

Cross-Agency Child Council

MEETING MINUTES



May 4, 2022
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, EST

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
Good	Cayanna	Technical College System of Georgia
Hutchins	Tre'	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Family Ambassador
Ponder	Bentley	Department of Early Care and Learning
Setterlind	Allison	Georgia Head Start
Stevens	Pam	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Tiegreen	Wendy	Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Turner	Kimberly	Governor's Office for Student Achievement

Attendees

Guest Speakers: Jessica Woltjen, April Rodgers, GEEARS

Carl Vinson Institute of Government Facilitators: David Tanner, Beverly Johnson, Melinda Moore, Theresa Wright, Timothy Collings, Elizabeth Bocz, 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 May 4, 2022, 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 1:00 pm 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 2022. Deputy Commissioner Bentley Ponder and Deputy Commissioner Adams then gave an overview of the purpose of the CACC.

Deputy Commissioner Adams and Deputy Commissioner Ponder provided updates to the Strategic Plan for the PDG B-5.

Mr. Tanner then facilitated a feedback discussion regarding the benefits of a Cross-Agency Council with Council members.

After a short break, facilitators from GEEARS and DECAL presented information on PDG B-5 updates. GEEARS provided information about a Family-Friendly Licensing Project. DECAL provided information about their Community Transformation Grants.

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 year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.