MARYLAND STATE CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING -IN PERSON

Board Meeting DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, Mar 19, 2026

Meeting Call to Order at 12:040 pm **Need 11 for Quorum**

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

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

Board Meeting Agenda

Date: March 19, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Goals and Outcomes: Accountant update, Professional Development CBTS update, Advocacy updates, and Week of

Young Child discussion

1. Call to Order

Time: 12:00 PM

Presenter: President

2. Financial Report

Time: 12:05 PM

Presenter: Kullman Accountant- Mark Creighton

Discussion: Review of financial statements and budget updates

Mark Creighton from Coleman & Associates was introduced as the board's new accounting representative and consultant CFO.Mark's initial review found the financials generally as expected but noted ongoing cleanup and promised a deeper review and guidance on funding cycles.The P&L and monthly financial statements were attached to the meeting email and a motion to approve the financials passed by chat voteMark's initial review found the financials generally as expected but noted ongoing cleanup and promised a deeper review and guidance on funding cycles.

3. Quorum and Approval of Minutes of February Meeting

Michelle Ficari introduced herself as a new MSCCA member and expressed interest in taking on leadership roles.

Time: 12:20 PM

Presenter: Secretary

Action: Vote

Motion 1 was made and seconded to accept the minutes for January and February, with those motions consolidated and advanced for approval.

4. Chapter Reports

Time: 12:25 PM

Presenters: Chapter leadership

5. Committee Reports

Time: 12:45 PM

Presenters: Committee Chairs

a. Membership Committee- Cait, Kristen

Membership lists are being reconciled between the Google spreadsheet and QuickBooks; current membership is reported as 242 and the teams will coordinate with web registrations to ensure up-to-date records.

b. Professional Development Committee- Astrid, Cait

So a small group of us visited the convention center to organize and stress, but mostly to plan and create videos. I don't know if you saw, two have been posted so far. Ty, the Child Care Whisperer, has agreed to do a marketing video for us as well that he will be sharing on his page

Conference in-person registration totals were reported at 485 for in-person attendees, plus 186 virtual registrants, 52 speakers, and 43 exhibitors; speakers and exhibitors will be in person, pushing in-convention-center attendance above 600.

The chapters will staff a designated exhibitor table at the conference with chapter-specific sign-in sheets and QR-coded flyers linked to MSCCA.org contact pages.

Caitlyn will share the Conference by the Sea marketing videos, Facebook post, and flyers from the shared Google Drive for wider distribution.

Board members will complete the board scheduling and t-shirt sizing survey sent by the professional development team as soon as possible.

Ruthi will send the Google form for conference basket donations on Monday.

Baskets for the conference raffle must be at least $50 and both board members and chapters are expected to donate one each.

Ruthi will send a Google form to last year's Passion for Excellence grant winners to solicit raffle donations and has had positive responses from prior winners

Chapter leadership will share the raffle Google form with chapter members to solicit additional basket donations.

Ruthi is organizing themed 50-50 boards and requested volunteers to wear costumes and staff the boards during Sunday breakfast to increase fundraising.

c. Outreach/Grant Committee-Ruthi

The Passion for Excellence grant closed on March 15 and a grant review committee will meet and present award recommendations before the April board meeting.

Chris will send notification emails to grant award winners and to applicants who were not approved after the committee decision.

d. Bylaws Committee-Imani

Marina Maier will coordinate with Imani and make herself available to join nominating meetings and assist Amanda as needed.

e. Nominating Committee-Marina

f. Advocacy and Legislative Committee-Carolina, Randi

Legislative advocacy reported progress: the General Assembly added $20M to the governor's child care scholarship budget, bills to institute copays and to prioritize child care workforce on waitlists are moving, and credentialing funding and bonus distributions are being finalized ahead of June 30 deadlines.
The organization is actively mobilizing members to send advocacy alerts about House Bill 1574 and related legislation.
Christina will testify next Wednesday in the Senate on the pre-K career ladder bill that codifies degree and experience requirements.
The career ladder bill includes provisions allowing bachelor-equivalent teachers from other countries and sets timelines for associate degree completion and assistant teacher credentials
MSCCA secured a May hearing with the Maryland Insurance Commission on rising general liability insurance for childcare providers and is soliciting business owners to testify.

6. New Business

Time: 1:15 PM

Presenter: Board of Directors

a. Discussion: Week of the Young Child (April 11-17) partnership with Kaplan Early Learning- Julie

Week of the Young Child (April 11–17, 2026) activities will include daily-themed giveaways, newsletter and social media promotion, and member-submitted program spotlights.

ideas for raffle each day or end of week? Highlight MSCCA members celebrations? March and April newsletter

b. Advocacy and legislative updates- discussion of advocacy alerts, legislative proposed changes for
child care scholarship program, child care credential program future, bill list reviewed- testimony on
12 bills submitted.

Old Business

Time: 1:40 PM

Presenter: Board of Directors

Discussion: Follow-up on unresolved items from previous meetings

1. Nominating Committee will work with Bylaws Committee to finalize the policies and procedures for

upcoming election cycle

2. Chapters meeting schedules and support for 2026

Chapter organizers will add their chapter events to the shared Google Calendar to improve cross-chapter support and planning

Ruthi will provide chapter leaders with flyer support and create printable flyers for the exhibitor table, and will coordinate placing QR-coded flyers that link to MSCCA.org chapter contacts.

Hartford chapter reported several upcoming events including a May 15 luncheon and an April meeting with licensing in attendance.

A CPR training will be hosted by a chapter and taught by Courtney; registration is $45 and interested attendees should contact Caitlyn or a chapter representative to join.

Tracey will host a virtual meet-and-mingle kickoff on the 26th at 7 p.m. to plan an in-person June kickoff and build local chapter participation.Barry will verify the active status of business members with Ruthi before confirming invitations for business members to attend chapter meetings

Michelle Fakeri will send a blurb describing her movie night program and partnership tips for inclusion in the newsletter and social media.

Amanda will send a blurb about the family heritage lunch on April 10th for newsletter and social promotion.

Open Forum

Time: 1:50 PM

Presenter: Board of Directors

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

The pre-K grant qualifiers changed: IEP, IFSP, and multilingual status are not automatic qualifiers this year; eligibility is now income-based and a memo was promised but not yet receive

9. Adjournment

Time: 2:00 PM

Presenter: President

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2026