



MARYLAND STATE CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING -IN PERSON
Board Meeting DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, Feb 19, 2026

Meeting Call to Order at 12:04 pm

Need 11 for Quorum

Board Members		Chapter Representatives	
Executive Director- Chris Peusch-	0	Anne Arundel County—Courtney Feather	12
President- Lisa Dickinson	1	Baltimore City— Annie Reyes	13
1 st Vice Pres.- Ruthi Claytor	2	Baltimore County—Caitlyn Holley	14
2 nd Vice Pres.- Imani Angela Rose	3	Baltimore County—	
Secretary- Astrid Crookshank	4	Carroll County - Amanda Beacham	15
Treasurer—Vacant		Carroll County—	
Immediate Past President—Marina Maier	5		
Business Rep—Barry Benesch	6	Frederick Co -Cindi Webb	16
Member-at-Large—Carolina Reyes	A	Harford County—Julie Dobies	A
Member-at-Large—Kristen Miller	7	Howard County—Randi Albertsen	17
Member-at-Large—Deb Kamplain10	8	PG County—Deborah Williams	18
Member at-Large — Quandra Green	9	MoCo County—Jan Williams OR	
Member-at-Large-Diane Mellott	10	MoCo County - Tracey Clay	19
Member-at-Large- Rita Harrell	11	Washington County—April Singleton OR	20
Alt Member-at-Large - Drukeenu Nolan no vote		Washington County—Harmony Wilson	20
Guest -		Guest	0
Guest- Joan Johnson	0	Guest -	0

Members noted present with a number to establish voting Quorum. 0= present but non voting , If 2 Chapter leaders present = 1 vote

MSCCA Board Meeting Agenda

Date: February 19, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Virtual Board Meeting Only

Topics of Discussion, Goals, and Outcomes:

- 1. Bainum overview with consultants- C-Impact (tentative)***
- 2. New Kullman Accounting representative Mark Creighton- attending March meeting***
- 3. Bylaws and Nominating Committees updates and Board review***
- 4. Podcast with Governor Moore Innovation Team releasing this month***
- 5. Advocacy and Legislative efforts and updates 2026***
- 6. Community Conversations with MSCCA-Bainum grant initiative for advocacy -Feb 24-topic challenging behaviors***
- 7. OCCAC, ECAC, PreK Workgroup, Councils and Commission updates***
- 8. Chapter Committee team meetings, continuing support including emails and zoom links***

1. Call to Order

Time: 12:00 PM

Presenter: [President]

2. Roll Call

Time: 12:05 PM

Presenter: [Secretary]

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (November 20, 2025)

Time: 12:10 PM

Presenter: [Secretary]

Action: Vote to approve

TABLE vote in order to make a change to Jan minutes regarding Kim R resigning from the Treasurer and Board position, but remaining on the PDC as a volunteer.

Review attendance for all members.

4. Financial Report

Time: 12:15 PM

Presenter: [Treasurer/interim position until election -Accountant, Mark Creighton, Kullman Accountants]

MOTION 1: Marina /Diane move to accept the treasurers report . Vote passed.

Discussion: Financials distributed for review

5. New Business

Time: 12:20 PM-1:20 PM

Presenters: President and Board members

Introduce

a. Consultant/Partners C-Impact- MSCCA Bainum Grant updates continued

Introduce Guests from Bainum. Chris Swanson and Jon Farley, Consultants working on the Bainum Grant and Montgomery moving forward Call to Action.

Chris Swanson, Co Founder of C-Impact worked previously at Hopkins and developing Maryland Excels and Accreditation. Jon Farley Co Founder of C Impact as COO. We Vision Bainum Strategy community focus group of MSCCA attendees regarding ideal system and challenges. Working towards how to turn issues into actionable results.

Looking to work with all core leadership organizations in MD to create a stronger advocacy and implementation model. First focus Workforce registry, Birth to 5 career lattice, and elevate workforce issues as imperative for MD.

MSCCA/Bainum grant includes supporting 15 students pursuing Lead teacher qualifications, and the Grant writing cohort is supporting 6 MSCCA member programs. Expect this year to be very competitive, with same total funds available as previous year with higher per student costs, so fewer slots available. Looking to create regular meetings with Bainum, which will be open to board members as interested.

b. Bylaws committee presentation and review, discussion of proposed changes

Imani report. The Bylaws committee has met a few times and have been focusing on Art 10 about Nominations. Shared current notes and recommended changes and reviewed key points that the committee is working on. Discussion of various points regarding Nominating committee membership, term limits, and presentation for voting to the board.

c. Advocacy and Legislative efforts and updates – see legislation and documents shared

Chris shared a list of bills, looking for Board members to support and help with testimony. Putting forth a bill to add Credentialing funding for FY 26. Working on a career ladder with time to complete qualifications and or experience. Concern about CCS, there is no new money and over 5000 children on the waitlist. CCS bill looks at copays, prioritization of children under 3, and those qualified for prek expansion slots. working on a fingerprinting bill. House bill 1574, March 12 testimony, sign up by March 10. Looking for smart regulations. Please submit written testimony if not able to be present for testimony. We need volumes of voices to make an impact. include a story of the impact.

d. Feb. podcast-Child Care Matters- Chief Innovation Officer Executive Office of the Governor

6. Committee Reports

Time: 1:10 PM-1:45 PM

Presenters: Committee Chairs

1. Membership Committee

a. Update on Membership Drive continues at 2026 new membership rates and with CBTS opening soon

renewals sent in February- stop in March- New rates for January 2026 – still unsure the role of Board in membership calls for renewal? Develop a plan that can be added to policies and responsibilities of Board in the future. Kristen, Cait, Lisa

Added county info for unpaid members, so board members can look in the shared google drive to reach out to those who have not yet rejoined. Kristin came up with talking points to help with reaching out. 144 members (all types) that have not renewed from prior years of 2026. Working with treebranch to make sure members get their certificates. Tim our consultants has left Kullman, new person Marc will pick up what tim helped us with.

2. Professional Development Committee- Astrid and Cait

i. CBTS 2026-registration opened Jan. 19 th and we have 442 registered so far and climbing

As of 2/18: in person 315, virtual 85.

1. Board and PDC members registration and roles

All Board members need to register and attend, a full questionnaire will be sent out to all Board members in April asking each person when they will arrive, where they are staying and how they wish to help.

Contact Lisa if a room from the room block is needed.

We always need help from Wed afternoon through Sunday afternoon's clean up.

Board attire is still to be determined, this will be included on the final Board schedule sent out just prior to the conference.

Annie R asked to join the PDC, was appointed by Pres.

Basket donations are required by each board member. Can be from families or community. Donation thank you letter from MSCCA in google drive.

2. MSCCA Conference flier distributed with QR code and share registration link widely with Board, base and social media early bird pricing extended to end of Feb.

3. MSDE approved conference and submitted invoice for sponsorship/stipend support to MSDE

ii. Partnership with Latino Child Care Association as sponsoring training in Spanish and bilingual

iii. Some PDC to make final prep visit to new venue before CBTS

not confirmed yet. Mar 20? Look at which rooms are best for virtual. will be using our own Zoom links as last year., Thurs and Fri sessions (not keynotes) will be recorded for those to view as in previous years.

Completed vouchers are coming in - already 77 turned in.

MSDE shared at OCC that they are not sure when new credentialing will be available, so is it uncertain if training reimbursements for attendees who were not previously credentialed is uncertain.

VIP Thurs evening for Board Members, Business members and sponsors.

Theme events - Friday two events at host hotels, Sat night Glow Dance Party in the convention center ballroom.

MHC sponsors a health and wellness room.

Barry - exhibitors 23 individual booths. halfway to sold out. 15 additional exhibitors. Booth contest and asking vendors to help promote conference by sharing our flier with their customers.

3. Outreach/Grant Committee

a. MSCCA Passion for Excellence Grant open

b. Closes March 15 -

let us know if you want to join the Grant review committee. Can only be on committee if not applying for a grant. Baskets at the conference - google forms will go out mid march for that before the conference, \$50 or more. All board members asked to provide a basket.

c. Johns Hopkins Child Life- Feb updates-Ruthi

Flyer coming out soon to share with chapters. Centers/chapters can participate.

4. Bylaws Committee

a. Present updates to the full Board and engage in discussion for next steps

5. Advocacy /Legislative Committee:

a. MSCCA presented at the Ways and Means briefing on Child Care Scholarship

b. Legislative Session open

c. MSCCA multiple bills-review

d. Call to action alerts MSCCA

e. Evening in Annapolis success- co-sponsors owe money will be invoiced by end of month

f. Continuing with advocacy through Town Hall, Community Conversations in January – successful and next

one Feb 24 Town halls/focus groups, surveys, engagement opportunities and Bainum Grant deliverables

g. Pre-K Workgroup making progress and listening to recommendations

h. MSCCA general liability insurance survey yields results

i. MSCCA Enrollment survey report

j. Local level advocacy

i. Balto City ECAC

Had meeting in January, preparing for second hearing now. “First steps strong start early learning hearings” People do not really understand Universal PreK. Focusing on prenatal through Age 5.

ii. Anne Arundel County

iii. All share updates

PG county meeting tonight Chris presenting. Also presentations coming up for interns and job fairs in schools.

MoCo chapter, first Zoom meeting in MArch. Attended Night in Annapolis, used registry emails to reach out .

6. Old Business

Time: 2:35-2:45 PM

a. OCC Advisory Council updates

b. State and local ECAC updates

c. Newsletter chapter updates

d. Please provide areas of support needed

8. Open Forum

Time: 1:50-2:00 PM

Discussion: Open floor for board members to raise additional issues or comments

9. Adjournment

Time: 2:02 PM