



**MARYLAND STATE CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - FULLY VIRTUAL**

Board Meeting DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, Aug 15 2024

Virtual 1pm to 3 pm

Meeting Call to Order at

Board Members		Chapter Representatives	
Executive Director- Chris Peusch-	X	Anne Arundel County—Courtney Feather	A
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	X
Treasurer—Kim Ritchey	X	Carroll County—Amanda Beacham	X
Immediate Past President—Marina Maier	X	Carroll County - Mariah Shiffman or Samantha	A
Business Rep—Barry Benesch	X	Frederick Co/ -Cindi Webb	X
Member-at-Large—Barb Dubik		Harford County—Julie Dobies	X
Member-at-Large—Kristen Miller	A	Howard County—Randi Albertsen	X
Member-at-Large—Deb Kamplain	X	PG County—Deborah Williams	X
Member at-Large —Imani Angela Rose	X	MoCo County—Jan Williams	X
Member-at-Large—Carolina Reyes	A	MoCo County - Tracey Clay	X
Member-at-Large- Syretha Storey	A	Washington County—April Singleton	X
Emeritus - OPEN		Guest —	
Guest - -			
Guest-			

Outcomes for meeting:

- 1. Approve MSCCA Board of Directors Election Slate for 2025-2027 Term**
- 2. Share outcomes for the MSCCA Grant Support Services Cohorts for PreK Expansion FY 2025**
- 3. Discuss continuous advocacy efforts related to child care credential program and child care scholarship program**
- 4. EARN Grant partnership updates**

Call to Order at 1:04 pm

President- Lisa Dickinson

Introductions of Board Members and Guests

Chris Peusch, Executive Director

Minutes- June 20, 2024 Board meeting minutes

Astrid Crookshank, Secretary

Motion 1: Julie/Quandra moved to accept minutes with edits as discussed. Vote : motion passed

Treasurer's Report

Kim Ritchey, Treasurer and Kullman Accounting Services

Reports were just received today, recommendation made to table the approval of the Treasurer's report, to allow review by all.

Motion 2: Deb/April moved to table approval of Treasurer's report. Vote : motion passed

New Business:

Nominating Committee presentation of Ballot for 2025-2027 Board of Directors for approval and distribution to membership by August 19, 2024-Marina Maier, Chair and Committee- discussion MSCCA Slate for Election for 2025-2027 Board of Directors:

Pres: Lisa Ann Dickinson, unopposed

1st VP: Ruthi Claytor

2nd VP (Choose 1): Imani Angela, Rose, April Singleton

Treasurer: Kim Ritchey

Secretary Choose 1): Astrid Crookshank, Caitlyn Holley

Members At Large (Choose 6): Rita Harrell, Kristin Miller, Deb Kamplain , Quandra Greene.

Carolina Reyes , Diane Mellot, Drukeen Nolan

Request: Please make sure the info for yourself is correct, school name, spelling etc. Discussion: Suggestions for placing names in alpha order, and label incumbents with an * as appropriate.

Motion 3: Tracy/Astrid moved to approve the Slate as presented with edits. Vote : motion passed

Additional Suggestions from Committee - Brief bios were requested for each person on the slate, and then ready for the website.

Motion4: Cindi/Kim moved to approve the collection of personal bios as a best practice to add to the ByLaws as part of the Nomination procedure. Vote : motion passed

Suggestions: For Member at Large (MAL) - 7 listed, 6 will be voted 1 will be offered an alternate MAL position . Suggest that we expand the number of Member At Large Alternate positions (currently voted as 2) to be able to step into any position that may open during the 2 year term. During this current term the Board placed some Alternates into Member at Large positions that opened.. Suggest that any person who did not get voted into their nominated position be offered a non voting member at large alternate position, after any member that was originally listed on the slate as a Member at Large nominee. Discussion of definition of Alternate MAL position already existing in the suggestions to be added to ByLaws.

Motion 5: Barry/Julie - To increase the number of Alternate Members at Large to 3 for the Jan, 2025- Dec, 2026 Election cycle. Vote : Motion Passed.

Suggestion from Nominating Committee: Consider the company representations within the Executive Board and full board. Discuss a single vote per center/company. One center one vote. Discuss ByLaws says only 2 people from the same organization can be on the board. By Laws does not address the vote from those 2 members from the same organization. Discussion to add this issue to a larger future discussion by the ByLaws committee. This issue needs a deeper discussion on voting rights of board members.

EARN Grant partnerships
Cuts to IECMHC

Old Business:

Pre-K MSCCA Support Grant Services updates on two cohorts in Baltimore City and Montgomery County. Mscca team meeting with Grantees on Monday, 4 in Balt City, 3 in MoCo. Communication inconsistent coming from MSDE, changing parameters and requirements for all grantees. Renewal programs received letters about switching to Blueprint with no follow up info. Unclear as guidance as to how the funding will be rolled out. MSDE sent confusing email to new and renewals asking for enrollment data of FY24, so not applicable to new PreK programs. MSCC team needing to answer questions and support programs through this odd/unclear communication to grantees from MSDE.

New cuts to support services in addition to Credentialing, we need to keep these in mind with MSCCA advocacy.

MSDE sending lots of new surveys and outreach for feedback from industry. Chris still advocating for funding to support the Credentialing program for this fiscal year. Still sending emails to legislators.

Committee Reports

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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

August Advocacy Month! MSCCA continues with roundtable support, meetings, op ed, media, letters, and planning for legislative session 2025. Working on ways to find funding and support for native language degree from Calckamas College cohort. HB 600/SB 500,

Howard County Chapter celebrating Del. Vanessa Atterbeary work and support in July

Administration and Bylaws Committee- Imani-Angela Rose and Barry Benesch

Membership and Membership Services- Chair/s Lisa Dickinson, Caitlin Holley- membership list and data updated to align with QBO- Office Assistant support

Professional Development: Chair- Astrid Crookshank

MSCCA Hybrid Leadership Symposium: Partners in Progress registration opens August 2024- Symposium held- Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024- DoubleTree Hilton Columbia-Approximately Hybrid and partner with Head Start and United Way of Central Maryland.

MSDE approved symposium, registration platform almost complete to open in August. Tech subcommittee met to review best practices for symposium and CBTS 2025. Board will need to register and market the symposium by the end of August to solicit big turnout.

Nominating Committee: Marina Maier and Chapter Presidents' – New business addressed

Licensing, Oversight and Regulations: OCC Advisory Council update

Workforce Advancement Branch: Child Care Credential program closure advocacy and working to impact change- lots more emails, new letter to DBM and op/ed (attached)- also sharing Baltimore Sun commentary which highlights the child care credential concerns by my colleague Alan Guttman. [Gov. Wes Moore must do more for child care workers \(baltimoresun.com\)](https://www.baltimoresun.com)

Maryland EXCELS: Nothing new to report for August- bonuses continue

Child Care Scholarships- continue to hear about issues around attendance verification, delays and Tu-up must be resolved.- Due to scholarship and credential issues, MSCCA/Chris/Elly met with Comptroller Brook Lierman twice- second time brought two stakeholders to share insights on issues, Lisa Dickinson and Dana Barnhardt, Kiddie Academy Kent Island.- Comptroller stated she will reach out to Superintendent Wright for a meeting to work on issues with Scholarships. Suggestion to write letter to Dept. of Budget and Management for Child Care Credential money, however due to 150 million in cuts- unlikely before FY 2026.

Family Engagement Coalition: meets quarterly

Business Member Representative: Barry Benesch-

Membership/Community Outreach/Communications/Committee: Lisa D., Caitlin H. and Ruthie Claytor, Chairs- Ruthie will meet with committee and Chris to prepare for updates for October 2024 legacy page and fine tune the Passion for Excellence Grant application for 2024-2025.

National Child Care Association/NECPA: NECPA invited to participate in panel for symposium and attached newsletter from NCCA will go out in MSCCA August newsletter.

President's Report:

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

Anne Arundel County
Millersville)

Courtney Feathers (The Goddard School

Baltimore City	Vacant
Baltimore County Goddard School-Ownings Mills)	Quandra Green, Precious Ones ELC and Caitlin Holley(The
Carroll County	Amanda Beecham (Carroll Community College) & Mariah Shifman, Celebree School in Carroll County
Frederick County	Forming- Cindi Webb, The Learning Bee and
Frederick County Day Montessori	
Cecil/Harford County	Julie Dobies, Kaplan Early Learning
Eastern Shore: <i>Upper and Lower</i>	Vacant
Howard County-	Randi Albertsen and Joan Johnson – Innovations in Education
Montgomery County	Jan Williams St. Francis International School and Tracey Clay,
Celebree School, Montgomery County	
Prince George’s County	Deborah Williams-Jaycees Kids Care
Washington County (Western Maryland)	Kim Ritchey & April Singelton
-Ritchey’s Totlot Southern, MD. vacant	
<u>Executive Director’s Report-</u>	Christina Peusch

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

Next meeting is on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 11:00 am