



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Head Start Policy Council

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

6:00 PM 500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill | 1203 West
10th St. Building D, Antioch | 300 S. 27th St,
Richmond | Zoom:
<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/82379230789> |
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. 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

3. Wellness Activity

All in attendance participated in a group breathing wellness activity.

4. Correspondence

[26-994](#)

Attachments:

[Office of Head Start Monitoring Review Report - 09CH012839](#)

[Office of Head Start Dietary Guidelines](#)

Tuliisa Miller, Policy Council Secretary, read correspondence from the Office of Head Start, CSB's Monitoring Review Report and the Office of Head Start's Dietary Guidelines.

5. Parent Recognition of Staff

The following teachers were recognized for going above and beyond in their work with the children and the families and presented with a certificate to acknowledge their dedication to children and families:

Maria Ibarra, (Balboa Center), Inderjeet Kaur, (Crescent Park Center), and Meuy Vang Saechao, (Crescent Park Center).

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6. ACTION: Review, discussion, of the FY26-27 Head Start Grant Application, including Program Goals and Objectives updates, and approval to apply for continued funding in the amount of \$20,577,342. [26-995](#)
- Attachments:** [Executive Summary - FY26-27 HS Continuation Grant](#)
[Executive Summary - FY26-27 HS Continuation Grant - SPA](#)
- Sheila Walsh, Administrative Services Assistant III**, presented the Fiscal Year 26-27 Head Start Grant Application to the Policy Council and requested approval.
- A motion to approve was completed by Amy Mockoski and seconded by Kimberly Nieve.**
- The motion passed with 18 votes in favor. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0
- Ayes: Huerta, Coleman, Hernandez, Mockoski, Velasquez, Botello, Magana, Garcia, Villalpando, Fayani, Muñoz, Garibay, Miller, Chayrez, Nieve, Areliz Calle, Nwankwo, Valencia
7. ACTION: Review and Approval of February 18, 2026, Policy Council Minutes [26-996](#)
- Attachments:** [Policy Council Meeting Minutes 2-18-2026 Draft](#)
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- The Policy Council meeting minutes from February 18, 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 18 votes in favor. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0
- Ayes: Huerta, Coleman, Hernandez, Mockoski, Velasquez, Botello, Magana, Garcia, Villalpando, Fayani, Muñoz, Garibay, Miller, Chayrez, Nieve, Areliz Calle, Nwankwo, Valencia
8. Administrative Reports (Program updates, Program Reports, and Fiscal Reports) [26-997](#)
- Attachments:** [Administrative Reports](#)
[Fiscal Reports](#)
[Nutrition Report](#)
- M.J. Robb, Director**, presented the Directors Report
Amy Wells, Division Manager, presented the Administrative Reports
Darryl Davs, Administrative Services Assistant III, presented the Fiscal Reports
9. Presentation: Contra Costa County Community Assessment Results [26-998](#)
- Attachments:** [Community Assessment Update](#)
- Sheila Walsh, Administrative Services Assistant III**, presented the Contra Costa County Community Assessment Results
10. Presentation: Contra Costa County Library [26-999](#)
- Attachments:** [Contra Costa County Library Services](#)
- Amy Mockoski, Liberian III**, provided a presentation on the Contra Costa County Libraries and the resources it provides
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11. Subcommittee Reports

Tuliisa Miller & Raquel Magana, Executive Team - reported that they participated in Head Start Advocacy Day on March 17 in Sacramento

Norma Chayrez, Vice-Chair - reported on the fiscal subcommittee meeting, that the fiscal reports look as they should

Norma Chayrez, Vice-Chair - reported on the program services subcommittee, they received information about the Grant Application

12. Site Reports

Fabienne Fayani, Los Arboles - reported that in April they would be celebrating the Week of the Young Child. They will be participating in Planting Day, Community Helper Day, Crazy Hair and Dress Day, Tie Dye Parade and have a visit from the Fire Department. Nursing students came out to the center to teach children about dental hygiene. The center received a visit from the Dental Van so children could receive dental services. Lastly, Los Arboles is currently at 100% enrollment.

Claudia Nwankwo, YMCA Fairgrounds - reported that the center is having Theme Week. The Parenting Program, Opening Doors, has started and takes place every Thursday evening for two hours.

Ivonne Muñoz, Los Nogales - reported that nursing students visited the center. The children had an opportunity to plant broccoli. The children learned about healthy and non-healthy foods. Educational activities took place all month long. The center will also have a pajama day in March. The topic for Los Nogales's March parent meeting will be the benefits of reading to their children.

Angelita Villalpando, Lavonia Allen - reported the center received a 100% score in all areas of the preschool creative curriculum fidelity. Ms. Doretha McElderry, celebrated 30 years of teaching at the center. The second Desired Results Developmental Profiles were completed.

13. Announcements & Sparking Space

[26-1000](#)

Attachments: [Policy Council Sparkle Space 2-18-26](#)

Ana Araujo, Comprehensive Services Manager, provided the following announcements.

- Make Parenting a Pleasure session 5 is on 3-23-2026
- 700 Forms Annual filing coming soon
- Next Meetings:
 - Program Services Subcommittee - 04/01/2026 @ 5PM
 - Policy Council Executive Meeting - 04/01/2026 @ 6PM
 - Fiscal Subcommittee - 04/15/2026 @ 5PM
 - Policy Council Meeting - 04/15/2026 @ 6PM

Christina Castle-Barber, Division Manager, let the Representatives know that at the next Program Services Subcommittee meeting, they will discuss the monitoring tool that is used

14. Meeting Evaluation

Pluses:

- Held the meeting

Deltas:

- Sound issues experienced by individuals who joined virtually

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 15, 2026

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:43PM

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