

Mayor's Commission for Children

March 21, 2023 at 8:00 am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Christy Davis, Dr. Kaleen Long, Dr. Tom Masterson, Jennifer McClure, Mike White
Chris Jarratt

Advisory Council Present: Kimberly Shinn Brown, Alexis Brown, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Dr. Doug McNeal,
Dr. Kayce Morton, Dr. Kristen Thompson, Bria Coale, Jaimie Trussell

Christy Davis, past chairman opened up the meeting due to Chairman Harris absence at 9:00. February minutes had a motion by Dr. Kaleen Long to approve. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kristen Thompson. The February Minutes were approved by the Commission.

Christy introduced and welcomed Melissa Fallone to share some of her preliminary findings of the kindergarten readiness study. The report will be released on April 11th. Commission members and Advisory council members were able to give feedback and ask questions on the preliminary indicators from the study.

Discussion around roll-out also was considered by the group. Announcements around the table were acknowledged. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 and the advocacy group met to discuss May 4th presentation with Give 5. Chris is developing some ideas on the childcare collaborative on naming the project. Brigitte and Doug will meet with Karrie Ridder to plan out presentation. Brigitte will reach out to media.