



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Early Childhood Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Location: 22nd Floor Conference Room of the James Monroe Building 101 N
14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Minutes March 19, 2026

- I. Full Advisory Committee Convenes 1:05 PM
Clark Andrs, Committee Chair

Members present in person:

Dr. Jennifer Parish
Mr. Clark Andrs (Chair)
Ms. Katherine Plumb
Dr. Christen Johnson
Mr. Darrell Turner
Dr. Bergen Nelson
Dr. Holly McCartney
Dr. Susan Patrick (Vice Chair)
Mr. Ja'Ron Vanderhall
Ms. Lisa Gehring
Ms. Jessica Lehman
Ms. January Tkach

Members virtually present:

Ms. Cecilia Suarez¹
Ms. Cheryl Morman²
Ms. Malinda Langford¹
Dr. Gina Wohlford¹
Dr. Bweikia Foster Steen¹
Mr. Christopher Quinn¹
Ms. Valerie Irizarry¹

Virtual Attendance

Justifications:

- 1. Distance from residence to meeting location being more than 60 miles*
- 2. Care for a family member with a medical condition*

- Approval of October 16, 2025 Minutes 1:08 PM

Motion – Jennifer Parish
Second – Christen Johnson
Unanimous in favor, Minutes Approved

- II. Review of Public Comment 1:09 PM
- III. Update: Early Childhood Advisory Committee Membership 1:11 PM
Becca Ullrich, VDOE
- IV. Presentation and Endorsement: Virginia Quality Birth to Five (VQB5) Guidelines 1:27 PM
Kris Meyers, VDOE

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| | <i>Endorsement</i> | 3:21 PM |
| | <i>Motion – Susan Patrick</i> | |
| | <i>Second – January Tkach</i> | |
| | <i>Unanimous in favor; Guidelines Endorsed</i> | |
| V. | Presentation and Endorsement: Guidance for 8VAC20-780-490 C (on parental notification of exposure to communicable disease) | 3:22 PM |
| | <i>Jeff Williams, VDOE</i> | |
| | <i>Endorsement</i> | 3:34 PM |
| | <i>Motion – Dr. Bergen Nelson</i> | |
| | <i>Second – Ja'Ron Vanderhall</i> | |
| | <i>Unanimous in favor, Guidance Document Endorsed</i> | |
| VI. | Update: Early Childhood Special Education Add-on Endorsement: Notice of Intended Regulatory Action and related processes | 3:34 PM |
| | <i>Dawn Hendricks, VDOE</i> | |
| VII. | Health and Safety Updates: - | 3:48 PM |
| | a. Preservice Training | |
| | b. Stock Epinephrine – Fast-Track | |
| | c. Proposed CDC regulations | |
| | d. Replacing the DOLPHIN Licensing System | |
| | <i>Jeff Williams and Amy Rathbun, VDOE</i> | |
| VIII. | Adjournment | 4:10 PM |
| | <i>Motion – Darrell Turner</i> | |
| | <i>Second – Jessica Lehman</i> | |
| | <i>Unanimous in favor to adjourn</i> | |