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Ms. Becker:

This letter provides a summary report of the inaugural meeting of the Quad Agency Child Care Initiative Commission (“Quad Agency Commission”), held on November 17, 2025. 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.

This initial meeting focused primarily on administrative and operational matters. Key actions and discussions included:

- **Introductions and Agency Overviews:** Quad Agency Commission members from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) introduced themselves and provided overviews of their respective agencies' roles and responsibilities within the Texas child care landscape.
- **Ongoing Agency Projects:** Members shared information on ongoing projects within their agencies that could potentially impact or align with the work of the Commission. Of note, HHSC shared information about their implementation of Rider 165, which requires an external evaluation of Child Care Regulation (CCR) Minimum Standards for child care programs. The Quad Agency Commission agreed to coordinate any public input that the Quad Agency Commission receives on CCR Minimum Standards with this HHSC review.

- **Procedural Agreement:** The Quad Agency Commission reviewed and approved a proposed procedural agreement outlining the operational guidelines for the Commission. This agreement is included as an attachment to this letter.
- **Public Comment:** A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to receiving public comment from stakeholders on various child care-related issues.

There were no regulations, rules, policies, or other participating agency actions approved for review during the first Quad Agency Commission meeting. The Quad Agency Commission plans to hold its next meeting by the end of March 2026.

The Texas Workforce Commission has established the [Quad Agency Child Care Initiative website](#) to house information about upcoming and past meetings, agency actions under review, how stakeholders can submit comments to the Quad Agency Commission, and how stakeholders can request to be added to the Quad Agency Commission's email distribution list to receive updates on the Quad Agency Commission's work.

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

Sincerely,

Joe Esparza

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Attachment: Quad Agency Child Care Initiative Commission Procedural Agreement

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