



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Thursday, April 12, 2018

2:30 PM

30 W. Mifflin St.  
Room 1000B

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Denise DeMarb; Christine Coke; Kate Toews; Mykenzie L. Lemberger;  
Nancy K. Brien and Dipesh Navsaria

**Absent:** 2 - Senay Goitom and Lana Nenide

**Others present:** Coral Manning, Terri Strong, Deb Diaz, Rommel Tijerino,  
Christie Voigt, Jim O'Keefe

Brien called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lemberger, seconded by Navsaria to approve the February 8, 2018.  
Motion passed by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Standard ones only.

Toews has 2 children in an accredited center. Goitom has a child at an  
accredited center. Navsaria is on the WECA Board.

### NEW BUSINESS

- [51071](#) Community Services Committee membership from ECCEC and nomination of interested candidate  
  
**Mykenzie Lemberger is interested in representing ECCEC on the Community Services Committee.**  
  
**Motion by DeMarb, seconded by Toews to nominate Lemberger to serve on the Community Services Committee as the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee representative. Motion passed by voice vote.**
- [51064](#) Amending Section 3.12(10) of the Madison General Ordinances to update the ordinance and makes substantive changes to the Child Care Program.  
  
**Manning discussed the draft changes the committee had approved at the February meeting. Manning provided clarification on several of the proposed**

changes.

A motion was made by Denise DeMarb, seconded by Kate Toews, to recommend adoption of MGO 3.12(10) as written with the following change to 3.12(10)(d): strike the word "In-Service" where it appears twice in the section. "In-Service Training and Technical Assistance. In-service training and technical assistance may be provided...". Motion passed by voice vote.

3. [51072](#)

Tuition Assistance Report

**Attachments:** [ECCEC 2018-April](#)  
[ECCEC 2018 Quarter 1](#)

Tijerino discussed the Tuition Assistance Report. There was an increase in families discontinued from the program due to leaving the City of Madison or income changes. Housing costs in Madison are high. The City of Madison child care assistance program pays higher subsidies than Dane County child care assistance program, but rents outside of Madison are cheaper. The recent ordinance changes should go into effect next week once Council passes the changes. Once the changes are implemented outreach will be done with families and centers. The goal is to help families remain on the program and still be able to afford the family share. By the end of the summer, there will be a better understanding of the impact the ordinance changes will have on families enrolled in the program.

4. [51073](#)

2018 Tuition Assistance eligibility levels and rates

**Attachments:** [2018 Income Eligibility Guidelines](#)  
[Rates 2018](#)

Manning discussed the 2018 eligibility levels based on 185% of the updated Federal Poverty level.

The rate comparison sheet provided rates based on center survey responses gathered from 4C.

5. [51074](#)

Stabilization Funds

**Attachments:** [Stabilization Funds Report to ECCEC April 2018](#)  
[Stabilization Funds Projected Shortfalls](#)

Manning discussed the stabilization funds report for 2018 and the projected budget shortfalls provided from centers over the past several years. Changes in WI Shares funding contributed to center shortfalls. Changes to family shares made it difficult for families to budget accurately for child care. Changes in family income, attendance and WI Shares payments contribute to the problem. Satellite will be able to provide further data on family child care provider stabilization needs and allocation.

6. [51075](#)

NLC Work Update

**Attachments:** [Plan for Early Childhood in Madison summary 3-16-18](#)

Manning discussed the National League of Cities work and assessment of early childhood. The next step will be outreach to families and child care workers.

**The family views on early childhood and input on gaps will help to create solutions. Another update will be provided in June.**

7. [51076](#)

Report from committee Family Child Care Subcommittee members on the April 5th listening session with family child care providers

**Brien discussed the family child care provider listening session. The family child care providers were grateful for the opportunity to share their experiences. Many providers referenced the discontinuation of the substitute care program. This program allowed providers to attend doctor appointments, meetings or school functions for their own children while a qualified substitute provider ensured the children received quality care. Without the substitute care, family child care providers have to choose between closing their child care business for that day, postponing doctor appointments or not attending meetings or participating on committees.**

**The payment structure and timing of WI Shares payments were of concern mentioned by many of the family child care providers. It is difficult to continue to run a family child care program out of your home without consistent payments from both Dane County and families. Additional concerns were the need for more trauma informed care support and training opportunities to improve family child care providers' growth. The family child care providers spoke highly of Satellite and its consultants.**

**The ECCEC Family Child Care Subcommittee will meet on May 14th to discuss the concerns raised at the April 5th listening session and will bring recommendations forward to the full ECCEC committee.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Navsaria, seconded by Toews to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm.  
Motion passed by voice vote.**