



Early Childhood Education Endowment Advisory Board

Special Meeting, June 23, 2026

Office of the Treasurer

Meeting on virtual platform only

In Attendance: Senator Ceci Maher, Representative Kate Farrar, Commissioner Elena Trueworthy, Treasurer Erick Russell, Allyx Schiavone, Holly Williams, Sandra Dill, Christopher Jimenez-Porrata, Renee Kleinman (for Commissioner Russell-Tucker), Suzanne Slater, Robert Woytowich, Casey DiMaria

Additional attendees: Jennifer Putetti (Office of the Treasurer), Ren Zhong (Wakely Consulting), Kathleen Tallarita (Access Health CT),

Absent: Jay Atkinson, Dr. Monnette Ferguson,

Welcome & Introductions

Call to Order and Opening Remarks by Senator Maher, Commissioner Elena Trueworthy, and representative Kate Farrar.

Approval of May 18, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve May 18, 2026 meeting minutes by Representative Farrar and seconded by Treasurer Russell. Board members approved the minutes with no revisions.

Overview of 2026 Legislative Updates

Commissioner Trueworthy provided a brief overview of two relevant legislative updates:

The budget bill, Public Act 26-76 allows any remaining unexpended funding to be carried forward into the next fiscal years.

Additional legislation requires the Office of Early Childhood Commissioner to present the proposed spending plan at the board's first meeting on or after July 1 of each fiscal year.

Health Insurance Subsidy Study Recommendation Discussion and Vote

Representative Farrar provided a brief overview of the Health Insurance Subsidy Study and subsequent memo from Access Health CT regarding their recommendation for a health insurance subsidy program for early childhood educators. Representative Farrar requested a motion to approve the Access Health CT early childhood education insurance subsidy as described in the memo that was provided to the Advisory Board. Motion made by Allyx Schiavone. Senator Ceci Maher seconds the motion.

Holly Williams asks questions regarding the collection of additional data on the eligible group to adapt and meet shifting needs and the timing of program rollout.

Allyx Schiavone asks whether the reimbursements are proportional to the actual cost to the individual.

Holly Williams asks a question regarding accounting for changing administrative costs.

Representative Farrar calls for a roll call vote. Vote totals are 11 affirmative votes, 0 no votes, and 3 absences.

Allyx Schiavone asks when the Office of Early Childhood will present its spending plan. Commissioner Trueworthy will present at the next meeting after the beginning of the fiscal year – July 24, 2026.

Adjournment

Senator Maher requests a motion to adjourn. Representative Farrar moves, and Treasurer Russell seconds the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Vote Tally June 26, 2026

Motion to approve the recommendation of early childhood education subsidy as outlined in the memo provided to the advisory board made by Allyx Schiavone, seconded by Senator Ceci Maher.

	Name	Y	N	A
1	Commissioner Elena Trueworthy	x		
2	Ceci Maher	x		
3	Kate Farrar	x		
4	LaFayette (Jay) Atkinson Jr			x
5	Sandra Dill	x		
6	Casey DiMaria			x
7	Dr. Monette M. Ferguson			x
8	Cristopher Jimenez-Porrata	x		
9	Treasurer Erick Russell	x		
10	Renee Kleinman (Commissioner Charlene M. Russell-Tucker)	x		
11	Allyx Shiavone	x		
12	Suzanne Slater	x		
13	Holly Williams (designee)	x		
14	Robert Woytowich	x		