

## Agenda

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**Monday, September 15, 2025 – Hybrid**

**Meeting Link:** <https://maryland.zoom.us/meeting/register/4G6SXbbqRpWIWS8EHSXiQg>

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| <b>1:00 – 1:25</b> | <b>Welcome, Introductions, and Recognition of Councilmembers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Laura Wallace, Director of Research, Policy, and Partnerships, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), Division of Early Childhood (DEC)</li><li>• Kelly Dwyer, Policy Advisor, DEC</li></ul> |
| <b>1:25 – 2:00</b> | <b>Presentation and Discussion: Workgroup Goals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Laura Wallace, DEC</li></ul>  |
| <b>2:00 – 2:20</b> | <b>Presentation and Discussion: Council Member Roles and Responsibilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kelly Dwyer, DEC</li></ul>  |
| <b>2:20 – 2:30</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>2:30 – 2:45</b> | <b>Presentation: National Landscape and Best Practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Hatice Gursoy DEC</li></ul>  |
| <b>2:45 – 3:05</b> | <b>Presentation: Maryland's Pre-K Landscape</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jena Smith, DEC</li><li>• Dr. Nykia Washington, DEC</li></ul>   |
| <b>3:05 – 3:50</b> | <b>Discussion: Key Definitions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Laura Wallace, DEC</li><li>• Kelly Dwyer, DEC</li></ul>  |
| <b>3:50 – 4:00</b> | <b>Wrap Up, Next Steps, and Adjournment</b>   |