

Notice of Public Meeting

 Planning for quality early care and education.

General Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 11:30 a.m.

City Centre- Room 1B 1300 17th Street. Bakersfield, CA 93301	Cerro Coso Community College- Child Development Center 3000 College Heights Blvd. Ridgecrest, CA 93555 Zoom Link	Wonderful College Prep Academy Main Admin Small Conference- Room 14848 Lamberson Ave. Lost Hills, CA 93249 Zoom Link	Lamont Elementary School District- Family Success Center 7915 Burgundy Ave. Lamont, CA 93241 Zoom Link
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Meeting Locations: Scheduled Agenda

Item	Time	Title of Item	Who	Description
1	5 min	Call to Order, Introductions, Roll Call	Mike Bledsoe	Welcome of members
2	1 min	Reading of the Council Mission Statement	Carla Benitez	Information
3	5 min	Public comments		The public comment period is limited to one minute. The Council is unable to take action on any item not appearing on the agenda. The public will also have the opportunity to comment on each agenda item after there has been discussion and prior to the Council taking a vote on the item. Members who would like to make a public comment can contact the LPC Coordinator (Amanda Cruz-Ardoin at amcruz@kern.org) prior to the meeting or share their comment during the meeting. Public comment will be received by the Council and action will be taken after all public comments and discussion has taken place. If you would like to make a public comment, please begin by stating your first and last name.
4	5 min	Consent Approve 9/9/2026 and 5/6/2026 Council Agenda 4/8/2026 and 5/6/2026 Council minutes	Mike Bledsoe	Action- Motion to approve Agenda for 9/9/2026 and 5/6/2026 and the 5/6/2026, 4/8/2026 Council minutes. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
5	5 min	Administrative Updates	Amanda Cruz-Ardoin	Information - Discussion regarding Council forms and other administrative documents. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
6	5 min	Budget Report	Amanda Cruz-Ardoin	Information - Discussion on the budget report. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.

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7	5 min	Bylaws	Amanda Cruz-Ardoin	Action - Motion to approve the revised Bylaws. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
8	5 min	A Day Without Early Education video	All	Information - Show video and discuss "A Day Without Early Education." Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
9	20 min	Council Activities	All	Information - Presentation on the Council Activities for 2025-2026. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
10	10 min	ECCK 2024-2029 Strategic Plan	All	Information - Discussion on the ECCK 2024-2029 Strategic Plan. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
11	10 min	KCSOS - P3 Alignment and Early Education	Stacy Barnett	Information - Updates on the P3 Alignment and Early Education Programs. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
12	5 min	Council Membership	Amanda Cruz-Ardoin	Information - Discussion on the status of the Council membership. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
13	10 min	Public Policy Report	Kevin Bartl	Information - Update on legislation that can impact early learning and care. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
14	10 min	Member Reports	All	Members may report on their own agency's activities. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this time.
15	30 min	Brain Architecture Activity	All	Information - Council members will engage in a hands-on activity together. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this time.
16	1 min	Adjournment	Mike Bledsoe	Motion needed to approve by Council. The next Council meeting is October 7, 2026. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.

All agenda items supporting documentation are available for public review in the office of the Early Childhood Council of Kern, 2000 K Street, Bakersfield, 93301 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, following the posting of the agenda. For information contact Council staff Amanda Cruz-Ardoin at (661) 861-5289 or amcruz@kern.org.