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## Illinois Early Learning Council Meeting Thursday June 8, 2023 5:30-7:30pm

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### Agenda

#### **5:30 PM Welcome**

ELC Co-chairs Phyllis Glink, Executive Director, Irving B. Harris Foundation, Martin Torres, Deputy Governor for Education, Lizzy Whitehorn First Assistant Deputy Governor for Health and Human Services, Office of the Governor JB Pritzker

- State Budget/ Smart Start Illinois Updates
- Appointments
- Open Meetings Act Update
- Recap of Executive Committee Meeting
- Parent Engagement: update and next steps on the Family Advisory Committee (FAC)
  - [FAC Summary](#)

#### **6:00 PM Agency Updates**

- Department of Human Services (Bethany Patten)
  - Staffing changes
  - Budget Highlights
  - Smart Start Next Steps
  - EEIC
  - Compensation and Quality Contracts to CCDF Providers: Payment Policies to Improve Equitable Access to High Quality Child Care
- Illinois State Board of Education (Carisa Hurley)
  - Budget Highlights
  - Staffing Overview
  - Smart Start Next Steps
  - Upcoming RFPs
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Department of Children & Family Services (Chevelle Bailey)
  - Update Rule 407 (3 hour rule)
- Illinois Board of Higher Education
  - Bill Updates
  - ECACE

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- Illinois Community College Board
  - Bill Updates
  - ECACE

### 7:00 PM PDG Update & Grants Notice

Carisa Hurley & Nicole Craft—Updates on any newly signed contracts and recognition of new competition

[IL PDG B-5 Planning Grant Update for ELC Exec](#)

### 7:10 PM ELC Meeting Schedule

Phyllis Glink & Martin Torres

Executive Committee- September 11, 2023 5:30-7:30pm

ELC – October 2, 2023 5:30-7:30pm

Executive Committee- November 13, 2023 11:00-2:00pm

### 7:20 PM Public Comment

### 7:30 PM Adjourn

**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) 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.