

# Montana Early Childhood Account Board

Capitol Building Room #137

February 3, 2026

1 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

## Call to Order and Welcome

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Confirmation of quorum
- Review and approve January 7 meeting minutes

## Vision Statement Adoption

- Review of proposed vision statement options
- Board discussion
- Board action: Selection and adoption of vision statement

## Bylaws Adoption

- Overview: bylaws vs. rulemaking authority (scope and purpose)
- Review of revised draft bylaws
- Discussion
- Board action: adoption of MECA Board bylaws

## Election of Officers

- Overview of officer roles and term limits
- Nominations and election of Chair
- Nominations and election of Vice-Chair

## Lunch Logistics

- Discussion of lunch arrangements for Wednesday meeting

## Break (10 min)

## DPHHS Strategic Plan and Needs Assessment

Presentation- Allison Wilson

- Overview of the DPHHS Early Childhood System Strategic Plan and Needs Assessment

## Work Session

- Alignment with MECA statutory purpose
- Identify potential priority areas
  - We are asking: Where could Trust investments most powerfully advance these strategies?

**4:30 p.m. - Public Comment**

**4:45 p.m. - Adjournment**



# Montana Early Childhood Account Board

Capitol Room #137

February 4, 2026

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Call to Order and Day 1 Recap

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Confirmation of quorum
- Review Day 1 information

## From Vision to Action

- Review of board-generated ideas and themes from the strategic plan activity
- Unidentified or emerging priorities

## Break (10 min)

## Fiscal Planning

- Overview of available funds and spending targets
- Distinguishing between short-term, pilot, and long-term projects
- Visuals showing project lifespan across fiscal years
- Sustainability considerations and guardrails to prevent funding cliff
- Procurement process and timelines

## LUNCH BREAK

## Implementation Pathways

- Discussion of readiness: short-term opportunities vs. long-term investments
- Translating priorities into implementation activities
- Project and timeline considerations and decision points
- Funding priorities with potential allocation amounts
- Board direction for further development by DPHHS staff (no formal action)
- Discussion: evaluation requirements

## Staffing to Support Implementation

- Overview of proposed DPHHS staffing to support board-directed work
- Fiscal implications and sustainability considerations
- Public comment on proposed staffing plan
- Board action: Approval of staffing plan to support implementation

## Board Schedule

- Review proposed meeting schedule
  - Every other week through end of March
  - Monthly meetings April-December
    - In-person meetings
      - April



- August
- January 2027

**2:40 p.m. - Public Comment**

**2:55 p.m. - Next Steps**

- DPHHS staff to research and provide information on project development and fiscal models for next meeting
- Travel documentation

**3:00 p.m. - Adjournment**