



Executive Children's Cabinet  
May 9, 2023  
Governor's Mansion  
8am-9:30am

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Attendees

**Co-Chair:** Amy M. Jacobs, Commissioner, Department of Early Care and Learning  
**Co-Chair:** Joy Hawkins, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Student Achievement  
Candice Broce, Commissioner, Department of Human Services  
Caylee Noggle, Commissioner, Department of Community Health  
Jay Neal, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Kevin Tanner, Commissioner, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities  
Miranda Bradford, Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor  
Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice

### Additional Staff

Liz Young, Department of Early Care and Learning  
Quandra Obi, Department of Early Care and Learning  
Jerry Brown, Department of Early Care and Learning  
Alice Aka, Governor's Office of Student Achievement  
David Tanner, Carl Vinson Institute of Government  
Melinda Moore, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

### Speakers:

Mary Havick, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Human Services  
Karsten Hartman, Division of Family and Children Services  
Jennifer Stein, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia

### Public Guests:

No public guests attended the meeting.

### Call to Order

At 8:04 am, Co-chairs Joy Hawkins, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Student Achievement and Amy M. Jacobs, Commissioner, Department of Early Care and Learning, called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda for the day.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Jacobs asked for a motion to accept the day's agenda. Kevin Tanner, Commissioner, Department of Behavioral Health and Disabilities, made the motion to accept. Caylee Noggle, Commissioner, Department of Community Health seconded. The Cabinet accepted the agenda unanimously.

## **Agency Updates**

Each agency representative provided a brief update of their current work.

### **Commissioner Candice Broce, Department of Human Services (DHS)**

The biggest concern for DHS is how to prevent child abuse and neglect. DHS is implementing several initiatives this year to address this issue as well as state custody.

### **Miranda Bradford, Office of the Governor**

The 30 days of bill review has come to completion. They are working on implementing two bills currently – Senate Bill 311 and another one focused on literacy. The work for these bills started over the summer.

### **Commissioner Kevin Tanner, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)**

With the passing of House Bill 1013, the MATCH committee was created. The goal of the committee is to facilitate collaboration across state agencies and seek solutions for the behavioral health treatment needs of Georgia's children. In addition, DBHDD plans to kick off several pilots in the state to link local groups around mental health.

### **Special topic discussion: Prevention**

The Executive Cabinet identified prevention as a focus topic for this year. Karsten Hartman, Division of Family and Children Services, and Jennifer Stein, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, provided a presentation on the 2020 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Plan that was released by the Department of Human Services.

### **Special topic discussion: Home Visiting**

In coordination with the Executive Cabinet's focus on prevention, David Tanner, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, facilitated a discussion on home visiting among Cabinet members. During this discussion, Cabinet members brainstormed how to address social determinants of health and health outcomes for children and their families through a coordinated home visiting strategy.

### **Georgia 2Gen Academy Update**

Melinda Moore, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, provided an update on the Georgia 2Gen Academy graduation plans and the nomination process for year two.

### **Public Comment Period**

No public guests attended the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Jacobs at 10:30am.