



Professional Development Advisory Council

12:00PM – 1:30PM

September 4, 2024

Vision: We envision an inclusive and efficient system of preparation and training of early care and education, school age and youth development professionals who nurture, engage, and serve the needs of children and youth in partnership with their families and communities.

Mission: To promote, support and recognize engaging professional preparation and training opportunities for all current and future early care and education, school age and youth development practitioners.

Values: We believe in an engaging, inclusive and efficient professional development system serving practitioners in all settings.

Engaging: Respects and cultivates education, training, and experience, recognizes, and equitably compensates achievements based on levels of competence.

Inclusive: Has diverse representation of culture, linguistics, ability, ethnicity, gender, age, and geography; supports inclusive, high-quality, culturally responsive, care and education for all children, youth and families in all settings.

Efficient: Is accessible, affordable, and diverse in opportunities; develops and expands core knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

12:00PM **Welcome and Review of Minutes** –Johnna Darragh Ernst and Shauna Egeh

- Minutes June 5, 2024

Orientation Materials

- Available on Website [PDAC Orientation Materials - Gateways to Opportunity \(ilgateways.com\)](https://ilgateways.com)
- New Qualifications and Credential Committee Tri-Chair
- Recruitment FY25

Strategic Plan Phase X

- Priorities and Timeline in order for goals and objectives to be implemented or recommendations brought forward

Listening Session for the new Illinois Department of Early Childhood, hosted by members of the TAC

- The listening session seeks input from PDAC Membership regarding the transition and to share information about next steps

Breakout Rooms

Membership Stats for FY 25

- Stats from the returned PDAC Membership Forms – gaps and strengths

Committee Updates

- Financial Supports
- Workforce Development & Pathways
- Qualifications and Credentials
- Higher Education

State Agency Reports

- Illinois Department of Human Services – Hollie Hoole and Gabriel Holmes
- Illinois Head Start – Lauri Morrison Frichtl

- Illinois Community College Board – Marcus Brown

1:30PM Adjourn

FY 25 Meeting Dates with a start time of 12:00PM:

November 13, 2024

February 5, 2025

June 18, 2025

