



MARYLAND STATE CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes-Thursdays, Nov 16, 2023

11-1pm

Meeting Call to Order at 11:04am

Board Members		Chapter Representatives	
Executive Director- Chris Peusch-	X	Anne Arundel County—Courtney Feather	X
President-Lisa Dickinson	X	Baltimore City— OPEN	
1 st Vice Pres.- Ruthi Claytor	X		
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	
Business Rep—Barry Benesch	V	Frederick Co/Alt Mem At Lrg -Cindi Webb	V
Member-at-Large—Barb Dubik		Harford County—Julie Dobies	V
Member-at-Large—		Howard County—Randi Albertsen	X
Member-at-Large—Deb Kamplain	X	PG County—Deborah Williams	V
Member at-Large —Imani Angela Rose		MoCo County—Jan Williams	
Member-at-Large—Carolina Reyes	V	MoCo County - Tracey Clay	
Member-at-Large- Syretha Storey		Washington County—April Singleton	V
Pres Emeritus/Wash Co—Charles Wainwrigth	V	Alt Mem at Large—Kristen Miller	
Guest - Catherine Neville	V		
Guest		Carroll County - Dana Chirillo	

Meeting Call to Order at 11:10pm

Outcomes for meeting:

1. Discuss legislative agenda for 2024

Session starts Jan 15. Chris and Carolina/leg breakfast and meeting, discussion Bill with Del Solomon. Pillar 1 1st Bill Re: Waivers, requesting stronger action items for future years. Only 39 community based programs participating. 2nd Bill: More support for CCCPDF, want to see money for more schools to get involved, especially those that offer Native language programs. Need to increase service commitment to 20 hr minimum.

3rd Bill: CCS program funding and issues. need families and providers to step up and provide testimony. surveys going out to

get feedback on CCS for providers.

Trying to figure out where the money went, there are 40% more families using vouchers, but what added administrative expenses?

ALSO meeting Biweekly with MSDE to review issues shared with MSCCA.

Dec. 5 - 9 am State Bd of Ed meeting - Imani recommends as many members as possible attend 200 E Baltimore. 2. December meeting- holiday party- discuss and finalize

3. 2024 Board meeting schedule discuss and finalize

Call to Order (Turn your cell phones 'OFF'/or 'vibrate' ONLY) President- Lisa Dickinson/Ruthi CLaytor in person **Introductions**

of Board Members and Guests Chris Peusch, Executive Director

Minutes- October 19, 2023 Board meeting minutes Astrid Crookshank, Secretary

Discussion: Any changes to Minutes? None.

MOTION : Randi moves to accept minutes, Kim second, Vote to accept minutes: All in favor. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Budget and Finance) Kim Ritchey and Chuck Wainwright, Treasurer & Emeritus Chairs Financials distributed to Board - Chuck sent out a snapshot, dates were meant to be 2022, a=nd 2023.

MOTION 2: Deb moves to accept treasurer report, Randi 2nd. Vote all in favor, Treasurer report accepted

New Business:

Thank you Bonnie for your dedication and leadership for over a decade of service and Happy Retirement! MSCCA sent gift and glass plaque thanking Bonnie for many years of service.

Chapter reports - many with Scholarship issues.

SCHOLARSHIP CONCERNS: contact Twan Herold 410.767.0758 twan.herold1@maryland.gov

Text book grant- changes and concerns- poll (Lisa and Cait)

Poll details sent out by email. This year they added Child Care only programs, New qualification criteria based on FARMS, under 40% or over 40%. per center. If not CCAFP - now centers will need to participate and collect parent income info. Watch the webinar session sent by email to get more info. about how centers are supposed to submit the FARMS info.

NOTES for CHRIS to share: This Textbook program is a gateway grant to other MSDE grants - such as the Nonpublic Aging Schools Safety/Security grant- Schools need to know that the criteria are changed. Many schools get this grant many years in a row, so their budget includes an expected amount. Now they are not getting as much as

expected due to changing criteria.

December meeting- holiday party- discuss and finalize - Dec 12 - 11:30, catered lunch. Randi can host for Dec. Bring a wrapped gift to share with other members - and an item to support a charity. Diaper Drive, Angel Tree unwrapped toy for any age child.

2024 Board meeting schedule discuss and finalize - should we stay in person or alternate full virtual Discuss switching to mostly Zoom, 2 x yearly in person only. - maybe 3-4 in person. Quarterly in person, others by ZOOM. Mar/June/Sept/Dec Third Thurs 1 - 3 Dec mtg 12? 1 pm every month in person or zoom? **Send survey - then vote in Dec mtg.**

Legislative agenda 2024 -see above

New advocacy toolkit - coming out.

Unintended Consequences Pillar 1 -keep adding to it for the next meeting.

Evening in Annapolis Feb. 12, 2024 - add to our calendar.

Old Business:

Prek- Committee?

distribution- [2023--MSCCA Annual Membership Survey \(google.com\)](#)

[Membership applications ready for website](#) send link out to members will go out with Membership drive. Chris will send out after the CCS survey.

Review CCS Survey Questions: intended for Directors, basic questions for how well CCS system is working. MSCCA to offer 3 \$50 gift cards as a thank you to those who complete.

CCS portal opening Nov 20, possible better recording of payments, expect new issues coming from portal. Add last question about experience with Portal.

Portal to include parent attendance reports - if the parents don't answer, then provider can verify with signed attendance sheet, if audited.

Get this CCS survey out to all MSCCA members, chapters etc, give to Nov 30.

Survey data shared will be anonymous.

NEW - please send out Exec Dir evaluations to review at Dec Mtg

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 **Biweekly** meeting with MSDE updates

New survey for providers/programs- going out by end of November to coincide with renewals

Pre-K grants

Rebuilds grant and follow up with MSDE related to Notre Dame

Legislative Task Force meetings- MFN Public Policy Meeting November, 2023 – focus on the Child Care Scholarship funding issues

Legislative Breakfast attending November with Compass – Lt Governor, Delegate Atterbeary and Chairs of Budget and Tax and Appropriations- Maryland tightening their belts- ARPA funds depleted

MSCCA leading the way on Evening in Annapolis on Monday, Feb. 12, 2024- Save the Date sent to co sponsors for final approval- Thanks Cait!

Meetings with Governor Moore’s Office October 24th and with Delegate Stephanie Smith, Education subcommittee chair

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

Membership and Membership Services- Chair/s -Chuck Wainwright, Lisa Dickinson, Caitlin Holley- membership list and data Business Member Luncheon with Board Nov. 29 at 11:30 am

Professional Development: Chair- Astrid Crookshank

MSCCA sent out RFP’s and a subcommittee will meet on Dec. 5th- registration being built
TITLE for CBTS 2024

40 Years of MSCCA!! Buckle Up As We Look Back and Excellerate Early Childhood Into the Future. Let’s Celebrate Like It’s 1984!

Cost - \$425 Member, In person and Virtual/ \$450 Non Member, In Person and Virtual Same amount
EVENTS:

Thursday: VIP Party and 1984 Movie night for attendees

Friday: Exhibitor Reception and The Reagan Years Dance Party - maybe photo booth?

Saturday: 80’s fun Dinner theme -Mr Jon then 80’s Karaoke

NEW Sponsorship levels and chart to help Sponsors know what they get at each level - thank you Cindi for gathering the ideas from PDC into the chart.

Nominating Committee: Marina Maier and Chapter Presidents’ - please provide a schedule for 2024 and the scope of work of policy and procedure manual.

Licensing, Oversight and Regulations: Board feedback

Concerns hours in Licensing doe not equate to hours in credentialing

Workforce Advancement Branch (formerly Credentialing): Board provide feedback

MSDE is updating application to allow ITIN numbers and not only social security numbers to address equity issue- no final

word when these changes will be implemented.

Maryland EXCELS: Board feedback

Child Care Scholarships: Board feedback

New portal- Board feedback

Family Engagement Coalition: cancelled

Lead Commission Meeting: Nov. 2

Trauma Informed Care Commission- Nov. 20

Business Member Representative: Luncheon- Set for Nov. 29th Union Craft in Baltimore- Invites out- Barry Benesch- KNeal International

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

Membership drive to start Nov. 1, 2023 for 2024- moved to end of November?

National Child Care Association/NECPA: Conference **April 2024**

President's Report:

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

Anne Arundel County Courtney Feathers (The Goddard School Millersville) Could not attend - will send report.

Baltimore City Vacant

Baltimore County Quandra Green, Precious Ones ELC and Caitlin Holley(The Goddard School-Owings Mills) Chapter meeting, Excels training, small attendance but helpful

Carroll County Amanda Beecham (Carroll Community College) Working on finding more members -mostly discussion on CCS scholarship

Frederick County Forming- Cindi Webb, The Learning Bee Coordinating with Child Care choices of Frederick - 2 joint meetings. speaker about CDA from FCC, more people attending from half day preschools. Luncheon scheduled at end of Nov.

Cecil/Harford County Janelle Schmidt, Harford Day School and Julie Dobies Kaplan E First meeting OCT/ HARford and Cecil. Presentation and luncheon.

Tomorrow meeting with Abilities network , Dec holiday luncheon. Rosemary MD Excels. Eastern Shore: *Upper and Lower Vacant*

Howard County- Randi Albertson – Innovations in Education Have been talking about Blueprint and impact. HCPS rep joined last meeting, to help programs understand where HCSC is with serving PreK. Also working on How del , Bd of Ed members to round table discussion. Sharing 4 topics of concern with elected leaders.

Montgomery County Jan Williams St. Francis International School and Tracey Clay, Celebree Meeting scheduled for Jan, Rockville Resource center offered space.

Prince George's County Deborah Williams-Jaycees Kids Care Meeting end of Oct. w/ MD Excel on procedures, doing membership drive , to boost

membership.

Washington County (Western Maryland) Kim Ritchey & April Singleton -Ritchey's Totlot LAst two months, no meetings due to staffing issues at centers.

2 new centers added to membership. All talk on scholarship

Southern, MD. vacant

Executive Director's Report- Christina Peusch ***Meeting Adjourned***