



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

Board Meeting DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, June 20 2024

In Person 11am-1pm

Meeting Call to Order at

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	X
Treasurer—Kim Ritchey	A	Carroll County—Amanda Beacham	X
Immediate Past President—Marina Maier	A	Carroll County - Mariah Shiffman or Samantha	X
Business Rep—Barry Benesch	X	Frederick Co/ -Cindi Webb	X
Member-at-Large—Barb Dubik	A	Harford County—Julie Dobies	X
Member-at-Large—Kristen Miller	X	Howard County—Randi Albertsen	X
Member-at-Large—Deb Kamplain	X	PG County—Deborah Williams	
Member at-Large —Imani Angela Rose	X	MoCo County—Jan Williams	X
Member-at-Large—Carolina Reyes	X	MoCo County - Tracey Clay	A
Member-at-Large- Syretha Storey	A	Washington County—April Singleton	X
Pres Emeritus/Wash Co—Charles Wainwright	X	Guest —	
Guest - - Rita Harrell - MoCo	X		
Guest-			

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Outcomes for meeting:

1. Review new laws and regs to be promulgated for FY 2025
2. Discuss MSCCA Budget for FY 2025
2. Child Care Development Fund comments
3. Child Care Credential advocacy
4. PreK Expansion Grants discussion and updates

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

President- Lisa Dickinson

Introductions of Board Members and Guests

Chris Peusch, Executive Director

Minutes- May 16th Board meeting minutes

Astrid Crookshank, Secretary

MOTION 1: Accept May MinutesChuck/ Jan to approve. Vote passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report (Budget and Finance)

Kim Ritchey and Chuck Wainwright, Treasurer & Emeritus Chairs

Kim out recovering from surgery, Chuck review treasurer's report. May financials, 8k to be allocated for conference money. \$56 k in for vouchers from MSDE. Ashore final payment going out this week. To be paid before the new fiscal year.

Membership report: Final count 313 center members, 22 ind 9 SA, 25 Business.

Chris: ARPA grant, offered memberships to Eastern Shore, paid through GRant. ARPA funding \$33 k in MSCCA memberships for centers on the Eastern Shore.

Also - will be working with Kim to align a few remaining payments from online payments at CBTS.

No actual Treasurer's report to Approve - will do so in August.

New Business:

Board Contact info on MSCCA- concern that board members receive fishing emails due to emails posted on website. Tree Branch working on a solution: Use a drop down menu to choose a direct contact, emails will then be removed, phone numbers will remain.

MOTION 2: Have Treebranch make changes on MSCCA website to remove Board member emails and implement an alternate "contact us" option to email members directly with additional security measure Astrid/Deb. Vote - All in favor, PASSED.

Final laws and reg changes for future-see slides:

Chris created power point that Reviewed Laws that passed, and shared local and state meetings that MSCCA attended and or supported. Board members can use this information to share and advocate, age for lead and hours to work in CCCPDF, MSDE still needs to update regulations, but these changes are now the law. MSCCA working on pilot full immersion education programs for degrees. MSCCA leading on partnering with other associations and with increasing inclusiveness for diverse community of Child Care providers. MSCCA reaching out to Maryland colleges to create a complete Spanish language education AA degree track, UMBC offered, and MSCCA will follow up with them to help make it happen. Also Clackamas is an approved program, already working on full Spanish program.

CCCPDF colleges are able to allow students to intern at own center, but not all programs are doing it.

Now promulgating regulations for outdoor programs, which was in law from last Session. New regs will be in COMAR, MSCCA will alert members when that is done.

NEW regulations coming for anaphylactic food allergies, need plan and epi pen for food allergens. Will likely be added to Basic HEalth and Safety.

PreK expansion grants - Some converting to Blueprint funding, there does not seem to be clarity on what that means. Confusion with telling programs about the grant awards. Email was sent as "Data file" and was actually the grant awardee emails. Will any of these emails be sent to AIB - Accountability and Implementation Board. Looking for further guidance from MSDE for the transfer to Blueprint funding and how programs will need to file documentation. MSCCA wrote grants for 4 Baltimore and 6 MoCO programs, all 4 in Baltimore were accepted, and 4 of 6 in Moco were accepted.

HB1451 -includes a Career ladder for Community based providers.

Can we get clarification on the CLASS score included in the bill? MSDE said it needs to be from an approved MSDE CLASS observers. EXCELS accepts internal CLASS observation scored if person is CLASS reliable. Why can't it be the same for the Teacher certification pathway?

Discuss Budget for FY 2025 - suggest 3% across the board increase for the draft Budget presentation.

Discussion of Budget at August meeting.

Child Care Credential closure- see letter and advocacy report

Letter sent to superintendent, comptroller, Board of Ed and numerous legislators. As of Tue over 7000 have been sent. Some delegates looking to audit MSDE as to where the money was spent. Working on OpEd, why isn't the comptroller and governor impacted by this. Concern for continuing Ed declining, budgets need training hours, and concerned for losing staff. Looking to find \$5 million in emergency funds to continue to program for Credentialing. Concerned about recent Program closures, recommend that any program involved can contact MSCCA for guidance with the new law regarding closures.

CCDF public comments/hearing and written comments-submitted in writing and attended hearing- Board feedback

Owners roundtable July 2024- virtual- flier being created

Old Business:

Nominating and election progress - nomination forms received and will be reviewed. Nomination form goes to the owner/name listed on membership. reminder emails should include where in general the nomination form goes to/name. Checking email list through Constant Contact email, concern that some Board members did not receive the email. Suggest to the Nominating committee a deadline to submit the nominating form after the June Board meeting for the next cycle. Need to make sure our constituents are aware of the nomination form. Pres will make sure that the membership list and contact information in Constant Contact. are the same and make sure to fix emails before the election.

Suggestions for Job descriptions and support

Recommend that we look at the job description for the new assistant to take minutes as admin to the secretary, minutes then to be reviewed by the Secretary. The suggestion is the accountant would be the support system for the Treasurer. Chris to get estimate from accountant for this support.

MSCCA began as a fully volunteer organization; we now have two employees and contractors that do the work, with the Board maintaining oversight.

TO REVIEW at August meeting.

B Pallas Response letter

Draft of letter will be sent out signed by Board Pres and chair of committee

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
Carolina presented to Sherman Foundation on native language pathways based on HB 1441 and SB 500 for additional support
(private/public partnership, equity and workforce)

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 -Chuck Wainwright, Lisa Dickinson, Caitlin Holley- membership list and data

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 again New flier Will be in Aug. Tuesday Tidbits
Please distribute new Flier (thanks Caitlin!) and check out on the MSCCA website!

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 regs around outdoor preschools in Maryland pilot

Workforce Advancement Branch: Child Crae Credential program closure advocacy and working to impact change

Maryland EXCELS: Letter and CCDF comments to change policy related to EXCELS and Prek

Child Care Scholarships:Initiate - New survey and partnership letter with MFN and numerous others- Imani (feedback from Board)

Family Engagement Coalition: meets quaterly

Business Member Representative: Barry Benesch- new Business member to attend Board meeting provide insght of services.

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

New legacy page on website – Passion for Excellence Grant Committee will work on final ideas and language for TBG to make changes for October 2024. Membership drive almost complete with new Marketing video -Ruthie Claytor will provide presentation for September 21st Board meeting on the new name for grant, a power point for policies and procedures and new application to open Oct. 2023 for Board engagement and review.

National Child Care Association/NECPA: federal support ongoing

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) Had end of the year dinner, will have one big event at a local state pask, Using newsletter, MAcaroni kid, to get word out, Will rotate meeting schedules . To help more people join meetings.

Baltimore City

Vacant

Baltimore County

Quandra Green, Precious Ones ELC and Caitlin Holley(The

Goddard School-Ownings Mills)

Carroll County

Amanda Beecham (Carroll Community College) &

Mariah Shifman, Celebree School in Carroll County

Getting a list together, to send out to emails and regular mail, membership drive, trying to find out why not joining, Chris offered to attend any meetings if helpful,

Frederick County

Forming- Cindi Webb, The Learning Bee and

Frederick County Day Montessori

Cecil/Harford County

Julie Dobies, Kaplan Early Learning

end of year celebration, Hartford county directors assoc, they have good ideas with licensing, some HCDA merged wit chapter.

will send AManda, Mariah, Julie and Jan, the membership list, as all state members are county memebers. Each chapter already has members.

Eastern Shore: *Upper and Lower*

Vacant

Howard County-

Randi Albertsen and Joan Johnson

Joan: LAsT meeting in April, met with candidates running for office, to enlighten them on world of child care. Waiting for some delegates until available. – Dont meet over summer.

Montgomery County

Jan Williams St. Francis International School and Tracey Clay,

Been i touch with Kimbersly at the Children;s Opportunity alliance, working on common issues, Brings new life to reasons for state and local membership.

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

Executive Director's Report-

Christina Peusch

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

Adjourned 1:21 pm.

Next meeting Thursday, August , 2024 at 1:00 pm