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Solano Child Care Planning Council Retreat

**August 26, 2026
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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Agenda

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| 1. Call to Order (1 min) | Tony Ayala |
| 2. Agenda - Action Item (2 min)
a. August 26, 2026, Agenda | Tony Ayala |
| 3. Brown Act/ LPC Overview (45 min)
a. Brown Act
b. History of LPC's
c. LPC Mission & Vision | Juanita Morales |
| 4. Reflective Activity: "Your Why" (45 min)
a. Walk & Talk
b. Menti meter
c. Commitment Statement | Juanita Morales |
| 5. Retreat Activity: From Challenges to Change: Identifying One | Juanita Morales |

Community Problem and Creating One Actionable Solution (90 min)

- a. Brainstorm Community Challenges
- b. Vote on One Priority
- c. Solution Design Challenge
- d. Shark Tank Presentations
- e. Council Commitment

6. Adjourn

Tony Ayala



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General Meeting

August 26, 2026

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order (1 min)** Tony Ayala
2. **Agenda (Action Item) (2 min)** Tony Ayala
 - a. August 26, 2026, Agenda
3. **General Meeting Minutes (Action Item) (2 min)** Tony Ayala
 - a. June 18, 2026, General Meeting Minutes
4. **Public Comment (5 min)** Tony Ayala
 - a. Members of the public may address the Council on any subject within the Planning Council's jurisdiction or request consideration to have an item placed on a future

agenda. The Council will take no action at this time on any item presented.

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| 5. Swearing in New Members (5 min) | Anne Shin |
| 6. Coordinator Updates (10 Min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Membershipb. Legislative updatec. UPK Mixed Delivery | Juanita Morales |
| 7. Council Commitment (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Community Problemb. Actionable Solution | Tony Ayala |
| 8. Adjourn (5 min) | Tony Ayala |



The Solano County Childcare Planning Council

General Meeting: Minutes

June 18, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ebony Brown, Erica Dudley, Kathy Lago,
Sabrina Drake, Susan Smith, Yashica Simpson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Corinna Calica, Joti Takhar,
Kwiana Algere, Nicole
Arocha, Tony Ayala

GUESTS:

Cinda Rae Clemente, Rebecca Grasty

STAFF:

Eldridge Glover, Juanita Morales,
Michelle Burhorn, Shannon Feins

AGENDA ITEM	HIGHLIGHTS/DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM on June 18, 2026.	Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Sabrina Drake.
2. Agenda (Action Item) a. June 18, 2026, Agenda	Council members reviewed the June 18, 2026 agenda. There were no updates or revisions to the June 18, 2026 agenda requested by the council.	Kathy Lago – Motion to approve the June 18, 2026 agenda. Susan Smith – Seconded to approve the June 18, 2026 agenda.
3. General Meeting Minutes (Action item) a. April 23, 2026, General Meeting minutes	Members reviewed the meeting minutes. There were no updates or revisions to the April 23, 2026 General Meeting minutes requested by the council.	Susan Smith - Motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the April 23, 2026 General Meeting.

		Ebony Brown – Seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the April 23, 2026 General Meeting.
4. Public Comment	Public comment recommended scheduling meetings at times that better accommodate families and child care providers, providing Spanish translation services, improving meeting outreach/marketing, and publishing more detailed agendas prior to meetings that encourages the greater public to participate in the Child Care Planning Council mission.	Public comment was provided by Rebecca Grasty.
5. Swearing in New Members	New members: 1. <i>Ms. Erica Dudley – Benicia Unified School District</i> 2. <i>Ms. Yashica Simpson – Vallejo City Unified School District</i>	Eldridge Glover - Interim Assistant Superintendent, Student Programs and Services facilitated the swearing in of two new Solano Child Care Planning Council Members representing Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Nicola Parr.
6. Approval of 2026/2027 Calendar	Kathy Lago opened the discussion on approving the 2026/2027 Child Care Planning Council Calendar and agreed with the public comment that meetings should be held at times more convenient for child care providers and families interested in participating in the Solano Child Care Planning Council. Ms. Lago asked Juanita Morales to please send reminders to council members to share the meeting dates and times with their listservs and social media channels to encourage more participation. It was also recommended that meeting minutes be published. Sabrina Drake asked Ms. Morales whether quorum had been met during the 2025-2026 meetings. The coordinator confirmed that quorum was met at all meetings during the program year. Susan Smith inquired about the current meeting time and should the meeting time also be reevaluated to consider the closing of child care facilities and the ability of providers to make meeting times and proposed moving the meeting time from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm to 6:30	Susan Smith – Motioned to revise the following changes to the 2026/2027 Solano Child Care Planning Council Calendar: Revised: a. Annual Planning Retreat moved to August 26th 3:00 pm -6:00 pm b. General Solano Child Care Planning Council Meeting moved from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm for the following dates: • August 26, 2026 • October 22, 2026 • December 17, 2026 • February 18, 2027 • April 22, 2027 • June 17, 2027

	pm – 7:30 pm. Ms. Lago mentioned the Council Meetings lasted 2 hours in past. She would support the idea of moving the meeting times. Ebony Brown supported the time change to better accommodate child care providers’ work schedules and which will allow them to attend after closing their facilities. She also recommended reviewing meeting times annually.	Kathy Lago – Seconded the motion to revise the changes to the 2026/2027 Annual Planning Retreat and General Meetings.
7. Coordinator Updates a. Membership b. Legislative Update c. Zip Code Priorities d. ECE of the Year debrief e. Leading for Children: Humanity First	a. Currently there are 4 vacancies on the Solano Child Care Planning Council: 2 consumer, 1 Discretionary, 1 community representative. Nicole Arocha’s term will expire in August and will need to reapply if considering remain on the council. Please contact Juanita Morales for more information about the application process or general questions. b. 2026-2027 Legislative budget has been announced. Focus will be on State Preschool, Workforce Stability and Cost of Care. Signed into law: • SB 792- Income threshold for families at risk of losing child care subsidies – this law helps working families keep their childcare subsidies longer by increasing the income limit for CalWORKs Stage 3 childcare from 70% to 85% of the state median income. This reduces the likelihood that families lose childcare assistance as their earnings increase. • AB 121 – Stabilization payment to child care providers - The 2025 California education budget package maintained and increased childcare provider funding through Cost of Care Plus payments, continued enrollment-based reimbursement for subsidized childcare programs, expanded support for inclusive early education, and provided funding stability for providers serving	No action taken.

families through Alternative Payment Programs and other state-subsidized childcare programs

- SB 753 – Authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue an assistant teacher permit to individuals with at least 6 units that authorizes the permitholder to assist in the supervision of children for no more than 120 minutes per day while the supervising employee leaves the classroom for purposes of offering flexibility for classroom support, during breaks, or escorting children outside of the classroom. Teachers can hold this permit for up to two years while they work to meet the 12 units required for an Associate Teacher Permit.

To watch:

- AB 2258- Alternative Payment Programs – the bill reallocates unused childcare program funds into a dedicated fund to expand childcare assistance for eligible families, and it creates an ongoing appropriation mechanism to support that goal.
- AB 2314 – Alternative Payment Program – Accountability – the bill increases accountability and transparency for California's Alternative Payment Programs by requiring reporting on program operations and outcomes. The goal is to improve oversight of childcare subsidy programs, ensure funds are used effectively, and provide policymakers with better information about enrollment, services, and unmet childcare needs.

- c. Zip Code Priorities Report – sent to CDE and CDSS submitted on time. The report was not presented to the Solano County Superintendent of Schools or the Solano County Board of Supervisors because there was not a substantial change in the Zip Code Priorities for this year.

	d. 2026 ECE of Year Event (May 1, 2026): Thank you to the LPC members who attended and supported the event. The planning for the 2027 event will start again after the new year. Currently SCOE Early Learning is planning for the Early Learning Conference on Saturday, e. The Solano COE will be hosting a two-day Summer Institute facilitated by Leading for Children (LFC). LFC will be guiding participants through a holistic strategy designed to make a lasting impact on early care and education. Through their Mutual Learning Programs, they inspire exploration and skill development, creating major improvements in early learning ecosystems. For more information or to register please contact Michelle Burhorn at mburhorn@solanocoe.net	
8. Wage Study Next Steps a. CSCCE's Proposal b. Partnerships	Sabrina Drake opened the discussion regarding the Wage Study conducted by the Center for the Study of Child Care Employment (CSCCE) at UC Berkeley. Juanita Morales reminded Local Planning Council (LPC) members and members of the public that CSCCE provided a presentation at the Child Care Forum in February. Susan Smith reminded the group that a proposal had been submitted to First 5 Solano to fund the study; however, the funding request was denied. Ms. Morales informed the group that Tony Ayala has been exploring the possibility of contributing Solano College Workforce Development funds toward the study. She noted that additional partners would need to contribute in order to meet the total study cost of \$25,000 through a braided funding approach. Ms. Morales also explained that data gathered from the study could provide a foundation for future exploration of a potential tax measure. Kathy Lago asked whether there was information available regarding what other counties had done to participate in the study. It was noted that a similar study had also been conducted of Bay	No action taken.

	Area Counties, under which Solano was not included, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Morales shared that, to date, there has not been an issue identified by the Council that has provided a meaningful opportunity to engage the community and gather public input. She noted that the proposed wage study could serve as a potential avenue for community engagement and help inform future planning efforts and noted that interest in the wage study originated from discussions held during a previous community forum. Erica Dudley asked whether the Solano Workforce Development Board had been contacted regarding potential partnership opportunities. Ms. Lago questioned whether funding the study would be the best use of available resources at this time and whether it should be a priority focus. Ms. Smith echoed the sentiment of Ms. Lago, whether this study would be the best use of resources. Ebony Brown asked for additional information about the survey process and whether there might be someone within Solano County who could conduct the work locally. Ms. Morales explained the scope, detail, and length of the survey process. Susan Smith added that the analysis component of the survey requires specialized expertise. <u>Next Steps:</u> The Child Care Planning Council agreed to spend the next year reviewing relevant legislation and developing a comprehensive plan that reflects the children care needs of Solano County. The Council will also explore opportunities to invite representatives from communities that have successfully passed tax measures to share their experiences and lessons learned. The committee recommended that further discussion and planning	
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	on this topic commence at the Annual Child Care Planning Council Retreat in August.	
9. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.	Meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Sabrina Drake.