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Ms. Griffin:

This letter provides a summary report of the third meeting of the Quad Agency Child Care Initiative Commission (“Quad Agency Commission”), conducted on August 4, 2026. The Quad Agency Commission was established pursuant to H.B. 4903 in the 89th Texas Legislative Session, to foster collaboration, coordinate policies, and streamline regulations related to child care across state agencies. The Quad Agency Commission is required to submit a report to the Office of the Governor within 30 days following each meeting.

Key actions and discussions from the August 4th meeting included:

- **Approval of Quad Agency Responses to Public Comments Received:** Quad Agency Commission members approved the [July 2026 Quad Agency Child Care Initiative Commission: Responses to Public Comments document](#). This report summarizes public comments received from March 2026 through July 2026.
- **Results of the Review of Pre-K Partnership Data Collection:** Following the review initiated at the March 24th Quad Agency Commission meeting, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and Texas Education Agency presented their findings. To accurately reflect the participation of private programs in the provision of public pre-K, the agencies have agreed to several process improvements, as outlined in the [Quad Agency Review of Pre-K Partnership Data Collection document](#). The Quad Agency members believe the changes will result in more thorough and accurate data collection.
- **New Interagency Process for Stakeholder Input on Conflicts:** The Quad Agency Commission announced a new collaborative process between TWC and Health and Human Services Commission’s Child Care Regulation (CCR) program to identify and resolve potential conflicts between Texas Rising Star standards and CCR Minimum Standards. The agencies have provided email addresses for child care providers to report concerns directly and will meet regularly to discuss any reported conflicts. Further details can be found in the [Stakeholder Input on Interagency Child Care Conflicts document](#). This process aims to expedite the removal of

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regulatory barriers and will be promoted through stakeholder communications and website placement.

The Quad Agency Commission members also provided updates on agency activities, primarily those related to legislative implementation from the 89th Legislative Session; and two stakeholders provided public comment.

The Quad Agency Commission's next meeting is scheduled November 19, 2026, 10am-12pm.

Additional relevant information, including Zoom recordings of meetings, can be found on the [Quad Agency Child Care Initiative website](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions regarding the activities of the Quad Agency Commission.

Sincerely,



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