



**Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation**

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**August 23, 2022**

**Meeting begins immediately following  
the MARC Budget & Personnel Committee meeting**

**Hybrid format: limited attendees in MARC's Heartland Room with a remote option via  
Zoom**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the May 24, 2022 Meeting
3. VOTE: Authorize a Grant Application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to Support Quality Early Learning
4. Other Business
5. Adjourn

## AGENDA REPORT

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MARC CSC Board of Directors

June 2022  
Item No. 2

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Approve Minutes of the May 24, 2022 Meeting

**BACKGROUND:**

The minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting are enclosed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

David Warm

Karina Bielecki



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### MEETING SUMMARY

May 24, 2022

Immediately following the Budget & Personnel Meeting

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Harold Johnson, Jr., Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan. - MARC Board Chair  
Mayor Carson Ross, Blue Springs, Mo - MARC Board 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, Kan.  
Councilmember Dan Hobart, Independence, Mo.  
Commissioner Brian McKiernan, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.  
Commissioner Ryan Johnson, Cass County, Mo.  
Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, Kan.  
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, Kan.

#### STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director  
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration  
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment  
Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services  
James Stowe, Director of Aging and Adult Services  
Jovanna Rohs, Director of Early Learning and Head Start  
Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development  
Kristin Johnson-Waggoner, Public Affairs Program Director  
Steven Lewis, Head Start Program Director  
Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director  
Joanne Bussinger, Grant Manager  
Catherine Couch, Public Affairs Coordinator  
Karina Bielecki, Executive Assistant  
John Hwang, Network Administrator II  
Ginny Williams, Grant Accountant III  
Brad Gaeddert, Grant Manager  
Ray Webb, Manager of Traffic Operations  
Donna Martin, Public Health Senior Planner

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carson Ross called the MARC Community Services Corporation Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:58 a.m.

Due to the meeting being conducted remotely, Mayor Ross provided instructions for participation. He reported that staff would present on all the agenda items, provide an opportunity for comments and questions after each item and ask for approval of all agenda

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items with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members would have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

VOTE: Approve the Minutes of the March 22, 2022 Meeting

VOTE: Support Preparation of a Regional Digital Equity Action Plan

VOTE: Authorize an Application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to Support and Expand the Educare Program

VOTE: Authorize an Application to the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program's Produce Prescription Program to Increase Community Access to Fresh Produce

MOTION: Mayor Curt Skoog moved for approval of all items and Commissioner Harold Johnson, Jr. seconded. All were in favor of approving agenda items 2 through 5. The motion passed.

### OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

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Carson Ross, Chair

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Date

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MARC CSC Board of Directors

August 2022  
Item No. 3  
Quality Early Learning

## ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a Grant Application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to Support Quality Early Learning

## BACKGROUND:

MARC's Early Learning Department provides leadership to the development and implementation of a community-driven, outcomes-based plan for a comprehensive early learning system.

This grant application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation will support efforts to define, prioritize, and implement strategies that result in pregnant women and young children being healthy; children being ready to succeed in school and beyond; and children living in safe, stable, and nurturing families and communities.

To balance the need to define and prioritize strategic initiatives with continuing to support access to quality early learning and care programs, year one of the project period will focus on the following items:

Regional Strategic Plan: Development of a regional strategic plan, including prioritization of initial steps to create an Early Learning Region.

Program Quality: Continuation of the Early Learning Program Profile (ELPP) work in the absence of state-wide projects. ELPP includes external observations using CLASS assessments, basic health and safety checklist, and self-reported Program Quality Standards rubric. Funding for this portion of the project will support implementation of the ELPP in 10 programs.

Expanding Access: The Early Childhood Refugee Engagement project was developed based on a defined need identified through a landscape analysis of programs supported by federally recognized refugee resettlement agencies in the Kansas/Missouri region. Within the current service offerings by resettlement agencies, there is a lack of programming that supports young children birth through five. The overarching goal of the project is to ensure the youngest, most vulnerable refugees receive the care and support needed to thrive in their new communities.

## BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES			
Amount	\$150,000 per year for 3 years		
Source	Kauffman Foundation		
PROJECTED EXPENSES			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$109,500	\$109,500	\$109,500
Contractual	\$40,500	\$40,500	\$40,500
Total	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
	<b>Overall Total</b>		<b>\$450,000</b>

## RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the entire Kansas City region.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize MARC to submit a 3-year \$450,000 (\$150,000 per year) grant proposal to Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation for one year of early learning program support.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Jovanna Rohs

Kyle Matchell