

Illinois Early Learning Council Executive Committee
ELC Membership/Governance Workgroup
August 17, 2020, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Meeting Number/Access Code: 133 587 9390

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Minutes

In attendance:

Karen Berman, Shauna Egeh, Phyllis Glink, Dan Harris, Theresa Hawley, Jamilah R. Jor'dan, Maggie Koller, Sylvia Puente, Jesse Ruiz, Sara Slaughter, Josie Yanguas

I. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)

Phyllis Glink welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Overview and Reset of Workgroup's Charge (5 minutes)

Phyllis Glink reviewed the workgroup's charge, which is to submit a list of new, proposed members to the Governor for appointment to the Early Learning Council and to complete a document of Governing Principles, including a race/ethnicity equity framework and a plan to cultivate diversity in leadership in order to guide the work of the Council and its Committees moving forward. Jamilah R. Jor'dan mentioned that our national BUILD consultants have agreed to work with her to support the development of the Guiding Principles to ensure we hold a race/ethnicity equity lens; additionally, we need to ensure family voice is included. Additional discussion points included: the need to align the work of the ELC with the strategies proposed by the Funding Commission; the need to align the work of the ELC with the other child-serving bodies (P-20 Council, Early Intervention Council, Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership, etc.); and the need to not only diversify ELC membership, but also to use the advisory power of the ELC to identify and change racist policies.

III. Review Status of Membership List & Bylaws (5 minutes)

Maggie Koller provided a brief update on the status of the Membership List and Bylaws (now referred to as "Governing Principles"). A list of potential new members was submitted to the Governor's Office; it was requested that we work to diversify the recommendations in terms of race/ethnicity and geography. The Governing Principles are in their fourth round of revisions. Several decisions need to be made by this group in order to move forward with the document.

IV. Determine New Process for Developing the Recommended Membership List (45 minutes)

- a. Recruitment Efforts
 - i. Diverse Racial and Geographic Representation
 - ii. Erikson Institute's BBLF & MFEF Leadership Development Programs
 - iii. Governor's Early Childhood Funding Commission Members
 - iv. Identify Buckets of Expertise Desired with Slots
- b. Leadership Pipeline
- c. One Public/One Private Representative to Chair Each Committee

d. Family Advisory Committee (FAC)

There was a request to revisit the maximum size of the Council; if the role of the full Council is to elevate issues from the field and take the recommendations made by the Executive Committee back into communities, perhaps the maximum size should be larger than 65. There was a discussion around the role of the ELC in the implementation of the Funding Commission recommendations; it is hard to plan for the future during this time of uncertainty, but it is still important to put a structure in place now and continue to move this work forward. Phyllis Glink noted a discussion of the Governing Principles needs to continue, which may help inform what decisions need to be made around membership.

V. Determine Process for Finalizing Bylaws (45 minutes)

- a. New Format?
- b. Embedding Racial Equity Framework
- c. Adjustments for COVID-19/Meeting Virtually
- d. Review by Legal
- e. Questions?

Jamilah R. Jor'dan reviewed the feedback the members of the national BUILD team gave on the current draft Governing Principles. The Governing Principles were reviewed via a shared screen and proposed changes were voiced by all members.

VI. Timeline & Next Steps (15 minutes)

Phyllis Glink noted that despite the departure from the agenda there was great progress. Next steps will be to schedule a follow-up meeting for the group to continue discussing the membership and Governing Principles sometime in the next few weeks.

VII. Adjourn

Phyllis Glink thanked everyone for leaning in and speaking up today. The meeting was adjourned.