



**Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council**  
Public Meeting  
Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location	Meeting ID	Passcode	Meeting Link
Virtual Meeting   Zoom Platform	815 9023 7818	308879	<a href="#">General ECAC</a>

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**Agenda**

**1. Call to Order**

Welcome, Member Attendance

**2. Public Comment #1**

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**3. Approval of Flexible Agenda (For Possible Action)**

The Subcommittee will vote for possible approval of a flexible agenda.

**4. Approval of May 20, 2026, Minutes (Discussion for Possible Action)**

The Subcommittee to review and vote for possible approval of the May 20, 2026, minutes.

**Materials:** [May 20, 2026 Minutes](#)

**5. Co-Chair Report 2 min**

Chairs can make announcements with no discussion or possible action

**6. First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council Updates (Informational, Discussion) 15 min**

Members to hear updates from Family Leadership Council, and may hear a Parent Spotlight experience from a Family Leader Guest Speaker.

*Tiffany Olivas and Anna Villatoro, The Children's Cabinet*

**7. 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
- **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 Dr. Jerek Hough, Co-Chairs

**8. Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Presents Bylaws Revision and Recommendations (Discussion for Possible Action) 20 min**

Council to review the revisions and recommendations presented by the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee, providing feedback with vote to possibly approve for use, delegating the task of editing or finalizing the official document, as needed.

**Materials:** [Bylaws](#), Summary Chart of Revisions

*Marty Elquist and Patrice Gardner, Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chairs*

**9. Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 (PDG B-5) Sustainability Update (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

The Council will hear updates and progress of the PDG B-5 sustainability plan and related efforts.

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

**10. Local ECAC Supports Experience (Information and Discussion)**

Chairs who participated in the Local ECAC Supports have the opportunity to share their journey and offer feedback on the application process, discuss results achieved and update the Council on community successes

*Local ECAC Supports organized by NV ECAC, in partnership with The Children's Cabinet and Funded by the Preschool Development Grant, Birth-5.*

Participating Chairs:

**Carson Douglas ECAC** - Tiffany Olivas

**Southern Nevada ECAC** - Amanda Haboush-Deloye

**Washoe ECAC** - Anna Severens

**Elko ECAC** - Sarah Carone, Tiffany Hyzer, Yosaba Arellano

**Rural Nevada ECAC** - Michael-Ann Lazzarino, Peach Koon, Sarah Dillard

**Lyon-Churchill ECAC** - Evelyn Knight, Brandy Timmsen

**11. Nevada ECAC Partner Updates (For Discussion and Information)**

ECAC Partners and Local ECACs can briefly share updates as time allows.

July/August 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- 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, Dr. 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), Strong Start Prenatal to Three (PN-3), PCI- Dr. Jamelle Nance

- Head Start / Early Head Start- Laura Brown

**Local ECACs**

- Elko: Sarah Carone, Tiffany Hyzer with Yosaba Arellano (State Representative)

- Southern Nevada (SNECAC): Amanda Haboush-Deloye

- Washoe County: Anna Severens, Kacey Edington

- Carson-Douglas: Tiffany Olivas

- Rural Nevada: Michael-Ann Lazzarino, Peach Koon & Sarah Dillard

- Lyon-Churchill: Evelyn Knight & Brandy Timmsen

- Tribal: Ashleigh Baker

**12. Agenda Items for September 16, 2026 Meeting (*Discussion*)**

Members can discuss and request items to add to the next meeting agenda

**13. Member Updates (*Informational and Discussion*)**

Members of this Subcommittee can share updates and announcements, as applicable.

**14. Public Comment #2**

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**15. Upcoming Meetings Dates** *(For Review and Discussion)*

Members can review and request meeting additions or rescheduling as needed

Workforce Development: 9.08.26\*

General ECAC: 9.16.26\*, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Policy and Finance: 7.23.26, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Communication & Engagement: 7.28.26, 11:30 am

Executive Leadership: 8.04.26, 11:00 am -12:30 pm

Family Leadership and Engagement: 08.06.26, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Data: 08.20.26, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

\*Evening meeting

**16. Adjournment**