

San Diego City College Career-Technical Education Advisory Committee Meeting
(Early Care and Education Department)

MINUTES

March 10, 2023

Virtually on Zoom 3:00-4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Rebecca Collins (Department Chair, San Diego City College)
2. Berta Harris (Faculty/Center Director, San Diego City College)
3. Denise Blaha (Faculty, San Diego City College)
4. Patti Shields (At Home In Nature & City College)
5. Julianne Pennaskovic (The Urban Toddler)
6. Dr. Alyson Shapiro (Associate Professor, San Diego State University)
7. Amy Jones, (Director, Pacific Beach Presbyterian Preschool)
8. Susan Carroll (Childcare Careers)
9. Mimi Kuan (Bright Horizons)
10. Jeanette Sorbello (Bright Horizons)
11. Nicole Fiorella (The Academy at Bright Horizons)
12. Gayle Aubert--Langston (NHA Head Start City College collaboration)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michelle DeJohnette, Bridget Heffernan, Brooke Loeffler, Monique Randle, Kellye Carroll, Sussanah Taylor-Cooke

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Denise Blaha

II. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Introductions made by all present

III. NEW BUSINESS

Review of Committee's Purpose

Denise Blaha read out loud the Preface from the Career-Technical Education Advisory Committee Handbook and the Specific Duties of the Committee.

IV. ROUNDTABLE

Brief discussion regarding current needs of the early childhood workforce. The following points were made:

- All agencies are facing staffing shortages and all agencies are hiring!
- Agencies are offering tuition reimbursement
- Agencies would like students to acquire the core 12 units first--to be hired while continuing education
- Outdoor classroom experience is a plus and a need. Diverse staffing is a great need in this area of ECE
- Infant-Toddler workforce needs 9 units--Head Start member liked City's idea of a 3 unit Infant-Toddler Practicum
- Agencies expressed concern regarding the 'push-down' of academics in birth-5, and how to address parent concerns while continuing to adhere to developmentally appropriate curriculum for young children.
- Respect for the field, professionalism important, dressing appropriately, cell phone use in the classroom is a concern
- Guiding and supporting post-Covid behaviors
- Prioritizing forming parent-teacher partnerships
- We have to continue to advocate for higher wages!

City College Updates (Rebecca Collins)

- New courses and programs were presented as part of CAP 8 alignment, and requirements for California Child Development Permits.
- New courses presented and opened for discussion: CHIL 120, 130, 150, 163, and 190. There were no individual questions or concerns stated. General comments were positive.
- The following programs were presented and approved by vote: City Child Development: Associate Teacher-Certificate of Achievement, City Child Development: Teacher-Certificate of Achievement, City Child Development: Master Teacher-Certificate of Achievement, City Child Development: Early Care and Education-Associate of Science Degree. There were no individual questions or concerns stated. General comments were positive.
- CHIL 120, 130, 150, 163, and 190 were also included in the voting and received approval. (Results below)

VOTE

Alysson Shapiro made the motion to vote on City College's curriculum and program changes in total and Nicole Fiorella seconded.

8 Yes Votes:: J. Pennaskovic, A. Shapiro, A. Jones, J.Sorbello, N. Fiorella, M. Kuan, P.Shields, G. Aubert-Langston

Abstentions: D. Blaha, R. Collins, B. Harris, S.Carroll

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Discussed possibility of meeting in-person during the fall 2023 semester
- The meeting was adjourned by Denise BLaha at 4:02PM