

Child Care Provider Licensing Committee Meeting Minutes September 14, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

The audio recording of the meeting can be found on our website: childcarelicensing.utah.gov or on the Utah Public Notice Website: utah.gov/pmn/.

Members Present: Jody Zabriskie, Tamara Thomas, Holly Kingston, Astrid Arias, Mindy Brown, Bree Murphy, Ariel Baker, Marissa Bernards, and Matt Wallace

Members Excused: Alanna Brinkley, Neil Davis, Jamie Bitton and Monica Gailey

Executive Secretary: Simon Bolivar

WELCOME

Jody opened the meeting at 9:30, welcomed the new members of the Child Care Provider Licensing Committee and conducted a roll call.

MINUTES

It was noted that minutes from May 25, 2023 were approved by email and there were no minutes to approve from July.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

It was stated that the committee has no vacancies and all 12 seats have been filled and approved by the senate.

AGENCY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Child Care Licensing - Janice Weinman / Simon Bolivar:

- Rules are out for public comment. R430 and R381 are from September 1 - to September 30th, 2023 for public comment. The R381-40 (Commercial Preschool) and R381-70 (Out Of School Time) will be open from September 15 - October 15th for public comment.

Office of Child Care - Karrie Phillips

- The Office of Child Care has provided more support opportunities for the CCQS system:
 - Cohorts. There is a pilot program in Cache county for homes and a pilot program in the south for center programs.



- Expanded access to PLC - Applications are open in January and July
- The stabilization monies will see the following changes:
 - The stabilization grant will continue at 25% for 6 months. For April, May and June, the amount will drop again and the grant will end in June of 2024
 - There is still the employer start up grant. Astrid asked how many were participating. Karrie stated that 4 have been approved and 17 are in the pipeline for approval.
 - OCC is continuing the professional development opportunities for 1 more year
 - Payment of licensing fees will be able to continue for one more year.

Utah Afterschool Network - Ben Trentelman

- Ben stated they are beginning their policy and advocacy for the year. They have a “Day on The Hill” scheduled in February. They are partnering with Voices for Children and others to make sure the goals are aligned for children. They are setting goals and have self assessment tools available. If anyone is interested, they can reach out to Ben directly at: Bent@afterschoolnetwork.org. Astrid stated that she really appreciated the help and information from Ben and was glad it extended to home facilities as well.

ASSIGNMENTS

Keri Hamblin from the Office of Background Checks explained that the assignment has not yet been completed. She will return at the November meeting with language for a rule proposing that all 16 and 17 year olds holding the role of “caregiver” will require background checks including fingerprints. Statute is complicated and more work on the language needs to be completed.

Simon reviewed the Committee By-Laws. There was a vote to ratify them with a change of the adoption date and adding a dash under ARTICLE III in Utah Code Section listed as 26B1-414. Astrid made the motion to adopt the by-laws and Marissa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Simon discussed R380-600, which gives the Division of Licensing and Background checks the authority by rule to consolidate and enforce licensing general provisions for the division. There was discussion and explanation of the rule. The committee was asked to vote in support of this consolidation. Matt motioned to vote in favor of supporting R380-600. Bree seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Kim Rice, a licensing manager, presented a proposal for the committee to consider bringing small (exercise) trampolines back to Center rules, to accommodate providers who use the small exercise trampolines for individuals who require them as therapy or to get much needed exercise. There was discussion among board members about the history of trampolines and their dangers. The committee voted to table the discussion for the next meeting, and gave the assignment Child Care Licensing to provide more research, and to wait for a pediatrician to be available on the committee, to fully consider the request. Matt made the motion and Bree seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

It was determined that when there are votes that require only home committee members or only center committee members, the quorum will be 5. There are 8 committee members that can vote for homes and 8 that can vote for centers. A quorum would then be $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total, plus one, making a total of 5. An assignment was given to Simon to add that information to the already adopted by-laws. Matt made a motion for the voting information to be added and Astrid seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment for this meeting.

The following Upcoming Meetings were announced

- November 09, 2023 (9:30 am - 11:30 am)
- January 11, 2024 (9:30 am - 11:30 am)

Marissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Holly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

At 11:15 am, the meeting was adjourned.