



Professional Development Advisory Council

Agenda

September 3, 2025

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

- June 18, 2025

Strategic Plan X Year 2

- Strategic Plan Tracker
 - Qualifications and Credentials Update
 - Workforce Development and Pathways Update
 - Financial Supports Update
 - Higher Education Update

PDAC Annual Membership

- Initial PDAC Membership Results

Gateways Credentials

- Gateways Credential Reviews
 - FY26 Reviews

On-Going Activities – Initiatives of IDEC

Reports and Updates

- Illinois Department of Human Services
- Illinois Community College Board
- Illinois Head Start Association
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity

PDAC Reflections

Adjourn

Next meeting: November 5, 2025

