



Commission on Early
Childhood Education

Abigail Surasky - Chairperson
Tanya Moore - Secretary

Minutes

Commission on Early Childhood Education

Thursday, February 2, 2012
7:00 PM

North Berkeley Senior Center
1900 Hearst Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Please note: The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda.

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Novick, Kagiwada, Surasky, Waldstein, Alexander

Commissioners Absent: None

Public: Maria Porter and Brandee Tate, Berkeley Alliance

Staff: Tanya Moore

2. Agenda Review

No changes made.

3. Public Comments

No public comments made.

4. Approval of Minutes for Meeting on December 8, 2011 (Attachment A)

A motion was passed to approve the minutes. (M/S Commissioners Waldstein/Alexander, Ayes: Alexander, Kagiwada, Waldstein, Surasky, Noes: None, Abstention: Novick)

Update/Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.

5. State Trigger Cuts and Impact to Early Childhood Education

No action taken.

6. Childcare Mitigation Fund Update

A motion was passed to replace the previous Action Item for City Council recommendation for Mitigation Fund with the following:

- The City shall conduct a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to obtain a contractor to administer the Child Care Voucher Program for Berkeley working families that meet income eligibility specified on the Child Care Mitigation Fee ordinance.
- The contract would be for a period of three years. The contractor would charge a fee of 15% of the funds administered per year. In Year One, 60% of the fund balance is to be administered; in Year Two, 50%; and in Year Three the remaining balance, but not to exceed the amount of Year One.
- Priority will be given to families who use providers located within the City of Berkeley. Vouchers may be used with licensed providers only.
- Vouchers will be valued at \$600 per family per month.
- Vouchers may be used only for youth of two years of age for one year only.
- The Voucher program shall required that families receiving vouchers must use pre-schools that offer subsidized slots and they must participate in trainings and support services related to seeking quality child care.

7. 2020 Vision Update

Maria Porter and Brandee Tate shared an update on the 2020 Vision work related to Early Childhood Education, including Brandee's research on State budget cuts and impacts to local childcare centers.

8. Quality in Early Childhood Education

Tabled for future discussion.

9. Commission Membership Update

Novick and Surasky are resigning.

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10. Commission Elections

A motion was passed to elect Kagiwada as Chair and Alexander as Vice Chair. (M/S Commissioners Novick/Surasky, approved by acclimation)

11. New Business (no action, discussion only)

12. Announcements by Commissioners or Staff (no action, discussion only)

13. Future Agenda Items (no action, discussion only)

14. Adjournment

Communications

Attachment A – Draft Minutes of the December 8, 2011 Meeting of the Commission on Early Childhood Education

Attachment B—Report to Commission regarding recommendations for Mitigation Fund usage



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