



# Meeting Minutes



<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Child Care Advisory Council Meeting</b>	
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>CC/PL Conference Room – 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211 via ZOOM</b>	
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>November 21, 2025</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	<b>1:00 P.M.</b>	
<b>Called to Order:</b>	<b>1:03 P.M. by Mr. Vincent Burke, quorum was established.</b>	
<b>Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:</b>	<b>24 February 2026 10:00 A.M. CC/PL Conference Room / 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211 via ZOOM</b>	
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<b>1:53 P.M.</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b><u>Council Members Present</u></b>                  Vincent Burke                  Matthew Williams                  Tonya H. Jones                  Michelle Rittenhouse                  Dr. Jamila Taylor                  ReGina Harvey                  Jamie Ferrell</p>	<p><b><u>Council Members Absent</u></b>                  Cynthia Lewis                  Dr. Rhemalyn Lewis                  Marneshia Cathey                  Sherita Dobbins                  Dr. Gena Puckett</p>
	<p><b><u>MSDH Staff Present</u></b>                  Laura Goodson                  Glen Wood                  Marlinda Beck-Lee                  Kimberly Clark                  Cassie Hillhouse                  Tonya Broger                  Rachel Sprinkle                  Lisa Allen                  LaTonya Reed                  Shundra Givens</p>	<p><b><u>MS Department of Human Services Staff</u></b>                  Dr. Chad Algood                  LaKeisha Bland</p>

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	<b><u>Attending Via Phone Conference</u></b> Please note, several attendees signed in with unidentified telephone numbers, iPads, and iPhones.	

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	<p><b><u>Members of the Public Present</u></b></p> <p>Hailey Teasler                  Nita Thompson                  Eileen Beasley                  skylerdelvescovo                  Stella Pinto                  MLICCI (Matt Williams)                  Gina Gates-LENA                  Lesia Daniel                  Hollingshead</p>	
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	Old Business	NOTES
<b>1.</b>	Welcome and Call to Order	Vincent Burke called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Mr. Burke established that a quorum (at least 7 members) was met.
<b>2.</b>	Quorum	A quorum is established with 7 council members present.
<b>3.</b>	Approval of August 25, 2025, minutes	Marlinda Beck- Lee called for a vote on August 25, 2025, minutes. Vincent Burke clarified that per Roberts' Rule, a vote wasn't required if no changes were made.
<b>4.</b>	Nominations and Appointments Recognition of New Members	Vincent Burke is currently serving as the chairperson,  Matthew Williams is currently serving in the vice chair position.  Tonya Jones is currently serving as the secretary.

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	Unfinished Business	NOTES
5.	Proposed Regulations Update	<p>Laura Goodson discussed the proposed regulation changes and the required advisory council's approval to bring those changes before the board in January 2026.</p> <p>Chad Allgood discussed the health and safety components of the federal training requirements, including pre-service orientation.</p> <p>The council members opened the floor to discuss the pre-service language. Vincent Burke motioned to approve proposed regulation changes except for the pre-service section 1.5.8. Jamila Taylor motioned to approve the proposed regulation changes except for the pre-service section 1.5.8. ReGina Harvey second the motion. Vincent Burke called all in favor, Council members aye, Council members nay, no response. The ayes have it.</p>
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	New Business	NOTES
1.	Proposed By Laws	<p>Vincent Burke opened the floor for any discussion regarding changing the advisory council meeting times and locations. This should be put on the agenda for the next meeting, to be presented for a vote by the council members.</p> <p>Matthew Williams stated that the option for meeting by ZOOM should be available for members and attendees who are unable to have face-to-face meetings.</p>
2.	Guest Speaker- Gina Gate LENA	Ms. Gates, regional partnership director of LENA, introduced a professional development program designed to improve the in class conversational interactions between caregivers and children.
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	Public Comments	NOTES
1.		Vincent Burke opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were contributed.
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	Other Business	NOTES
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*Vincent Burke*

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Council Chairperson

*Martinda Beck-lee*

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MSDH Representative

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