



Professional Development Advisory Council

February 5, 2025

12:00PM - 1:30PM

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.

Welcome and Review of Minutes

- Welcome PDAC Tri-Chairs: Johnna Darragh Ernst, Shauna Egeh and Marcy Mendenhall
- November 13, 2024 Minutes
- New Member Orientation

ESL & Bilingual Credential Renewal Recommendation

- Qualifications and Credentials Chairs

Mid-Year Update on Progress of the Strategic Plan

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

State Reports

- Illinois Department of Human Services
- Illinois Community College Board
- Illinois Board of Higher Education
- Illinois Head Start Association
- Transition Advisory Committee
- Illinois State Board of Education

Breakout Session

- Information Sharing with PDAC Members

Adjourn

Next Meeting: June 18, 2025