

CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Virtual

District	Member Name	Present	Absent
Braddock	Monica Jackson (Vice-Chair)	Springfield, VA	
At-Large Representative	Samantha Teegarden	Springfield, VA	
Dranesville	Valerie Inman	Herndon, VA	
Franconia	Evelyn Evans (Chair)	Lorton, VA	
Hunter Mill	Anne Goldstein-Rugel	Reston, VA	
Mason	Wynne Busman	Annandale, VA	
Mount Vernon	Thomas Fitzpatrick	Mt. Vernon, VA	
Providence	Mercedes O. Dash	Fairfax, VA	
Springfield	Lisa Farinholt-O'Brien	Springfield, VA	
Sully	Risa May	Vienna, VA	

STAFF PRESENT	Flor Philips
COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT	None

Call to Order

Wynne Busman, Council member, called the February 10, 2026, Child Care Advisory Council meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Review of Minutes

The meeting minutes from January 13, 2026, were reviewed and approved. Motion to approve without any changes was made by Lisa Farinholt-O'Brien, seconded by Mercedes Dash, and passed unanimously.

Information Sharing & Updates

- **Bylaws Update:**

Draft bylaws were provided to council members with updated language to add three additional at-large members and name change from Office for Children to Department of Neighborhood and Community Services.

There was discussion around the language of "NCS may recommend individuals for the Board to appoint or may nominate individuals subject to Board approval and appointment."

All members were in favor of the motion with one opposed. Motion to approve bylaws was made by Monica Jackson and seconded by Risa May.

- **Budget Timeline**

Staff member Flor Philips provided the timeline for the County budget process including the advertised County budget to be released February 17, 2026, and opportunity for public comment. Additional information about budget can be found at [Advertised Budget Plan | Management and Budget](#)

- **Beyond the Bell:**

Council members shared that a letter has been sent to each Board of Supervisors stating the comments/concerns about Beyond the Bell sites. Copy to be provided to NCS.

Beyond the Bell representative is attending the next Council meeting pending availability.

- **Pennino Building Closure**

The Pennino Building, which houses Human Services programs, will be closed until further notice due to flooding. This include the Employees Child Care Center that is housed on the first floor of the building. Early Childhood Program and Services reception has been temporarily relocated to Suite 1033 in the Herrity Building. NCS has also deployed a CareVan to provide general information and direct people to the appropriate services. In addition, there is an active effort underway to offer alternative childcare options while the building is closed.

Action Items

- Staff will provide council with a copy of the “Not in Package” document that was given to the Board of Supervisors as part of the Employees Child Care Center update.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The motion was made by Anne Goldstein and seconded by Monica Jackson.

Next Meeting

March 10, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Government Center

Conference Room 8