



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Head Start Policy Council

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

6:00 PM 500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill | 1203 West
10th St. Building D, Antioch | 300 S. 27th St,
Richmond |
Zoom:
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Meeting ID: 823 7923 0789

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Gabriela Garibay, Policy Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM

2. Wellness Activity

All in attendance participated in a group stretch wellness activity

3. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

4. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

There were no public comments

5. Parent Recognition of Staff

The following staff were recognized for going above and beyond in their work with the children and the families:

Yesica Villa, Teacher, at Marsh Creek, Blanca Torres, Teacher, at George Miller, Sima Wardak, Teacher at George Miller, Maria Blas, Teacher at George Miller and Chan Sivilay, Teacher at George Miller III were presented with a certificate to acknowledge their dedication to children and families.

6. ACTION: Approval of January 21, 2026 Policy Council Meeting Minutes [26-632](#)

Attachments: [Policy Council Meeting Minutes 1-21-26 DRAFT](#)

The Policy Council meeting minutes from January 21, 2026, were reviewed, and no corrections were noted.

A motion to approve was completed by Norma Chayrez and seconded by Amy Mockoski.

- The motion passed with 17 votes in favor. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Ayes: Montano, Coleman, Hernandez, Mockoski, Velasquez, Perez, Magana, Sanders, Williams, Villalpando, Munoz, Ginochio, Garibay, Miller, Chayrez, Nieve, Calle

7. Administrative Reports [26-633](#)
(Program updates, Program Reports, and Fiscal Reports)

Attachments: [Administrative Reports](#)
[Fiscal Reports](#)
[Child Nutrition Report](#)

M.J. Robb, Director, presented the Directors Report

Amy Wells, Division Manager, presented the Administrative Reports

- Nia Williams inquired about the monitoring tools that are used. Wells stated that they can be shared and would be added to the Sparkle Space. Additionally, Williams mentioned that her Site's Director had mentioned a portion of the playground that had been flagged for repair. Wells stated that this would be added to the Sparkle Space.

Darryl Davis, Administrative Services Assistant III, presented the Fiscal Reports

8. Presentation: 1st Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) & School Readiness (SR) Goals [26-634](#)

The Education Team presented the 1st Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) & School Readiness (SR) Goals. Gloria Perez inquired on how the interest of children is measured. The education team explained the process for following a child's interest in determining their goals and growth.

9. Presentation: 1st Period Semi-Annual Monitoring Report [26-635](#)

Attachments: [1st Period Semi-Annual Monitoring Report](#)

Christina Castle-Barber, Division Manager, presented the 1st Period Semi-Annual Monitoring Report on behalf of **Ayalew Lidete, Administrative Services Assistant III**. **Kimberly Nieve** commented on the difficulty of securing a medical appointment in a timely manner in regard to health checkups. Castle-Barber assured her that as long as the concern is communicated to the site, it will be noted. Additionally, Castle-Barber explained medical consent request forms.

10. Presentation: Oral Health [26-636](#)

Heather Lawler, RDH, MSDH, Dental Hygienist Liaison provided an oral health presentation.

11. Subcommittee Reports

Norma Chayrez, Vice-Chair reported participation in the Fiscal Subcommittee, she explained that they reviewed the differences in expenditures between Head Start and Early Head Start. Additionally, the reason for the higher than normal credit card report was due to recent training related costs.

Norma Chayrez, Vice Chair reported participation in the Program Services Subcommittee, the subcommittee reviewed Desired Results Developmental Profile and monitoring report.

12. Site Reports

Ivonne Munoz, Los Nogales - reported that parents recently received information regarding kindergarten enrollment. Parents received information on where they can receive free food in the county. The center invited parents to share information about their home countries to their children's classrooms. On February 10th the children learned about Vietnam and Vietnamese New Year from two parents. The center received a visit for Give Kids a Smile Day on February 6th. On February 13th the children had pajama day. On February 27 the center received a visit from Bella's Story Time who sang and played the guitar for the children.

Courtney Sanders, George Miller III - reported that the site received a visit for Give Kids a Smile Day on February 6th. Topics from their recent parent meeting included Cardiopulmonary Resuscitations CPR, First Aid and Stranger Danger. The center continues to be repainted. Directional arrows will be painted on the playground floor. Parents received information about Transition to Kindergarten TK.

Nia Williams, KinderCare Pittsburg - reported that one of their teachers was promoted to Assistant Director
Gabriela Garibay, Marsh Creek - reported that the center received a presentation on challenging behaviors.

13. Announcements & Sparkle Space

Ruben Cardona, Comprehensive Services Assistant Manager, provided the following announcements.

-Make Parenting a Pleasure, English & Spanish curriculum sessions starting in February 23rd.

-700 Forms Annual filing coming

-Next Meetings:

- Program Services Subcommittee - 03/04/26 @ 5PM
- Policy Council Executive Meeting - 03/04/2026 @ 6PM
- Fiscal Subcommittee - 03/18/2026 @ 5PM
- Policy Council Meeting - 03/18/2026 @ 6PM

14. Meeting Evaluation

Pluses:

-Informative Topics

-Oral Health Presentation

Deltas:

-None

The next meeting is currently scheduled for March 18, 2026.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

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