

Illinois Early Learning Council Executive Committee
ELC Membership Workgroup
July 18, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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Agenda

- I. Present and describe data on the current full ELC membership
 - a. Category – Is there any sector missing? If so, what is it?
 - b. Engagement – Recommend non-renewal of those who have not attended meetings the past year (examine further for unique cases)*
 - c. Geographic distribution – As expected
- II. Define Membership – It is the individual AND the agency
 - a. Chief Administrators of State Agencies will serve as long as they hold their position
 - b. For local government and nongovernment stakeholders, the individual owns the term, but if that person leaves the organization and the organization is no longer represented on the ELC, we will contact the organization to recommend a replacement
- III. Determine the right number of members
 - a. Maximum for the full ELC – Recommend 60 people
 - b. Maximum from a particular organization – Recommend 2 individuals
 - c. Number from a particular sector – Recommend we keep the current balance
- IV. Describe proposed process for vetting current and new members
- V. Confirm for Bylaws
 - a. Committee Leadership
 - i. All co-chairs must be ELC members
 - ii. If a co-chair leaves their organization, the individual can make a recommendation to Exec, but ultimately ELC Exec will nominate a replacement
 - b. All ELC members will be required to participate on one committee of the ELC
- VI. Determine Next Steps
- VII. Adjourn

(20 ILCS 3933/) Illinois Early Learning Council Act.

(20 ILCS 3933/10) Sec. 10. Membership. The Illinois Early Learning Council shall **include representation from both public and private organizations**, and its **membership shall reflect regional, racial, and cultural diversity to ensure representation of the needs of all Illinois children**.

- One member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate
- One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate
- One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives

- And other members appointed by the Governor. The Governor's appointments shall include without limitation the following:

(1) A leader of stature from the Governor's office, to serve as co-chairperson of the Council.

(2) The **chief administrators** of the following State agencies:

- State Board of Education
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Children and Family Services
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Board of Higher Education
- Illinois Community College Board

(3) **Local government stakeholders and nongovernment stakeholders** with an interest in early childhood care and education, including representation from the following private-sector fields and constituencies:

- early childhood education and development
- child care
- child advocacy
- parenting support
- local community collaborations among early care and education programs and services
- maternal and child health
- children with special needs
- business
- labor
- law enforcement

The Governor shall designate one of the members who is a nongovernment stakeholder to serve as co-chairperson.

In addition, the Governor shall request that the Region V office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families appoint a member to the Council to represent federal children's programs and services.

Members appointed by General Assembly members and members appointed by the Governor who are local government or nongovernment stakeholders shall **serve 3-year terms, except that of the initial appointments, half of these members, as determined by lot, shall be appointed to 2-year terms so that terms are staggered**. Members shall serve on a voluntary, unpaid basis. (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)