



# City of Madison

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

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Thursday, July 8, 2021

2:30 PM

Virtual

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Jael Currie; (Lisa) Anna M. Berry; Rebecca K. Murray; Sylvia F. Ramirez and Dipesh Navsaria

**Absent:** 2 - Claire E. Lind and Nancy K. Brien

**Others present:** Rommel Tijerino, Amy Alt, Becca Gray, Terri Strong

Navsaria called the meeting to order at 2:37 pm.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [66203](#) Public Comment ECCEC July 2021

None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Murray, seconded by Ramirez to approve May 13, 2021 minutes.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No new disclosures.

Standard Ones:  
Lind consulted with accredited centers.

### NEW BUSINESS

2. [66204](#) Presentation: Racial Equity in Early Childhood Classrooms - Lisa Berry, Woodland Montessori School

**Attachments:** [Equity Inclusion Presentation](#)

Lisa Berry, Diversity and Equity Specialist from Woodland Montessori gave a presentation on Equity Inclusion. Berry discussed the importance of self-awareness, self-reflections, recognizing biases and types of othering. Berry shared tips for teachers to recognize their biases and to empower, not rescue. Berry discussed tools for classrooms to address and approach

discussions on race.

3. [66205](#) Child Care Unit Hiring Update

Rommel discussed an offer was extended for the Early Care Manager position. More information will be shared when candidate responds.

Tijerino introduced Amy Alt to the members. Alt joined the Child Care Unit earlier this year as a Child Care Specialist.

4. [66206](#) ECCEC Meeting Format

Tijerino shared the City's updated meeting plans. Boards, Committees or Commissions will continue to meet virtually until September. Beginning in September if boards, committees or commissions that wish to meet in person must make a formal request through the Mayor's Office and Council. Each committee will decide on the meeting format moving forward.

ECCEC members discussed options and will continue meeting virtually. Updated city policies or COVID procedures will drive future discussions on meeting format.

5. [66207](#) Nomination of ECCEC Chair

Navsaria opened the floor to chair nominations. Members had questions that will need to be answered prior to nomination. Becky will find out if alders can chair committees, if committees can have co-chairs and the length of term for a chair. These answers will be shared at the September meeting. Navsaria will be acting chair until new chair is chosen.

6. [66209](#) CSC Report - Rebecca Murray

Murray discussed CSC made funding recommendations for crime prevention and crisis intervention at the last meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ramirez, seconded by Currie to end the meeting at 3:27 pm. Motion passed unanimously.