



STATE OF GEORGIA  
Children's Cabinet

Executive Children's Cabinet Meeting

February 22, 2022

Zoom Meeting

8 AM to 10 AM

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Executive Cabinet Members:** Amy Jacobs, Department of Early Care and Learning; Joy Hawkins, Governor's Office of Student Achievement; Jay Neal, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; Caylee Noggle, Department of Community Health; Judy Fitzgerald, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; Kathleen Toomey, Department of Public Health; Tyrone Oliver, Department of Juvenile Justice; Trey Bennett, Office of the Governor; Richard Woods, Department of Education

**Department of Early Care and Learning Staff:** Liz Young, Quandra Collins

**Guest Speakers:** Donna Johnson, Department of Early Care and Learning, Laura Wagner, Department of Early Care and Learning

**Carl Vinson Institute of Government Staff:** David Tanner, Melinda Moore, Veronica Lopez-Delgado

**Public Guests:**

No public guests attended the meeting.

**Call to Order**

At 8:04am, Executive Director and Co-Chair Joy Hawkins from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Jacobs asked for a motion to accept the day's agenda. Commissioner Caylee Noggle from the Department of Community Health moved to accept, and Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities seconded the motion. The Executive Cabinet accepted the agenda unanimously.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Children's Cabinet co-chairs Amy Jacobs and Joy Hawkins welcomed the Executive Cabinet.

First Lady Kemp joined the meeting and offered greetings and thanked the cabinet members for their work.

### **Legislation and Governor's Budget Priorities**

Executive Cabinet members provided updates about their agency's legislative and budget priorities. Members discussed cross-agency issues and collaborations during this time.

### **State Workforce Strategies**

David Tanner with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government facilitated a discussion on state workforce strategies. Cabinet members discussed what kinds of activities and projects they're working on to address work challenges, current strategies, and what partnerships they are developing. David Tanner also provided an update on the Georgia Department of Administrative Services state workforce project, which is creating career pathways for jobs in state government.

### **2 Gen Academy Update**

David Tanner with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government presented an update on the development of a 2Gen Leadership Academy Program for Executive Cabinet agency program directors and managers.

### **2 Gen Project Presentations**

Donna Johnson, Family Support Director for Development and Partnerships, Childcare and Parent Services at DECAL presented on the DECAL and Technical College System of Georgia Acceleration Grant from Ascend at the Aspen Institute.

Laura Wagner, Community Outreach and Partnerships Director at DECAL, presented on the 2Gen Innovation Grants funded by the Preschool Development Grant, Birth through Five.

### **Public Comment Period (9:20 am)**

No public guests attended the meeting.

### **Cabinet Strategic Plan**

David Tanner with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government requested Cabinet members provide updates on agency work on the Cabinet priorities and strategies by May 2022.

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Jacobs and Executive Director Hawkins at 9:28am.