



General ECAC Public Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Language Access, Roll Call 6 min total

Nevada ECAC Chair Tiffany Alston

Nevada ECAC Vice Chair Patrice Gardner

- **Language Access Description and Instructions 4 min**

Nayesdi Badillo, Family Engagement Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

- **Roll Call 2 min**

Brandi Hearst, ECAC Administrative Coordinator, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

2. Public Comment #1 6 min

Public Comments to be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on the agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Council Chair of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council will impose a time limit of three minutes. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Council's jurisdiction, control, or advisory power.

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda (Discussion for Possible Action) 3 min

The Council will vote to approve a flexible agenda, allowing the Council to take agenda items out of order; combine two or more agenda items for consideration; remove an item from the agenda, or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda.

Nevada ECAC Chair Tiffany Alston

Nevada ECAC Vice Chair Patrice Gardner

4. Approval of March 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes (Discussion for Possible Action) 5 min

The Council will review and vote to approve March meeting minutes.

Nevada ECAC Chair Tiffany Alston

Nevada ECAC Vice Chair Patrice Gardner

5. Subcommittee Updates (Informational, Discussion) 10 min

Subcommittees will give the Council workplan updates, success stories and possible challenges or barriers.

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

- **Executive Leadership** – Tiffany Alston, Chair and Patrice Gardner, Vice Chair
 - **Bylaws Ad Hoc**– Patrice Gardner and Marty Elquist, Co-Chairs
- **Communications and Engagement** – Dr. Jamelle Nance and Brianna Cambra, Co-Chairs
- **Policy and Finance** –Denise Tanata and Tiffany Alston, Co- Chairs
- **Data** – Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chairs
- **Family Leadership and Engagement**- Tiffany Olivas, Chair
- **Workforce Development**- Jamie Mendez and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs

6. Nevada's Child Health Screening Transformation (Discussion, Informational) 15 min

Members will be presented with information regarding Nevada's new Behavioral Health mandates, to include goals of new screening policies, screening levels, summary of Department of Justice screening requirements, screening tools, and when to screen.

Materials: [Children's Behavioral Health Screening Transformation PowerPoint](#)

Christine Pebbles, Nevada Health Authority, Behavioral Health Clinical Advisor

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner & Family Nurse Practitioner, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FNP-C



7. ECAC Chair and Vice Chair Election (Discussion for Possible Action). 15 min

The Council will nominate and vote on ECAC Chair and Vice Chair due to terms of seats.

Nevada ECAC Chair Tiffany Alston

Nevada ECAC Vice Chair Patrice Gardner

8. Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 (PDG B-5) Sustainability & Updates (For Discussion & Possible Action) 10 min

The Council will hear a brief presentation of updates and progress of the PDG B-5 work then discuss the proposed sustainability framework and related engagement efforts. Public (non-Council members) comments are welcome and allowable for expressing input and ideas during this item.

Rachel Stepina, PDG-B5 Grant Manager, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development

9. Nevada Department of Education (NDE) Data Updates (Informational, Discussion). 15 min

The Council to be presented with NDE updates that include but are not limited to available public reports, the ECAC Data Catalogue survey, progress on the EC Data Lab Cohort Project, and other data-related information.

Matthew Hoffman, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development

10. First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council Updates (Informational, Discussion)

15 min total- 10 Parent Spotlight / 5 min Council Updates

Members will be presented with updates from First 5 Nevada and hear a new Parent Spotlight experience from Guest Speaker

Tiffany Olivas & Anna Villatoro, The Children's Cabinet

Karina Aguilar, Parent Spotlight Guest Speaker

11. Nevada ECAC Partner Updates (Information/Discussion) 5 min

Nevada ECAC Partners, Agencies, Local ECACs, and other programs have time to briefly share updates if they did not already submit updates to the May/June Partner Summary Report, as time allows.

May/June 2026 Nevada ECAC Partner Summary Report: <https://nvecac.com/ecac-reports-documents/>

Nevada Department of Education (NDE)

• **Office of Comprehensive Student Services (OCSS)**

- Cate Guzy

• **Office of Early Learning and Development (OELD)**

- Michael Mitchell
 - QRIS, Sara Kharrat
 - PDG B-5 Grant, Rachel Stepina
 - Nevada Ready! Pre-K, Marissa LaCroix

Nevada Department of Human Services (DHS)

• **Division of Supportive Services (DSS)**

- Child Care and Development Program (CCDP), Brooke Yarborough
- Child Care Licensing, Edith Farmer

• **Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)**

- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH), Rhonda Lawrence

• **Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)**

- Early Intervention Services, Dazzrael Lyke
- Idea- Part C, Betsy Newman

• **Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)**

- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Blanca Ayala
- Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH), Tami Conn
- Oral Health Program, Jannette Gomez
- Nevada State Immunization Program, Tami Conn (temp)

Nevada Department of Administration (NDA)

- Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records, Darby Porter



Nevada ECAC Partners

- HRSA: Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems, Health Integration, Tiffany Olivas
- The First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council, Anna Villatoro
- Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC), Robin Marx-Mackerly, Jerek Hough and Carrie Paldi
- Nevada Child Care Provider Committee (CCPAC), Carrie Paldi and Lela Gonzales
- Pyramid Model, Janice Lee
- Research and Needs Assessments (NICRP), Amanda Haboush-Deloye
- Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Jacquelyn Kleinedler
- Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA), Dr. Jamelle Nance
- Strong Start Prenatal to Three (PN-3), Dr. Jamelle Nance
- PCI, Dr. Jamelle Nance
- Head Start / Early Head Start, Laura Brown

Local ECACs

- Elko: Sarah Carone, Tiffany Hyzer and Yosaba Arellano (State Representative)
- Southern Nevada (SNECAC): Amanda Haboush-Deloye
- Washoe County: Anna Severens, Kacey Edington
- Carson-Douglas: Tiffany Olivas
- Tribal: Ashleigh Baker
- Rural Nevada: Michael-Ann Lazzarino, Peach Koon & Sarah Dillard
- Lyon-Churchill: Evelyn Knight & Brandy Timmsen

12. Agenda Items for the July 15, 2026, Meeting (Discussion for Possible Action). 5 min

Council can add and discuss agenda items, keeping in mind the next 2 meetings (July, Sept) are shorter with a 2-hour time frame of 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

Chair Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

Vice Chair Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

13. Member Updates (Discussion, Informational) 5 min

Members of this Council can make announcements and share beneficial information

14. Public Comment #2 (Discussion for Possible Action) 6 min

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15. Upcoming ECAC Meetings (Informational)

Communications and Engagement: 5.26.26 @11:30 am -12:30 pm

Executive Leadership: 6.02.26 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Bylaws Ad Hoc: 6.8.26 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Workforce Development: 6. 09. 26 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Data: 6.18.26 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Policy and Finance: 7.21.26 @ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

16. Adjournment