



GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

Illinois Professional Development System

PDAC Higher Education Committee

December 12, 2024

1:00PM – 2:30PM

Meeting Agenda

1:00PM

Welcome – Kate Connor and Rebecca Pruitt, Chairs

Approval of Minutes

- September 26, 2024

New Members of the Committee

Higher Education Goals and Objectives: PDAC Strategic Plan Phase X

- Review, prioritize and set a timeline for Goals in FY 25
 - Goal 1: Developing systems for identifying, sharing, and promoting flexible and innovative higher education early childhood/child development program models.
 - Consider how this could be a resource for employers, a knowledge center on PDAC's website, increase access to the field.
 - Use the Higher Education Forum to bring out Innovation and Reaching the Workforce.
 - Goal 3: Gather and disseminate information on approaches to support new and/or incumbent early childhood professionals in entering or sustaining the field and/or workforce.
 - Find ways to welcome new faculty
 - Find ways to highlight credit for prior learning as an advocacy effort to bring in the workforce.
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Gateways Higher Education Forum

- RFPs
- Keynote Presenters

2:30PM

Adjourn