

Notice of Public Meeting
Early Childhood Council
of Kern
Planning for quality early care and education.

General Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 11:30 a.m.

Bell Tower Plaza- Room 107 1200 Truxtun Ave. 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	Alesha Brown	Welcome of members
2	1 min	Reading of the Council Mission Statement	Amanda Tumblin	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 10/7/2026 Council Agenda 9/9/2026 Council Minutes	Alesha Brown	Action- Motion to approve Agenda for 10/7/2026 and 9/9/2026 Council minutes. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
5	10 min	Member Networking	All	Activity - Get to know 2026 ECCK members. 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	20 min	Kern Early Stars Presentation	Tracey Wheat	Information - Presentation on Kern Early Stars program . Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
8	20 min	Ad Hoc Committees	All	Information - Discussion with Ad Hoc Committees. Public comment is considered in time allotted for this item.
9	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.
10	10 min	Workforce Pathways Grant Data Survey	Amanda Cruz-Ardoin	Information - Overview of Workforce support provided to participants in Kern County for the FY 25-26. 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	1 min	Adjournment	Alesha Brown	Motion needed to approve by Council. The next Council meeting is November 4, 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, 1300 17th 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.