

# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill | 1203 West 10th St. Building D Antioch, CA | 300  
S. 27th St. Richmond, CA | Zoom: <https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/82379230789> |  
Meeting ID: 823 7923 0789**

## **Head Start Policy Council**

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 Vice Chair**, called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. [25-4264](#)

**Attachments:** [Addressing Vacant Slots Due to Chronic Absenteeism in Head Start Programs](#)  
[Fiscal Year 2026 Monitoring Process for Head Start Recipients](#)  
[Office of Head Start Correspondence - Spanish](#)

**Tuliisa Miller, Policy Council Secretary**, read correspondence from the Administration for Children and Families - Office of Head Start Memorandum IM-25-06 Addressing Vacant Slots Due to Chronic Absenteeism in Head Start Programs ; ACF-OHS-IM-25-05 Fiscal Year 2026 Monitoring Process for Head Start Recipients.

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

No Public Comments.

4. [25-3937](#)

**Attachments:** [Head Start Policy Council Bylaws](#)  
[Head Start Policy Council Bylaws - SPA](#)

Tabled to November

5. [25-4265](#)

**Attachments:** [Policy Council Subcommittees 2025 - Bilingual](#)

The Subcommittee Leads were presented and explained by **Ana Araujo, Comprehensive Service Manager**. **Darryl Davis, Administrative Services Assistant**, introduced what the Fiscal Subcommittee offers and when they meet. Former past subcommittee representatives shared how such meetings are beneficial, informative, and a good place to share ideas and suggestions, including asking questions.

The 2025-2026 Policy Council Subcommittee Leads are as follows:

- Program Services Subcommittee: Gloria Perez
- Monitoring -Self Assessment Subcommittee: Gloria Perez
- Advocacy Subcommittee: Gloria Perez
- Fiscal Subcommittee: Policy Council Chair
- Bylaws Subcommittee: Norma Chayrez

**A motion to approve the 2025-2026 Policy Council Subcommittee Leads was completed by Kimberly Nieve and seconded by Tuliisa Miller.**

- The motion passed with 20 votes in favor. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Ayes: Montano, Huerta, Hernandez, Mockoski, Santana, Botello, Perez, Magana, Garcia, Hansen, Villalpando, Garibay, Fayani, Munoz, Ginochio, Miller, Chayrez, Nieve, Calle, Perez

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[25-4266](#)

**Attachments:**      [Executive Summary - Head Start Year 1 Carryover to Year 2 - Bilingual](#)

**Sarah Reich, Division Manager**, presented the application to carry over Year 1 unobligated funding to the Year 2 budget period ending June 30, 2026. Reich covered budget use clarifying the Personnel budget had unused funds due to staff vacancies. Representative asked if the unused funds could be used for teacher rewards, Reich shared the supply budget is used for teachers on wellness early closures.

**A motion to approve the Application to carry over Year 1 unobligated funding to the Year 2 budget period ending June 30, 2026, was completed by Amy Mockoski and seconded by Gloria Perez.**

- The motion passed with 20 votes in favor. Nays:0 Abstentions:0

Ayes: Montano, Huerta, Hernandez, Mockoski, Santana, Botello, Perez, Magana, Garcia, Hansen, Villalpando, Garibay, Fayani, Munoz, Ginochio, Miller, Chayrez, Nieve, Calle, Perez

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[25-4267](#)

**Attachments:**      [Emergency Policy Council Minutes September 3, 2025 - Draft Bilingual](#)

The Policy Council meeting minutes from September 3, 2025, were reviewed, and no corrections were noted.

**A motion to approve was completed by Gabriela Garibay and seconded by Norma Chayrez.** Kimberly Nieve abstained.

- The motion passed with 19 votes in favor. Nays:0 Abstentions: 1

Ayes: Montano, Huerta, Hernandez, Mockoski, Santana, Botello, Perez, Magana, Garcia, Hansen, Villalpando, Garibay, Fayani, Munoz, Ginochio, Miller, Chayrez, Calle, Perez  
Abstentions: Nieve

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[25-4268](#)

**Attachments:**      [Policy Council Minutes September 24, 2025 - Draft Bilingual](#)

The Policy Council meeting minutes from September 24, 2025, were reviewed, and no corrections were noted.

**A motion to approve was completed by Kimberly Nieve and seconded by Amy Mockoski.**

- The motion passed with 20 votes in favor. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Ayes: Montano, Huerta, Hernandez, Mockoski, Santana, Botello, Perez, Magana, Garcia, Hansen, Villalpando, Garibay, Fayani, Munoz, Ginochio, Miller, Chayrez, Nieve, Calle, Perez

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[25-4269](#)

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

**M.J. Robb, Director** - Director's Updates

**Darryl Davis** - Administrative services Assistant III - Fiscal Reports

**Amy Wells, Division Manager** - Administrative Reports

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[25-3936](#)

**Attachments:** [2nd Desired Results Developmental Profile \(DRDP\) Child Outcomes Report](#)

**Comprehensive Services Manager, Afi Fiaxe; and Comprehensive Services Manager, LaTonya Saucer**, presented the DRDP Child Outcomes Report and Progress Report in School Readiness Goals 2024-2025. Fiaxe and Saucer shared that information is taken from the 1st and 2nd assessment, and the trends are looked at to further conclude what is needed.

11. Site Reports

- **KinderCare LoneTree:** Held a Pedestrian Safety Meeting, Fall Festival, and plan for a picture day soon.
- **George Miller Center:** In September, Ron Pipa played the accordion for the children, Bella read books for children and provided books to take home, a visit from nursing students teaching about health, Mount Diablo read books to the children.
- **George Miller III:** On Friday October 17th from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, a Harvest Festival will be held in celebration of 60 Years of Head Start, in addition, Bay Discovery Museum will be visiting in the month of October.
- **Balboa:** The center is going to be painted, and the families conducted a vote on what color they wanted the center painted.

12.

[25-4270](#)

**Attachments:** [Policy Council Sparkle Space 9-24-2025](#)

**Michelle Mankewich, Administrative Services Assistant III**, announced the Self-Assessment will take place the second week of November and is seeking parent participation. Parking Lot/ Sparkle Space Information on what occurs during Wellness Early Closure Days will be included in November packet.

**Ana Araujo, Comprehensive Services Manager**, clarified that reimbursements for childcare, covers children from 0 to 12 years of age. In addition, Araujo announced a reminder of the Program Subcommittee Meeting, PC Exec Meeting, Fiscal Subcommittee Meeting and Policy Council Meeting's dates and times for November.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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