

CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

May 13, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Government Center

Conference Room 4/5

MEMBERS PRESENT	Wynne Busman, Evelyn Evans, Tom Fitzpatrick, Valerie Inman, Monica Jackson, Lisa Farinholt-O'Brien
MEMBERS ABSENT	Mercedes Dash, Anne Goldstein, Sangeeta Sarkar
STAFF PRESENT	Flor Philips, Suzanne Ritchie
COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT	None

Call to Order

Monica Jackson, Council Vice-Chair, called the May 13, 2025 Child Care Advisory Council meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Review of Minutes

The April 8, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed with three suggestions for revisions. Motion to approve the changes to the April minutes was made by Monica Jackson, seconded by Wynne Busman and passed unanimously.

Information Sharing & Updates

- CCAC member Valerie Inman spoke at the FY26 budget public hearing in April. The FY26 budget was approved on May 13, 2025. The cuts impacting early childhood programs were included in the approved budget:
 - The training related to the Ages and Stages Questionnaire screening tool will continue without being included in NCS budget.
 - NCS funding support for the Bridge to Kindergarten Program was eliminated. FCPS has confirmed that this program has been cut from their budget and will no longer continue.
 - **The timeline for transition the Employees Child Care Center to a private provider continues. The Board has directed NCS to collaborate with families currently enrolled to develop cost-saving measures totaling \$1.9 million before contracting out this service. The plan will be presented as directed at the October Health and Human Services Committee meeting.**
- Due to recent changes by the Board of Supervisors regarding the issuance of proclamations, the CCAC will not be receiving a proclamation for Early Childhood Educators Week this year. The council discussed possibly submitting a proclamation for next year as a group to the Chairman's office and inviting him to present the proclamation at a community event. CCAC Vice-Chair Monica Jackson provided a list of other possible proclamations at the April Meeting. The group suggested possibly submitting a proclamation for Week of the Young Child (April), Early Childhood Educators Week (May) or Family Engagement Month (November). Staff members will research to see if any of the proclamations included on Jackson's list have been previously requested. The

group discussed hosting a community event themselves or perhaps requesting to have representation at an existing community event. Some ideas included collaborating with the ACCA Child Development Center and/or Infant Family Day Care in hosting a community event. Staff will reach out to BOS offices for a list of community events.

Parent representatives(CCAC)

At a previous meeting, CCAC Chair Evelyn Evans introduced the idea of including a parent representative on the council. Everyone present concurred that a parent's perspective would be valuable to the group. The discussion then focused on whether this representative should be appointed or if the vacant At-Large CCAC position could be converted to a parent representative role. Historically, the CCAC had a parent representative from Head Start who attended meetings and advocated for the program. It was suggested that there could be multiple parent representatives who could rotate through CCAC meetings.

The CCAC identified several key criteria for selecting parent representatives::

- ❖ One person from each [Human Services Regions](#)
- ❖ Representation of both center-based and family day home care
- ❖ Inclusion of military families, particularly those participating in the military family subsidy program

Once these recommendations are finalized, the council can present them to the Board of Supervisors.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The motion was made by Wynne Busman and seconded by Valerie Inman.

Next Meeting

June 10, 2025

7:00 p.m.

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