

**Community Equity and Access Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**  
[WebEx](#) | Call-in #: 1-312-535-8110 | Access Code: 2456 496 0611

**AGENDA**

- I. Welcome, Introductions and Reading of Equity Statement** 10 minutes
- A. Co-Chairs: Carisa Hurley and Trish Rooney
  - B. GOECD Staffer: Anita Ramage
  - C. Equity Statement Reader:
- II. Norms – Vote** 10 minutes
- **Speak our truth** without blame or judgment.
  - Community **directly** and **authentically**.
  - Be **open** to the experience of this time and space together and to each other.
  - **Listen for understanding: Mirror what was said** to make sure what we heard was intended **before formulating a response**. (i.e., “What I heard you say was...” “Is that right?”)
  - **Assume good intent: Acknowledge harm happens regardless of intents**.
  - **Slow down** our interactions to allow for silence, processing and thoughtful discussion.
  - **Create space for everyone**: step back if you talk a lot: step up if you don’t.
  - **Use process to get through difficult discussion or decisions**.
  - **Value the voice and perspective of everyone** and encourage and support all participants to share, listen and learn from one another.
- III. Charge - Vote** 10 minutes
- Increase access to a high quality, equitable and just Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) system of services from prenatal to school-age services by informing and providing input to identify gaps, address disparities, and support best practice efforts.
- IV. Objectives - Vote** 10 minutes
- Objective 1: “Identify program policies and procedures in ensuring equitable access into high quality programs”  
  
Strategy: Criteria for measuring equity  
Strategy: Universal enrollment application
  - Objective 2: “Extend the recommendations from the Funding Commission to leverage and build capacity to ensure the sustainability of local early childhood community collaborations.”
- V. Parent Voice** 20 minutes
- Sharing of experiences accessing Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) programs
- VI. Approach Objectives and Strategies** 40 minutes
- Breakout sessions to discuss strategies for each objective (15 minutes per breakout)

- VII. Schedule of Meetings** 5 minutes
- Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 14, 10 am – 12 pm
  - Cadence: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, 10 am – 12 pm, bimonthly
  - Evening committee meetings: October 2022 and April 2023
- VIII. Meeting Logistics** 5 minutes
- Submission of agenda items and presentation requests
  - Accessing meeting materials - [GOECD Website](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page, click on *calendar view* to access the meeting link
- IX. Public Comments** – Submit request to co-chairs via Webex Chat 10 minutes

**Racial Equity Definition:** A racially equitable society values and embraces all racial/ethnic identities. In such a society, one’s racial/ethnic identity (particularly Black, Latino, Indigenous, and Asian) is not a factor in an individual’s ability to prosper. An early learning system that is racially equitable is driven by data and ensures that:

- Every young child and family regardless of race, ethnicity, and social circumstance has everything s/he/they need to develop optimally;
- Resources, opportunities, rewards, and burdens are fairly distributed across groups and communities so that those with the greatest challenges are adequately supported and not further disadvantaged; and
- Systems and policies are designed, reframed, or eliminated to promote greater justice for children and families.

**Racial Equity Priorities:**

- 1) Align and standardize race/ethnicity data collection and reporting;
- 2) Evaluate and identify whether processes for distributing resources exacerbate racial disparities, including agency contracting;
- 3) Address race/ethnicity disparities in terms of workforce compensation and advancement;
- 4) Eliminate racial/ethnic disparities for children participating in all programs that contribute to school readiness and life success by addressing racial disparities in enrollment in preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds and in prenatal to age 3 services.