



## Professional Development Advisory Council

June 18, 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 Ejuh, and Marcy Mendenhall
- February 5, 2025

### Recap of May Steering Retreat

- Reporting from PDAC Committee Chairs
  - Next steps for FY2026

### State Reports

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

### Breakout Session

- Information Sharing with PDAC Members

### PDAC FY 2026 Meeting Dates and Annual Membership Renewal Documents

- 9.3.25, 11.5.25, 2.4.26, 4.1.26, 6.3.26
- Annual Membership Documents

### Adjourn