

Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, October 30, 2025, 3:00pm-4:30pm
 Tulare County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Program
 7000 Doe Ave. Visalia, CA 93291
 Aspen Conference Room

Members present: Elvira Barron, Stephanie Caldera, Lorena Castillo, Elisa Cortez, Terri Gardner-Martinez, Sherri Glenn, Laura Harris, Sham Mashael, Barbara Newman, Martin Nogues, Denise Pedregon, Victoria Rodriguez, Timberly Romero, Bernadette Solorzano, and Courtney Venegas. Members not present: Christine Benevedes, Cheri Doria, Rebecca Della, Monica Pilkinton, Christina Osorio, Christina Saucedo and Amy Sullivan. Guests present: Jerry Ledesma, Fernanda Mendoza and JC Palmero.

Agenda Item	Topic	Presenter	Council Member Prep
1. Call to Order	Introductions	Timberly Romero, Chair	The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Terry at 3:10pm.
2. Public Comments		Timberly Romero, Chair	No public comments were made.
3. Consent Items	1. June Meeting Minutes 2. Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership 3. Annual Summary and Self-Evaluation Findings Report 2. Needs Assessment Revisions?	Timberly Romero, Chair	<p>Ms. Mashael motioned to approve the June Minutes. Ms. Barron second the motion to approve the June Minutes. No objections. Abstentions: Lorena Castillo, Terri-Gardner-Martinez, Sherri Glenn, Barbara Newman, Martin Nogues, and Bernadette. Minutes are approved.</p> <p>Mrs. Terry informed the members that there are no updates at this time for the Needs Assessment. The consultant is still working with the graphic designer to make the changes.</p> <p>Mrs. Terry briefly explained the two reports that are being voted on. Mrs. Glenn motioned to approve the remainder of the consent items. Ms. Harris second the motion to approve the remainder of the consent items. No objections. No abstentions. Consent items are approved.</p>
4. Council Discussion a.	VTTF (Voluntary Temporary Transfer of Funds)	Sam Terry, Council Coordinator	Mrs. Terry informed the members that twice a year the CDE and CDSS contractors have an opportunity to either request additional funds or give up unspent funds to another matching contractor to have the funds transferred one time. This transfer helps keep the funds in the ECE field as compared to going back to the state. The

			<p>first opportunity takes place in November of each year, and the second opportunity takes place in the Spring. Many contractors do not participate in the fall transfer opportunity since it is still the beginning of the year, and they do not fully know how they will be with their contract. One of the mandates of the Council is to help facilitate these transfers. Mrs. Terry informed the council that she received one transfer request, but no other transfer was submitted to match it locally. It was submitted to the state. Hopefully a match will come across the state but if not, the contractor can submit another request during the Spring transfer opportunity.</p>
4. Council Discussion a.	Council Elevator Speech discussion	JC Palermo, Consultant	<p>JC shared the draft elevator speech with the Council members that the Executive Committee created for review. The Council members discussed it and liked it. It was suggested that Mrs. Terry write out some bullet points for members on what the Council does so they can review that as well to share their elevator speech. This discussion will continue at the next meeting to finalize it for the Council.</p>
5. Event Updates		Sam Terry, Council Coordinator	<p>Mrs. Terry informed the Council that the Legislative Event has to be postponed at this time due to a family emergency that the keynote speaker is dealing with. A new date will be set for before the end of the fiscal year and everyone will be informed about it when it becomes available. Mrs. Terry also informed them that the Spring Annual Collaborative Event is scheduled to take place on March 26, 2026. This event is being transformed into a new focus for educators and parents. The goal is to bridge the gap between home and school to best support the healthy development of all children. The event will possibly feature two keynote speakers; a pediatrician and the Assistant Superintendent of Special Services. More details will be shared as it gets closer to the event.</p>
6. Round Table Announcements		Group Discussion	<p>The Council members took turns sharing upcoming events that are hosted by their agency and any job opportunities that are available. Mrs. Terry informed everyone that they can share flyers with her, and she will distribute to the whole Council to support the notion that the Council is a community resource to best support children and families.</p>
7. Council Homework			Review elevator speech.

8. Adjournment		Timberly Romero, Chair	The meeting was adjourned at 4:17pm.

Next Scheduled Council Meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2026, from 3:00pm-4:30pm at TCOE Doe Ave. in the Sycamore Room.