



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

Agenda May 21, 2026

- I. Full Advisory Committee Convenes 12:00 PM
Clark Andrs, Committee Chair

Members present in person:

*Ms. Cecilia Suarez
Dr. Jennifer Parish
Mr. Clark Andrs (Chair)
Ms. Cheryl Morman
Ms. Katherine Plumb
Mr. Darrell Turner
Dr. Gina Wohlford
Dr. Maryam Sharifian
Dr. Bergen Nelson
Dr. Susan Patrick (Vice
Chair)
Mr. Ja'Ron Vanderhall
Ms. Jessica Lehman (late
arrival – 12:28pm)
Ms. January Tkach*

Members virtually present:

*Dr. Bweikia Foster Steen¹
Dr. Holly McCartney¹
Ms. Lisa Gehring¹*

Virtual Attendance Justifications:

*1. Distance from residence to meeting
location being more than 60 miles*

*(Approval of March 19, 2026 Minutes was postponed until all expected
members were present)*

- II. Review of Public Comment 12:09 PM
No Public Comments received for this meeting

- III. Updates: 12:10 PM
- a. Legislative Update: HB 258 (Updating Terminology)
 - b. Substitute Pool
 - c. Pre-Service Training Release
 - d. Ratio and Group Size Waivers

Becca Ullrich, Alex McPherson, Jeff Williams

- I. *Approval of March 19, 2026 Minutes (revisited when all expected members present)* 12:30 PM
- *Motion – Susan Patrick*
 - *Second – Darrell Turner*
 - *Unanimous in favor, Minutes Approved*
- IV. *Presentation and Endorsement: Final CDC Regulations (Chapter 781)* 12:30 PM
Jeff Williams, VDOE
- Break 1:47 – 2:00pm*
- Endorsement* 2:32 PM
- *Motion – Jennifer Parish*
 - *Second – Ja’Ron Vanderhall*
 - *Unanimous in favor, Regulations Endorsed*
- V. *Adjournment* 2:35 PM
- *Motion – Darrell Turner*
 - *Second – Cheryl Morman*
 - *Unanimous in favor to adjourn*