



Orange County Child Care and Development Planning Council

Appointed by Orange County Board of Supervisors and Orange County Superintendent of Schools
200 Kalmus Drive, PO Box 9050, Costa Mesa, CA 92628-9050

"The mission of the Orange County Child Care and Development Planning Council is to mobilize public and private resources and foster partnerships to address the child care and development needs of Orange County children, families, and providers."

Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 27, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

OCDE Conference Center

200 Kalmus Drive | Building D, Rooms 1007 | Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Purpose and Responsibilities

Provide leadership and continuity to the Council and Council Committees. Responsible for the recruitment of a diverse membership in accordance with the mandates in AB 1542 in collaboration with the Membership Committee. Provide fiscal oversight and accountability in collaboration with the Orange County Superintendent of Schools. May address and secure additional funding beyond the State grant to carry out the work of the Council. Develop legislative positions for the Council with respect to broad-based child care and development issues to guide the Council's advocacy agenda and action, including positions on legislation.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Council Chair: Cristina Blevins

Vice-Chair: Mary Beckelheimer

Second Vice-Chair: Sandy Avzaradel

Parliamentarian: Maureen Fitzpatrick

Past Council Chair: Fritzi Gragg

COUNCIL STAFF (Non-Voting)

LPC Coordinator: Tawnie King, Ed.D.

OC Superintendent of Schools (SOS) Liaison: Elida Garcia, Ed.D.

OC Board of Supervisors (BOS) Liaison: Misael Hernandez

LPC Administrative Assistant: Bessy Wilson

PLANNING COUNCIL CALENDAR (For Informational Purposes)

January - Nominating Committee is formed - Call for Nominations is made - Reappointment Applications sent out - Begin Outstanding Advocate of the Year Nominations	February - Outstanding Advocate of the Year Nominations Due - Present Priorities Report to Steering, Council, & conduct Public Hearing - Begin Membership Recruitment Drive - New Member Applications Due 2/27/26
March - Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership (due 3/15) - Slate of Officers presented to Steering for approval - Retreat sub-committee is formed - Council meeting dates are decided for 26/27, approved at May Council meeting (will move this discussion to November 2025 due to no January meeting)	May - Priorities Report approved by BOS (due to CDSS 5/30/26) - Approve new/reapp member recommendations at Council meeting - Present/vote slate of officers at Council meeting
July - Annual Summary of Activities Report	Other -

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

REVIEW MINUTES

- Review Minutes from May 20, 2026

COUNCIL CHAIR UPDATES

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Cristina Blevins, Council Chair

COUNCIL COORDINATOR UPDATES

Tawnie King, Ed.D.

- Membership Nominations
- Ad Hoc Committee Planning
- Spotlight Presentation Topics
 - Inclusive Education and Family Resources
 - November 2026 - May 2027 Spotlight Suggestions
- Family Guides for ELC program options ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#))

Amanda Selogie, Esq.

APPOINTED AGENCY REPORTS

- Orange County Department of Education
 - Head Start - Proposed Regulation Changes

Elida Garcia, Ed.D., SOS Liaison

OTHER BUSINESS

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NEXT MEETINGS

- Next Council Meeting: September 16, 2026
 - OCDE Conference Center - 200 Kalmus Drive, Building D, Rooms 1005-1006, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
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