



Governor's Task Force on Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care

Agenda

Monday, May 18, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

William B. Travis State Office Building Room G-100C

Objectives:

The day's conversations will examine the following questions:

- a. What is the role of a state QRIS system?
- b. How is quality currently defined in TX (HQPK, TRS, Head Start, etc.)? What are our current outcomes for quality?
- c. What are research-based best practices for assessing quality? Are there states that do this well across all of early childhood to support transparency, accountability and family choice?
- d. Are there examples in Texas of best practices?
- e. How can a quality system be used to support the early childhood workforce?
- f. How can quality systems support family choice?

- I. Call to Order and Welcome (*Chairman Peter Holt*)
- II. Invited Testimony – Existing Quality Definitions
- III. Invited Testimony – Current Quality Bright Spots
- IV. Multi-state Panel on Research-Based Best Practice for Quality
- V. Invited Testimony – Child Care Provider Experience
- VI. Public Testimony on the Importance of Quality Across Early Education and Care Settings
- VII. Adjourn