

Bristol Early Childhood Collaborative
Regular Meeting
May 6, 2026

The regular meeting of the Early Childhood Collaborative (BECC), formerly School Readiness Council was held on May 6, 2026, at the Bristol Public Library and on the Zoom Meeting Platform, and called to order by Co-Chair Maegan Adams at 12:16 PM.

A recording of this meeting is at: <https://bristolct-gov.zoom.us/rec/share/TKwjpHQnc51-Bcw-0QsAsGQvt9eHlorfuvBLZZ8-PtYrv1I3CWp7MRS-W9e16Abs.JvEjmFoS6Z2z0th>

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Present: Maegan Adams, Kaitlyn Berardinelli, Stephanie Daniele, Michelle Fangiuillo, Yesenia Fuentes, Cecilia Garay, Cristina Gutierrez, Michelle Herens, Donna Koser, Susan Adeife Lee, Amber Lipscomb, Zach Maher, Liz McGuire, Melissa Mendez, Valerie Pelletier, Kara Singleton, Whitney Shufelt

Absent: Janelle Cintolo, Sandra Godin, Peter Kelley, Brenda Moore, Claire Strillacci, Courtney Sugarman

Also Present: Chris Badenhop, Allison Cusano, Zanetah Trotman, Donna Osuch, Jennifer St. John

- **Welcome and Introductions:**
- **Approval of Bristol Early Childhood Collaborative Meeting Minutes held April 1, 2026:**
 - *Motion by BECC member Michelle Herens and seconded by Stephanie Daniele, it was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the regular Bristol Early Childhood Collaborative Minutes held April 1, 2026.*
- **Committee Updates:**
 - Program Quality – Michelle Fangiuillo
 - Programs discussed staffing and enrollment – a few preschool openings at Bristol Child Development Center and 8 at Imagine Nation
 - Edgewood at Giamatti’s last day of classes is June 12
 - Office of Early Childhood visited BCDC, Imagine Nation and Edgewood April 22
 - Rest of updates shared during Liaison report
 - Next meeting is May 13 at 1:30 at BCDC and on Zoom
 - Health and Wellness Committee – Maegan Adams and Stephanie Daniele
 - Lauren Kittle from DCF shared data about substance exposure during pregnancy, and committee held lengthy discussion
 - WIC and BECC will be at the Farmers Market August 8 for Community Baby Shower
 - Next meeting is May 12 at 2:00 at City Hall Room 1-3 and on Zoom
- Governance – TBD – no report
- Community Outreach – Jennifer St. John
 - BECC will have a table and tent at Music in the Park every Tuesday this summer
 - McDonald’s fundraiser is May 12 from 4:00-7:00 at Farmington Ave McDonald’s
 - 4th Annual Family Fun Day is June 27 at BAIMS from 11:00-2:00 with rain date 6/28
 - Next meeting is July 16, 2026 at 10:00 on Zoom

- Special Education Hub – Jennifer St. John
 - Committee is hosting Special Education Advocacy webinar on Zoom, on May 18 from 6:00-7:00, and Kevin will edit for sharing online
 - Next meetings are May 4 and June 1, 2026 at 4:00 on Zoom

- Transition to Kindergarten – Courtney Sugarman
 - Kindergarten registration opened February 1st – please tell everyone to register now
 - 230 children were registered as of May 1st, which is about 15 less than last year at this time; with the Kindergarten age change, the numbers might be on target
 - Parent Orientation is May 28 at most schools and June 3 at Stafford, and committee is compiling materials to distribute to parents
 - Next meeting is May 18 at 3:45 on Zoom

- **Bristol Early Childhood Collaborative Liaison Report – Donna Osuch**
 - Office of Early Childhood (OEC) and Shine Early Learning Updates
 - Quality Enhancement proposal was due April 17, and we had only 2-week turnaround; programs provided suggestions, and rest of budget was kept similar to past years
 - ***Motion by BECC member Amber Lipscomb and seconded by Whitney Shufelt, it was a unanimous vote to approve the Quality Enhancement budget of \$28,029.44 submitted to Shine for activities July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027***
 - Donna thanked members who had signed their Letter of Agreement; most are done
 - Lots of trainings for the Local Needs Assessment happening
 - Shine report for Q3 was submitted before April 30
 - Care4Kids child care subsidy program is going paperless by January 2027
 - Legislative update:
 - Approximately \$300 million will go into Early Childhood Endowment
 - Local Updates
 - Parent Trust Fund collaborative grant to current grantees (FRC) is resulting in advocacy training May 14, 21 and 28 at Imagine Nation
 - We have ordered a number of items for giveaways with new logo
 - New Little Free Library opened at Gloria Dei Church May 2 in conjunction with food distribution
 - Parent Ambassador Updates
 - Seed planting activity for Earth Day was well-received
 - Family Fun Day is June 27
 - Too much going on this spring, and only one parent registered for the Parent Council, so waiting until fall to start

- **Local Needs Assessment (LNA):**
 - Members walked around the room, or responded via a google doc, to Table 8: LGP Structure of the LNA Framework

- **Resignations:** none

- **Appointments:** none
- **Old Business:** none
- **New Business:** none
- **Community Sharing:**
 - Family Fun Day is June 27 with vendors and touch-a-truck; want more vendors
- **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 PM

Next regular meeting: June 3, 2026 at Bristol Public Library and on Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Osuch
School Readiness Liaison

Unapproved