

Minutes of the LPC General Council Meeting

Monday, September 28, 2020 | 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Zoom

Members Present: Denise Clarke, Phelicia Lang, Crystal McClendon-Gourdine, Cathy Roof, Silvana Mosca-Carreon, Jacqueline Smith, Amy Wells, Kaitlin Young

Members Absent: Brenda Brown, Candida Duperroir

Staff Present: Susan K. Jeong and Karen Gordon

Guests Present: Ali and Ana Cardenas

Welcome and Introductions

- Interim Chair Crystal McClendon-Gourdine called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m., and introductions were completed. *Note: A quorum was not present; however, motions were documented for the record.*

Minutes Review and Approval

- Denise Clarke moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2020 meeting. Amy Wells seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Review and Approval

- Cathy Roof moved to approve the agenda for the September 28, 2020 meeting. Silvana Mosca-Carreon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Presentation: Ali Uscilka, Director of Health and Active Before 5 presented on Voter Registration and Measure X.

- Voter Registration: Discussed voter registration for all citizens over 18 who are eligible to vote with no criminal record. Ballots will be sent to all registered voters in California and must be returned by October 19 (no stamp required) or dropped off on election day.
- Measure X: Discussed the local measure which will increase sales tax by ½ percent and will result in \$81 million revenue annually for 20 years to fund fire services, hospitals, and early childhood education. Only need 51% of voters to pass.

Presentation: Ana Cardenas presented the challenges of distance learning during the pandemic. Primary challenges include lack of technology and/or parent's experience, language barriers when dealing with school staff, and working parents must be at home when preschool child is sick (may be quarantined for weeks due to current health requirements at school).

Group Discussion

- Merging Committees: As a response to COVID, the group discussed merging the Advocacy and the Project Work Force Committees. The 10/6 Advocacy Committee meeting will be rescheduled as a merged committee meeting.
- LPC Annual Forum: A discussion was held regarding the 2021 LPC Annual Forum. Four options were presented:
 1. Host LPC workshop at CocoKids conference.
 2. Co-host with CocoKids as dual partnership.
 3. Skip LPC Annual Forum in 2021.
 4. Alternative virtual conference.

Cathy Roof motioned that LPC will hold a workshop as part of the CocoKids Conference. Phelicia Lang seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates

- Member recruitment: There are currently open positions, and it is a challenge to find new members due to the pandemic and less exposure to in-person meetings. Flyers will be produced to assist with member recruitment. Currently, Stacy Norman of DVC has applied for the Community Representative, and Liliana Gonzales of First 5 has applied for the Public Agency Representative. Ana Cardenas will consider applying for one of the Child Care Consumer positions.
- State Funded Program Administrators Network: CDE Nancy De Armond has been invited to answer questions regarding bulletins. Need guidance on data collected for pilot program, as there has been a slow response time. Superintendent Lynn Mackey has corresponded with CDE regarding the slow response.
- Support for Distance Learning & LPCs Role: There are site-based grants to support and train providers on distance learning.
- Advocacy Committee Update:
 - Advocacy Breakfast – will obtain dates and determine whether to move forward.
 - Child Care Coordinators Association Policy Agenda – the policy is very detailed and closely aligns with LPC's policy agenda.

Announcements

- Judy Wagner's surgery was successful.
- Kaitlin Young will be starting maternity leave on October 7 and will return in March 2021.

Adjournment

- Kaitlin Young motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m., and Silvana Mosca-Carreon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: November 23, 2020, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting – Details will be posted on www.plan4kids.org