

Office of Child Care (OCC) Advisory Council Meeting

Division of Early Childhood

Agenda

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025 - VIRTUAL

Meeting Link: https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us06web.zoom.us

10:00 - 10:15 Welcome, Introductions, and Recognition of Councilmembers

- Sarah Neville-Morgan, Co-Chair, Office of Child Care Advisory Council, Assistant State Superintendent, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), Division of Early Childhood (DEC)
- Chris Peusch, Co-Chair, Office of Child Care Advisory Council, Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA)

10:15 - 10:20 Action Item - Approval of May 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chris Peusch, MSCCA

10:20 - 10:50 **Division of Early Childhood Highlights and Updates**

- Jena Smith, Executive Director, Quality Improvement Initiatives, MSDE DEC
- Chris Peusch, MSCCA
- Sarah Neville-Morgan, MSDE DEC

10:50 - 11:05 **Council Member Conversation**

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11:05-11:20 **Public Comment**

11:20 - 11:55 HB 477: Family Child Care Homes (FCCH) and Child Care Centers Regulatory Analysis

- Laura Wallace, Director, Research, Policy, and Partnerships, MSDE-DEC
- Kelly Dwyer, Policy Management Analyst, MSDE-DEC

11:55- 12:00 Wrap Up, Next Steps, and Adjournment