



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



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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