

**Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)
PDG B-5 Cross Agency Child Council Minutes
March 11, 2021**

Attendees

Guests:

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Adams	Susan	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Betancur Santamaria	Catalina	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Family Ambassador
Binderman	Mindy	Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students (GEEARS)
Bolton-Gary	Cynthia	University System of Georgia
Dooley	Caitlin	Georgia Department of Education
Fener-Sitkoff	Erica	Voices for Georgia's Children
Hutchins	Tre'	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Family Ambassador
Kasfir	Elisabetta	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Mousinho	Colleen	Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services
Osmani	LaToya	Georgia Department of Public Health
Ponder	Bentley	Department of Early Care and Learning
Setterlind	Allison	Georgia Head Start
Stevens	Pam	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Turner	Kimberly	Governor's Office for Student Achievement
Williams	Miranda	Office of the Governor

Carl Vinson Institute of Government Facilitators: David Tanner, Beverly Johnson, Melinda Moore, Theresa Wright, Michael Moryc, Jennifer Inglett-Hendershot, Meghan Camp Armstrong, Hong Zeng

DECAL Staff: Susan Adams, Deputy Commissioner of Pre-K and Instructional Supports; Bentley Ponder, Deputy Commissioner of Quality Innovations and Partnerships; Clayton Bassett, Preschool Development Grant Director; Courtney Woullard, Preschool Development Grant Coordinator

Minutes

On March 11, 2021 the Cross-Agency Child Council (CACC) for the Preschool Development Grant, Birth through Five (PDG B-5), facilitated by Carl Vinson Institute of Government staff was called to order at 9:30 am by Deputy Commissioner Susan Adams.

Deputy Commissioner Adams and David Tanner with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (Institute of Government) began the meeting with a welcome to the Council members for 2021. Deputy Commissioner Bentley Ponder and Deputy Commissioner Adams then gave an overview of the PDG B-5 Needs Assessment data, and progress made in the PDG B-5 in 2020.

Mr. Tanner reviewed the last meeting of 2020 for the Council and Deputy Commissioner Adams reminded Council members of the purpose of CACC.

Deputy Commissioner Adams and Deputy Commissioner Ponder reviewed the Strategic Plan for the PDG B-5 with Council members.

Mr. Tanner then facilitated the feedback discussion regarding the PDG B-5 Strategic Plan with Council members using the digital platform Mural.

After a short break, facilitators and note takers from the Institute of Government and DECAL broke Council members into three groups. Facilitators and note takers rotated between groups and discussed one of three goal areas for the CACC in 2021 with each group. Council members then volunteered for one of the workgroups in the goal areas for the next year.

Deputy Commissioner Adams and Dr. Melinda Moore then thanked the Council members for their insights and time discussing feedback for the Strategic Plan and goal areas for the next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.