

ExceleRate Subcommittee of the ELC Quality Committee  
Friday, July 16, 2021, 10:30 – 12:30  
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### Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (10 minutes)
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (5 minutes)
  - Refer to *Minutes* document
3. **Review of documents** (Tom, Teri, Toni – 15 minutes)
  - Refer to the documents *CQI Component Categories, Summary and Draft Revised ExceleRate Framework, 7/12/21*.

This agenda item is a review of how the work of the Subcommittee has progressed and an overview of the current draft Framework.

4. **General comments and discussion about the draft framework** (30 minutes)

In the email sent July 12, Tom asked Subcommittee members to send topics or comments for discussion before today's meeting. The co-chairs will lead discussion as time permits.
5. **Discussion: Are the steps between Circles of Quality equal and realistic?** (30 minutes)

Especially – the steps from Licensed to Bronze and from Bronze to Silver.
6. **Next steps and next meeting**

At this point, GOECD is considering the following next steps:

- a) Some loose ends on the Framework are identified in the footnotes. Tom will follow up with the appropriate people.
- b) GOECD will ask the Illinois BUILD team to review the draft with an equity lens.
- c) We will ask ISBE and DHS to discuss and review the draft.
- d) We will ask the full Interagency Team (State Agencies) to review the draft.
- e) Depending upon comments from the reviewers, the draft might come back to the Subcommittee.
- f) The Early Learning Council (Executive Committee and full council) will review and, we hope, approve a final draft.

A further step will be to review whether our state and federal (Head Start) systems are prepared to provide centers and schools with adequate support to implement the new standards. In 2019, the Subcommittee completed an inventory of public supports for CQI, with recommendations for strengthening them. Updated recommendations and plans will be required.

The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 24, 10:30 – 12:30.