Early Childhood Council of Kern

Special General Council Meeting -- Minutes August 5, 2025

Members Present

Kevin Bartl, Myetta Beavers, Mike Bledsoe, Leticia Brooks (proxy for Yolanda Gonzales), Alesha Brown, Rosa Johnson, Deborah Murr, Tina Mullen, Shirelle Perez, Elizabeth Rose, Sabrina Runnels, Amanda Tumblin, Shannon Vernon, Melissa Vittoria (Zoom), and Tracey Wheat.

Members Absent: Gladys Garcia-Jara, Jessica Krall, Yadira Mendoza, Lily Pimentel-Stratton, Anamariksa Rodriguez, Amanda Rollin, Janet Rubio, and Jennifer Wood-Slayton.

Staff Present: Amanda Cruz-Ardoin.

Call to Order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Alesha Brown at 11:34 a.m. in City Centre Room 1D. Members were also present by Zoom at satellite locations at Kern River Valley Family Resource Center in Lake Isabella.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

2025/2026 ECCK General Council meeting schedule: The schedule was presented to the members. Regarding the April meeting, Amanda C. pointed out that the first Wednesday in April is Spring Break. It was agreed by the gathering that the meeting date should be set as April 8. Amanda T. asked if the September meeting should be Sept. 3, which was confirmed. The meeting dates on the schedule (all from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with various locations) are Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Feb. 4, March 4, April 8, May 6, and June 3. Amanda T. made the motion to approve the schedule with the September and April date changes. It was seconded by Shirelle. The motion was unanimously approved. There were no public comments.

Adjournment: Kevin moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Deb. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Next meeting: September 3, 2025, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in City Centre Room 1B.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Bledsoe, Secretary