of ARPA funds. The second component of the bill is that it mandates that any future cost-cutting measures, like an enrollment freeze, may not be imposed unilaterally by MSDE. Instead, MSDE must notify the General Assembly in advance of implementing such measures with sufficient time for the General Assembly to review and act. That also gives advocates like you – time to weigh in. This is also awaiting the governor's signature.

Budget language:

Conference Committee Amendment No. 9

On page 162 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Accountability and Implementation Board, in program R12A01.01 Accountability and Implementation Board, adopt Amendment 26, and in line 29 following "Appropriation" insert ", provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of supporting Object 08 Contractual Services expenses may not be expended until the Accountability and Implementation Board submits a report with recommendations for alternative quality requirements and structural elements for a private prekindergarten provider to participate in publicly funded prekindergarten programs. The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2023, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees."

SB 881- Child Care Providers and Employee Bonuses-Alterations- did not pass ??? Now what?

HB 547/SB 552: Family Prosperity Act of 2023--see recap report

Outdoor Nature preschool pilot

Corporal Punishment -see recap report

HB 206-Montessori – see recap report

SB 690-Education-Early Childhood Education Teachers-Qualifications- this is our bill which got rolled into HB 1219 -Gov Moore bill

HB 888- Education-Prekindergarten Alternative Teacher Preparation Program-Authorization and Reporting- this is our bill which got rolled into HB 1219 -Gov Moore bill

SB 873-Child Care Provider Stabilization Program-Established- did not pass

Update on the implementation of last session bills MSCCA help sponsor and pass:

Child Care Capital Revolving Loan Fund- awardees contacts and over 200 applied

Improvements to CC Scholarship program continue to roll out due to passage of HB 995

Administration and Bylaws Committee- Chair/s Barry Benesch and Imani-Angela Rose- updates

Membership and Membership Services- Chair/s -Chuck Wainwright, Lisa Dickinson, Caitlin Holley- membership list and data

Professional Development: Chair- Astrid Crookshank

ALL ABOARD with MSCCA: Cruising Through Early Childhood Hybrid Conference by the Sea 2023...May 4-7

Fundraising is one of the Board's and Executive Director's biggest focus- we need all hands on deck as we set sail for the largest fundraiser- membership benefit undertaking of the year! Record breaking response! 867 attendees

Sold out in person! over 618 in person and Virtual -238 (35 exhibitors and 55 speakers included) 67 sessions, national keynotes and state leaders participating
Hotel renovations- Restaurant and pool closed/cabanas not available- moved our VIP Board of Directors Kick Off to the Conference Center Grand Ballroom
MSCCA saved 11 condos until we receive final word from hotel (due April 17-asked for extension to April 21) about their decision to honor all reservations or move reservations to meet contract with MSCCA

Facilitator orientation last night. went well.

Board support, baskets, uniform and assignments- distributed- please provide feedback

Great Job Astrid and PDC Team!!

Nominating Committee: Marina Maier and Chapter Presidents' - please provide a schedule for 2023 and the scope of work of policy and procedure manual.

Licensing, Oversight and Regulations: new regulation discussion subcommittee met April 17th at request of MSDE- related to:

SS numbers – April or May State Board of Education (BOE) and

ITIN- OCC Advisory Council has not seen a draft

Potential new-Emergency Sanctions regulation- OCC Advisory Council discussion in May agenda- Ruthie C. interested in attending to share the importance

Workforce Advancement Branch (formerly Credentialing): backlog

Maryland EXCELS:

Child Care Scholarships:

New presumptive eligibility pilot in Baltimore City-System improvements continue- feedback and comprehension- HB 495

True Up Process- The reconciliation process, may increase or decrease a provider's payment for cc scholarship, after the advance payment month has been paid.

Family Engagement Coalition: Met April 17- meeting link did not work- share agenda

Professional Development Committee- Conference by the Sea 2023-All Aboard with MSCCA: Cruise Through Early Childhood- registration open and 870 registered! Board and PDC review assignments, support, baskets and attendance

Business Member Representative: Consider Business Member luncheon for 2023- Barry updates?! need a date and plan-Chris P- Evite to Board & some Business members for the VIP Kick off to Conference
Barry Benesch- KNeal International

Membership/Community Outreach/Communications/Committee: Chuck W., Lisa D., Caitlin H. and Ruthie Claytor, Chairs

See membership report

Incentives need to be determined for Board as discussed at orientation where ar wwe with lists distributed

Membership drive almost complete with new Marketing video - thanks to Celebree's Adam Green and moving forward to launch this initiative – still trying to get business member and one/two more members interviews finished.

Passion for Excellence Grant review – must include Treasurer.

National Child Care Association/NECPA: Invite to Board meeting for 2023- possibly August 2023

President's Report:

Chapter Reports: *(Please submit your review in writing, meeting schedule and membership roster)*

Wash county working on getting thing sout - alot of new people, need to move to new location due to larger attendance. MEetings focused on Blueprint.

Anne Arundel - will send report by email.

Fred County - trying to get feedback from members as to needs. not much response. May join Wash county meetings.

MoCO - general focus seems to be PreK grant, own school seeing more interest. Noticing a need in catholic affiliated programspreK. for Chris/Lisa can come to any early meetings

Balt. Co had full chapter meeting, issues with CCS and reconciliation, EXCEL changes.

Lisa - had recommendations for reconciliation tracking. may make video to share with other chapters to help members with CCS reconciliation.

Partnering with Balt co on training for EXCELS .

Carroll Couty = discussing pre K expansion issues.,

Anne Arundel: RUTHI???? Loose parts and the power of play at training last meeting.end of year meeting being planned.

Harford/Cecil: location of meetings havebeen an issue -

HoCo - Howard county helped with legislative session info. next meeting next week. will be discussing lack of interest in preK grant from members. Opt out of religious program was sufficient for approval in MoCO.

MOTION TO Adjourn at 1:24pm Deb K and Kim

Anne Arundel County

Baltimore City

Baltimore County

Carroll County

Frederick County

Cecil/Harford County

Eastern Shore: *Upper and Lower*

Howard County-

Montgomery County

Prince George's County

Washington County (Western Maryland)
Southern, MD.

Courtney Feathers (The Goddard School Millersville)

Vacant

Quandra Green, Precious Ones ELC and Caitlin Holley(The Goddard School-Ownings Mills)

Amanda Beecham (Carroll Community College & Dana Chirillo, Grace ELC)

Forming- Cindi Webb, The Learning Bee and Frederick County Day Montessori

Janelle Schmidt, Harford Day School

Vacant

Randi Albertsen – Innovations in Education

Jan Williams St. Francis International School and Tracey Clay, Celebree School, Montgomery County

Deborah Williams-Jaycees Kids Care

Kim Ritchey & April Singelton -Ritchey's Totlot
vacant

Executive Director's Report-

Christina Peusch

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO MSCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

Next meeting May 18, 2023 at 1:00 pm