

General Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 | 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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INTERIM-CHAIR: Crystal McClendon-Gourdine **TIMEKEEPER:** Elizabeth Lopez, Administrative Assistant II

RECORDER: Karen Gordon, Temporary Administrative Assistant II

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Call to Order (5 minutes)

Crystal McClendon-Gourdine

- Welcome and Introduction
- Minutes and Agenda Review (**ACTION**)

Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)

Crystal McClendon-Gourdine

If you wish to speak on a matter on the agenda, please give your name and identify any group or organization you represent for the record prior to your presentation. If you wish to speak on a matter NOT on the agenda, please wait until the Chair calls for public comment on items of interest to the public. The Council shall only take action related to items listed on the current agenda.

- Items on the Agenda
- Items of Interest to the Public

Welcome New Members! (10-15 minutes)

Liliana Gonzalez – Public Agency Central/South 2
Stacey Higgins Norman – Community Central/South 2

Crystal McClendon-Gourdine

Discussion & Planning: February Speaker Series (60 minutes)

Crystal McClendon-Gourdine

Updates (10 minutes)

Crystal McClendon-Gourdine, All

- Coordinator position update

Announcements (5 minutes)

Adjournment (5 minutes) (**ACTION**)

NEXT MEETING: March 29, 2021 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting – Details will be posted on www.plan4kids.org

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Zoom Meeting Protocols

Local Planning Council (LPC) Members

- LPC Members will be muted upon entry. The host will unmute Members as the meeting begins.
- Committee Chair will open the meeting with a roll call.
- Any voting conducted will be done through a roll call. Each Member will be called to give their verbal “aye/yes” or “nay/no” vote, or abstain from voting.
- When Members have completed speaking/presenting, Members will indicate to the group by saying “complete” or “done” – to avoid crossover talk.

Members of the Public

- Members of the public will be muted upon entry, and will remain muted through the duration of the meeting.
- Members of the public will be prompted to introduce themselves through the Chat Box.
- Members of the public wishing to provide public comment will provide comment through the Chat Box.
- The Chair will prompt the host to share any public comment. And if not prompted, the host will share comments posted at the beginning and end of the agenda item.

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Minutes of the LPC General Council Meeting

Monday, November 23, 2020 | 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Zoom

Members Present: Brenda Brown, Denise Clarke, Candida Duperroir, Crystal McClendon-Gourdine, Cathy Roof, Silvana Mosca-Carreon, Stacie Roundtree, Jacqueline Smith, Amy Wells

Members Absent: Phelicia Lang, Kaitlyn Young

Staff Present: Susan K. Jeong and Karen Gordon

Guests Present: Sandra Moore

Guests Present Jacquelyn Guittone

Welcome and Introductions

- Interim Chair Crystal McClendon-Gourdine called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m., and introductions were completed. *Note: A quorum was not present; however, motions were documented for the record.*

Agenda Review and Approval

- Brenda Brown moved to approve the agenda for the September 28, 2020 meeting. Cathy Roof seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Review and Approval

- Cathy Roof moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2020 meeting. Denise Clarke seconded. Brenda Brown abstained, as she was not at September meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Presentation: Sandra Moore, Contra Costa College, presented a Community College update. The impact of the pandemic has been devastating. During the summer, only eight children were enrolled; therefore, it was not justified to open three classrooms. The Early Learning Center was not open during the Fall due to surge in cases, and therefore they were unable to employ staff. Staff will receive unemployment benefits through December 2020. With the low enrollment, there is a concern of budget cuts. The workforce is needed as centers open, so they are in collaboration with YMCA and CSB for recruiting purposes.

Presentation: Candida Duperroir presented an update on the child development programs. Since the pandemic occurred many private centers closed. 8% licensed centers (on school or church site) and 9% family childcare providers have closed permanently. The primary challenge is that private centers are funded by families, and parents fear sending their children to school due to the risk of infection. The challenge is to determine how to sustain these centers during this time. The low-middle income families are affected, as they do not qualify to receive monetary assistance.

Group discussed that there is a task force which the Superintendent is a member, and there is indication that additional government funding will be provided in the near future. Group also discussed the need to position itself for the second wave of funding.

- Cathy Roof moved for the council to write a joint letter in Tandem with CocoKids to request relief funds for childcare providers and to request that childcare providers are second in line (after health care workers) for the Covid vaccine. Brenda Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Group Discussion

- **Speaker Series:** Susan Jeong and Crystal McClendon-Gourdine led a group discussion about Zoom burnout and a proposal for a series to engage the workforce for smaller amounts of time. The information would be digestible and easier to plan, rather than dedicating an entire day for a workshop, Educators would be invited for a consecutive series of talks for 20-30 minutes, once or twice a week for a month. The series would start with a kickoff, have 1-2 speakers a week, have time built in for networking and reflection, and would end with a virtual block party with drawings/prizes for attendees who have stayed through the entire series. The council recommended the following speakers: Hilary Clinton, Kamala Harris, Michelle Obama, Nicole Stewart, Lucrecia Dillard, Clarence McGee III, and Ronald Mah. The group decided to plan the series in February 2021 on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
- **No Small Matter:** Susan Jeong discussed that the council would host a virtual screening of *No Small Matter*, which is a documentary on early childhood education. The council discussed that an efficient method to hold the screening would be to send out the video ahead of time so that the attendee could view the documentary within their schedule by a specified deadline.

Updates

- **Member recruitment:** Susan Jeong reported that the applications for Liliana Gonzalez and Stacey Norman have been approved and the final approval will be conducted next month by the Board. Ana Cardenas will learn more about the LPC and may apply for one of the parent seats.
- **State Funded Administrators Network:** Brenda reported that the CDE has circulated a survey, and the state funded program supports the LPC.
- **Distance Learning:** The superintendent has hosted conversations about Learning Support Centers (learning hubs) for distance learning. LPCs role is to have ears to the ground and respond immediately to needs. Susan Jeong wrote a letter to DeSaulnier to request PPE and the Covid vaccine for the childcare providers (second in line after health care workers).

Announcements

- Crystal McClendon-Gourdine has extended her position as Interim Chair for six additional months.

Adjournment

- Cathy Roof moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m., and Stacie Roundtree seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: January 26, 2021, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting – Details will be posted on www.plan4kids.org