



Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	Bureau of Child Care Licensure Advisory Committee	
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom	
Meeting Date:	05.16.2025	
Time:	1:00 P.M.	
Call to Order:	1:02 PM Jamila Taylor	
Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:	August 15, 2025 1:00 P.M. Via Zoom Meeting	
Meeting Adjourned	1:23 P.M.	
Attendees:	Advisory Committee Members Present: Jamila Taylor ReGina Harvey Roberta Avila Jamie Ferrell Marneshia Cathey Tonya Jones Sherita Calvert Dobbins Advisory Committee Members Absent: Cynthia Lewis Vincent Burke Nita Norphlet-Thompson Gena Puckett Dr. Rhemalyn Lewis MDHS Staff: LaKeisha Bland	Bureau Child Care Licensure Staff: Nicole Banes Yolanda Morrow Marlinda Beck Lee Tera German Cassie Hillhouse Tonya Broger Public Attendees Guests attending via phone conference. Please note, several attendees signed in with unidentified telephone numbers, iPads, and iPhone. Cindy McCarley Brenda McCormick Adrienne Daniels-Bryant Nita Rambo Okema White-Scott Michele Rittenhouse Jessica Cimarrusti Stacey haggard Sherita Dobbins Wendi Murray Karla Owens Melissa Riddle Cantrell Keyes

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Buka Okoye
 From iPhone (6)
 Debbie Ellis -
 K's Kids Learning Center
 Amanda Cornelius
 Tonia-Ton's creative Center For learning
 Nancy Sylvester
 Tamara Smith
 Amy Berry

	AGENDA TOPIC	NOTES
I	Welcome and Call to Order	Jamila Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M. Ms. Thomas established a Quorum (at least 7 members) was met.
II	Quorum	A quorum is established with 7 council members present.
III	Minutes of the Last Meeting	<p>Jamila Taylor called for the approval of the council minutes from the February 21, 2025, meeting.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor called for a motion from one of the council members to accept the minutes or continue discussions.</p> <p>Roberta Avila motioned to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2025</p>

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		<p>meeting.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor requested a second motion for approval of the February 21, 2025, meeting minutes.</p> <p>Sherita Dobbins second the motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2025, meeting.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor opened the floor to any discussion about February 21st, 2025, minutes. No discussion on those minutes or edits were proposed.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor proposed that the council members accept the February 21, 2025, minutes, respond by saying aye.</p> <p>Council Members: Aye</p> <p>Jamila Taylor proposed if there were any nay votes? Any abstentions?</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated the minutes from February 21, 2025, meeting was approved.</p>
IV	Old Business	<p>Jamila Taylor opened the floor for any discussion regarding old business.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated we will discuss those proposed amendments for the regulations. For the members, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, we are going to compile a list. You can send those questions and concerns to myself. Regina isn't on to give her e-mail address, but I'll put my e-mail in the chat. You can e-mail me with those questions or concerns, and we will get those submitted to Ms. Yolanda Morrow so that her team can discuss that with Nicole Banes, as well, as we move forward. I'm going to turn it over to miss Morrow and she'll kind of go through how they have gone through and made those edits those proposed changes to the Regs and kind of explain that to advisory.</p> <p>Yolanda Morrow stated that all interested parties should have received the regulations as well as the table of contents page. There were three different items for proposed changes. The federal updates, highlighted in red, the grammatical errors that were found in the listing, and some best practices listed.</p>

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	<p>The table of content sheet should go over each one of those changes.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated there is nothing else you all want to share on those.</p> <p>Yolanda Morrow stated not at this point, until the proposed changes are reviewed and checked, and feedback is received.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated providers will be given an adequate amount of time will be giving to look at and review them. Also, council members have additional time to review those and come up with the questions that we have.</p> <p>Yolanda Morrow stated our goal is to submit them for the board in October 2025 so we have couple of months so that you can look at them and get stuff back in so that if we need to tweak it, we can or respond back to you.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor asked does any board members have any questions about that process? This gives us some time to look at it, dissect it, and come up with any questions or concerns that we have. Then you are planning to have a version to be submitted by October of 2025, am I understanding that right?</p> <p>Yolanda Morrow stated yes, that's correct. We plan to submit it to the Board of Health. If it goes through their process they approve it, it must go to the Secretary of States office, it will be there for 30 days. That is 30 days from the date of filing, not from the date of the board meeting, because sometimes that can be different from the date of filing. 30 days from that date, sometime in November 2025, it will be the actual reg. As you can see, we submitted a brand-new set of regulations instead of going through and trying to edit that very long document with all the underlining and tried to find a way to condense it. Our goal was to find a way to make it more seamless and easier to understand.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor asked at point will you have a public comment time?</p> <p>Yolanda Morrow stated the public comment period may be 30 days before the Board of Health meeting so at that point we will have the oral proceedings. That is when the public comment period will happen.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor asked, will be posted on the website, correct?</p> <p>Yolanda Morrow responded yes, it is on the public website for the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor opened the floor to any other discussion.</p> <p>Audience Member (iPhone 6) inquired to Ms Morrow, are you the head of the council? Are you the president the chair of the council?</p> <p>Jamila Taylor responded I am the chair of the Child Care Advisory council. Ms. Morrow would you share your title?</p> <p>Yolanda Morrow stated I am the director of childcare. Audience member iPhone 6: OK</p>
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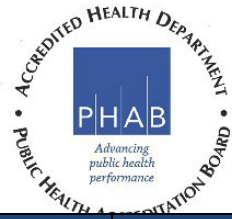
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	<p>Audience member iPhone 6 stated one of the biggest concerns that I have with these regulations not only is like evacuation because I don't do transportation, and I know they want providers to be more detailed in the evacuation how do they expect us to evacuate children I don't have transportation it makes no sense. I mean I can write up anything they want, but logically it's not going to happen.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated that her e-mail is listed in the chat so that you may submit any questions or concerns. We are going to keep a running list of all the questions and concerns that we have received and as council members the plan is that we're going to submit them to Ms. Morrow and the childcare team as they are coming so that they have time to analyze them and to respond accordingly.</p> <p>Audience member iPhone 6 stated OK, Ms. Morrow, are you with the health department or are you with the human resource department?</p> <p>Jamila Taylor responded that Ms. Morrow is with the childcare licensure department.</p> <p>Audience member iPhone 6 stated OK, gotcha I just like to know who I'm speaking to.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor responded that Yolanda Morrow and Nicole Banes all work together.</p> <p>Audience member iPhone stated OK, great thank you.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor reminded the meeting attendees that public comments will be opened. If you wish to make a comment, please put your first and last name and after that put public comment. Comments will be made in order according to the comment section. Thank you.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor proposed moving on to our next item of business if there are no other questions under the regulations and the old business.</p>
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	PUBLIC COMMENTS	NOTES
V	Public Comments	<p>Jamila Taylor opened the floor to public comments.</p> <p>ReGina Harvey stated that the first comment is from Debbie Ellis.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated the floor is open to public comment. Each participant will have three minutes to speak. Reminder, this is not the time for us to be able to respond as council members, but for us to listen to the comments that you have and take notes so that we can discuss them with the Bureau after the meeting. Ms. Ellis has the floor.</p> <p>Debbie Ellis stated that she was unable to hear Ms. Morrow when she spoke of when this information would be sent out to childcare providers for review and when the public comments were taken. In the last two years we have received Christmas surprise how the Grinch stole Christmas; you know 200 pages of nonsense to 10 days to review and give comment for that is just that was so frustrating it alienated childcare providers. If this group in place now, particularly with childcare licensing, wants to develop rapport and relationship for the betterment of children with childcare providers then we need to be treated with respect with regard to time to review these regulations time to give input etcetera and so I'm asking that you do a better job of getting this information out. You all are stating that the copy is smaller, but we don't know what in the world you're talking about, and we're almost scared to ask. This is our livelihood, this is Mississippi economic development this is Mississippi's workforce support system. It is imperative that we all have a good and clear understanding of what is being discussed, what will be composed and how we will have an opportunity to raise our concerns or give our support, thank you.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor responded thank you so much, Ms. Ellis</p> <p>ReGina Harvey responded that she would like to make comment that I did forward these regulations to everybody as soon as I got them.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated that Regina is the council secretary, so a lot of</p>

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		<p>people received them couple of weeks ago.</p> <p>Debbie Ellis stated I understand that Regina has done a good job of that, there needs to be response from the licensing agency with regard to what is being proposed in order for childcare providers to have access to it to open it to understand it and please don't do it during Thanksgiving Christmas etcetera that's just so unfair people are traveling the liability for work increases with school aged children being in place police try to have this completed by October not November and December that's just not fair.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor responded, thank you Ms. Ellis.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor asked if there were any others for public comments?</p> <p>ReGina Harvey stated that Cantrell Keys is asking for the link for changes to regulations in the chat. I don't have a link. I do have the breakdown they put in a chart regarding the specific things that they changed that might help. I can send that later.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated Ms. Keys also wanted to make public comments. Ms. Keys, would you like to speak at this time? You have 3 minutes.</p> <p>Cantrell Keys stated yes, ma'am thank you so much. I'm not sure if I missed that e-mail we were sent. Are they the still proposed changes or have those changes been redone?</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated we can resend that e-mail.</p> <p>Cantrell keys stated OK thank you. Alright so my comment or a statement that I'd like to piggyback off of Debbie, is there a way that the council can call a meeting with directors and we can go through each proposed change and give comments within a meeting of such of those proposed changes so that when it goes back to the health department for them to review what the body of early childhood providers are wanting to change or comments towards then they'll have like notes to go along with that ?</p> <p>ReGina Harvey stated we have been asked to ask you guys to go through the regulations and any questions or comments that you must forward to us and we're going to forward it to them. We're trying to compile it all</p>
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		<p>together.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated I did make that statement I think probably before you got on Regina.</p> <p>ReGina Harvey responded OK</p> <p>Jamila Taylor so, but yeah that's what we're going to do and then also too you'll be able to also make your public comments online as well, but you have my e-mail address, and you also have Regina's from when she's sending out the correspondence</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated thank you Ms. Cantrell. Is there anyone else for public comment?</p> <p>Delois Suel requested the floor to make a public comment.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor OK, go ahead Ms. Suel.</p> <p>Deloris Suel stated I suggest that the public hearing would be in person and also online it does make a difference you know with people sometimes say things when you're online that they really don't mean but I just think it's important that we do both not only that any final changes that's done by the advisory committee we would like to make sure that we get your recommendation as to what those changes might be. It does help to know what you all are thinking so that we can support you.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated OK thank you and we'll have Regina send that out as well she'll compile all of that from what the council members have and send it out OK thank you so much for your comment any other public comments</p> <p>Jamila Taylor stated OK if we don't have any other public comments, we're going to close that portion of our agenda. Is there any other business that we need to take up during this Advisory Council any other order of business Yolanda? Nicole? Are there any of the council members' comments? Is there any other business to discuss?</p> <p>ReGina Harvey stated I put my e-mail in the chat if you are not part of my e-mail chain please e-mail me separately from this meeting and I will make sure I add you to my list.</p>
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		<p>Nicole Banes states Regina this is Nicole. I appreciate that I was about to suggest that because it looks like there were several people that had requested to be added to that and Jamila, to answer your question, no I do not have any additional comments.</p> <p>Jamila Taylor states great thank you. If we don't have any other order of business this will be a short monthly quarterly meeting, I'll go ahead and adjourn if there's not anything else. Thank you y'all so much and have a good weekend.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned.</p>
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		<p>Addition Public Comments Shared via ZOOM Chat:</p> <p>Cantrell Keys: Can someone share the link for those changes in the chat please?</p> <p>iPhone (6): How many people are on the council that is in this meeting?</p> <p>Marlinda. Beck-Lee: We need a person's names not the center names, please.</p> <p>Amanda Cornelius (Glenda): Can I be added to the email list? clcdirector@northoxford.org, Amanda Cornelius, Director at Creative Learning Center.</p> <p>Buka Okoye: Same, I would like to be receiving emails.</p> <p>ReGina Harvey: Please email me at startsmartos@gmail.com and I will add you to my list.</p> <p>Tamara Smith: Can they have town hall meetings in different areas around the state?</p>
	Other Business	NOTES
1.	Adjourn	Jamila Taylor moved that the meeting be adjourned. By unanimous vote, the motion was second. The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 P.M.
2.	Next Meeting	Friday August 15, 2025 (1:00 p.m.)
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ACTION ITEMS

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Jamila Taylor

Council Chairperson

Marlinda Beck-lee

MSDH Representative

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