



April 24, 2024 Council Meeting Notes

Members Present	9/6/23	10/4/23	11/1/23	12/20/23	2/7/24	3/6/24	4/3/24	4/24/24 (Special SR Vote)	5/1/24	JUNE
Allyx Schiavone	•	0	0	•	•	•	0	0	•	
Averi Pakulis	0	0	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Billy Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Carmelita Valencia-Daye	•	•	0	•	0	•	•	0	•	
Daniel Diaz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Elisabeth Teller	0	0	0	•	•	•	•	0	0	
Eliza Halsey	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Galit Sharma	0	0	0	0	0	•	0	0	0	
Jennifer Heath	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Jerry Haruna	•	0	0	•	0	0	•	0	•	
Jess Bialecki	•	•	•	0	X	X	X	X	X	
Karen Dubois-Walton	•	•	0	•	•	•	0	•	•	
Kiomy Sotillo	•	•	0	•	•	•	•	0	•	
Leeora Netter	0	•	•	0	•	•	0	•	•	
Lynn Wiener	0	•	•	•	•	X	X	X	X	
Mary Derwin	•	•	0	•	•	•	•	0	•	
Robin Moore-Evans	•	0	•	•	•	0	•	•	0	
Sadie Witherspoon	0	0	•	•	0	•	•	0	0	
Soma Mitra	0	•	0	•	•	•	0	•	•	
Steven Cousin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Susan Taddei	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	0	•	
Tamesha Robinson	•	•	•	•	•	•	0	•	•	
Vanessa Diaz-Valencia	•	•	0	•	•	•	•	0	•	
<i>Percent in attendance:</i>	57%	57%	43%	74%	67%	76%	57%	38%	67%	

PRESENT	ABSENT	NO LONGER A MEMBER
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Staff: Claire Kaiser, Kerry Oberg

Guests: Shubhra Gupta

Facilitator: Kerry Oberg

Notetaker: Claire Kaiser

Welcome & Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:32pm

Jennifer announced that we are not at quorum so we will need to seek additional votes after the meeting.

School Readiness Vote Discussion

Kerry reviewed with the group present the details for the School Readiness allocations that were sent out ahead of the meeting.

- Decision was made to ensure programs received their current number of seats for the current year, with the exception of not continuing to fund part-day spaces that did not have children enrolled.
- The additional available funds would accommodate some new spaces, although the space requests exceeded the available budget.
- The group discussed the current number of children being served. Some programs reported unused spaces. Anecdotal evidence suggests a high demand for infant/toddler spaces.
- Discussion on the impact of the new Kindergarten start age on decision-making. Uncertainty regarding the impact of NHPS policies on early entry and waivers.
- Specific cases discussed, including Morning Glory's unused spots and AOC's accreditation requirement. Yale New Haven Hospital spaces were reabsorbed.

Kerry presented a spreadsheet outlining funding options and allocations. Council members reviewed two options for how to use the remaining School Readiness funds:

Option 1 – Prioritizes preschool (full day and school day) and does not add any new infant/toddler spaces, serves 933 children. All the remaining funds are allocated to programs that requested preschool spaces. No new infant/toddler spaces are funded.

Option 2 – Fulfills 83% of infant/toddler space requests, while still funding some additional preschool spaces, serves 924 children. It meets most of the requests of programs asking for additional infant/toddler spaces, and then meets some of the preschool requests.

Consensus reached on Option 2.

Action Items

Claire and Kerry followed up with council members not in attendance to get their vote between Options 1 and 2. Kiomary Sotillo, Galit Sharma and Elisabeth Teller all voted for Option 2, bringing the total vote in favor to 11, which is a majority of the Council (11 out of 21, or 52%; 11 out of 16 members who don't have a conflict of interest, or 69%).

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.