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Illinois Early Learning Council Executive Committee Meeting

June 27, 2022 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Join via [Webex](#): Access Code 245 653 92195

Meeting Password: 77rqQGNYnP5

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Agenda

2:00 PM Welcome & Council Updates

ELC Co-chairs Phyllis Glink, Executive Director, Irving B. Harris Foundation & Martin Torres, Deputy Governor for Education, Office of the Governor JB Pritzker

Materials:

- Approval: May 9, 2022 ELC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes **ACTION ITEM**

2:15 PM DISCUSSION: ELC Bylaws Amendments

2:25 PM Agency Updates

2:50 PM Committee Updates and Discussion

3:20 PM Presentation/Discussion:

ECACE (Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity)

Presenters: Stephanie Bernoteit, Ed.D., Executive Deputy Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education and Christi Chadwick, Project Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education

3:50 PM Public Comments & Announcements

4:00 PM: Closing Comments and Adjourn

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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;