

Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 2:00pm-4:30pm
Tulare County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Program
7000 Doe Ave. Visalia, CA 93291
Aspen Conference Room

Members present: Lorena Castillo, Cheri Doria, Sherri Glenn (via zoom), Blanca Luna (staff), JC Palmero, Timberly Romero, Christina Saucedo (via zoom), and Samantha Terry (staff).

Agenda Item	Topic	Presenter	Council Member Prep
1. Call to Order	Welcome	Timberly Romero, Chair	The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Terry at 2:02 pm.
2. Public Comments		Timberly Romero, Chair	No public comments were made.
3. Action Item	Review May Meeting Minutes	Timberly Romero, Chair	Minutes were reviewed. Ms. Saucedo motioned to approve the minutes with one minor change. Ms. Castillo second the motion to approve the minutes with the minor change. No objections and no abstentions. Minutes are approved.
4. Discussion Item a.	Event Updates	Sam Terry, Council Coordinator	Mrs. Terry shared with the committee that it was decided that a Legislative Event would not be hosted this fiscal year and all committee members approved. Mrs. Terry informed the committee the work that Mr. Palermo and her have been doing with the medical field to continue the momentum and collaboration that was received from the 17 th Annual Legislative Event hosted on April 14, 2026. Mr. Palermo and Mrs. Terry are working to collaborate with Tulare County's Health Officer to host a Medical Community Conversation Convening on November 5, 2026, from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at The Wyndham. This will be a more in-depth conversation with some of the medical community and community organizations that attended the 17 th Annual Legislative Event. This event is intended to have a small number of participants and be more of a conversation rather than event. This will be the time to hear from the medical community regarding their understanding of ECE, what resources are lacking from their perspective, what resources parents need, etc. The goal is to host another session on March 16, 2027, in hopes to have a new set of medical professionals and community organization members attend

			to gain more information/ understanding. As a result, the information that is obtained from both convenings will be used to plan the 18th Annual Legislative Event in the 27/28 year. Mrs. Terry also informed us that a presentation is taking place for Family Health Care Network Community Workers on August 13, 2026, to share information about ECE that can be shared with families they work with daily. Mr. Palmero shared that other larger medical groups in Tulare County also have Community Healthcare Workers in which Mrs. Terry would like to work to present to them as well this fiscal year, if possible. Lastly, Mrs. Terry informed the committee that the Annual Collaborative Event is scheduled to take place at TCOE Mooney on April 1, 2027. The keynote speaker is Genevieve Valentine, LMFT and will include a parent panel. The target audience is parents and educators with the focus about going back to having compassion when working with children and families with special needs. More details will be shared as it is finalized.
4. Discussion Item b.	LPC Video Discussion	Sam Terry, Council Coordinator	Mrs. Terry informed the committee that Tammy Bradford has not yet initiated the creation of a Tulare County Resource video. The committee agrees with the importance of creating a video to highlight Tulare County resources and the positive collaboration that takes place locally; however, the video project is going to be placed on hold until the UPK videos are complete. This will ensure quality videos are created at the appropriate time.
4. Discussion Item c.	Review August LPC Agenda	Group Discussion	The committee reviewed the agenda and requested changes be made prior to the council meeting.
4. Discussion Item d.	Annual Report review	Group discussion	Some of the committee members provided suggested changes to the Annual Report. Mrs. Terry informed the committee that the changes will be made and sent out to them for review. Once the committee approves the report, it will be sent to the full Council members to seek feedback. Then final approval, prior to posting it on the Councils' website, goes to TCOE's Public Information Officer. This report will start to be updated Annual and highlight what was

			accomplished, the alignment of the Council's work to the newly established Strategic Plan.
4. Discussion Item e.	Retreat Planning	JC Palmermo, Consultant	Mrs. Terry informed the committee that the retreat is scheduled to take place from 10am-2:50pm and the Council meeting will take place in the same conference room, from 3:00pm-4:30pm. The Brown Act training is scheduled to take place from 11:00am-12:00pm. The committee agreed to do a small group name ice breaker activity in the beginning, and the four corners activity after lunch. These activities are meant to make council members more comfortable with each other and to get to know one another. In addition, the committee seeks to build team unity that will result in a successful year for the Council. After the ice breaker activity, Mrs. Terry will do a recap presentation on the ECE options and resources with ECE for parents to help the Council members better understand the ECE field prior to the remainder of the retreat. Mr. Palermo will facilitate the review and planning session of the retreat from 1:00pm-2:50pm. He will assist the Council in reviewing the 25/26 fiscal year in comparison to the strategic goals and priorities. He will also help the Council update goals and strategic framework for 26/27. The updated goals and strategic framework will become standing agenda items on the Council agenda and will be reviewed regularly.
4. Discussion Item f.	Other	Group Discussion	Mrs. Terry provided an update on the council membership. Currently, the Council has five membership vacancies. One person asked Mrs. Terry for a membership application and will complete it after summer break. Another interested person is scheduled to attend the Council retreat and meeting in August. A membership application will be sent if the person still wants to apply for membership after attending the meeting. The goal is to fill the vacancies in the 2026/2027 fiscal year.
5. Adjournment		Timberly Romero, Chair	The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Next Scheduled Council Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2026, from 3:00pm-4:30pm at TCOE Doe Ave. in the Aspen Conference Room.