
AB 176 CHILD CARE CENTER WORK GROUP

Meeting Minutes – Friday, April 11, 2025



Work Group Leadership

Crystal Sujeski, CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal, CDA-DC, Chair
Lya Johnson, DSS – CCL, Licensing Program Manager III, Co-Chair

CAL FIRE – OSFM Support

Jena Garcia, OSFM-CDA Supv.

** Attendance is recorded. Attendance Log is available upon request.*

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:30 AM

- A. Welcome/Introductions
- B. Agenda (4/11/25) Reviewed

Motion:	Poll Vote
Action:	Unanimously Approved

Lya Johnson
Crystal Sujeski

- C. Minutes Review (3/14/25) Reviewed

Motion:	Poll Vote
Action:	Unanimously Approved

Crystal Sujeski

2. OLD BUSINESS –

Sujeski/Johnson

- A. Review revised and updated Charter – Based on previous meeting open discussion input. And, updated “Task Group” to “Work Group”.

Motion:	Poll Vote
Action:	Unanimously Approved

3. NEW BUSINESS

Sujeski/Johnson

- A. History of Changes impacting Child Care facilities - Crystal Sujeski
 - i. 2016 CBC 305.2 [2016 California Building Code, Part 2, Volume 1 - Includes Supplement July 1, 2018 - CHAPTER 3](#)
 - ii. 2019 CBC 305.2 [CHAPTER 3 OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION AND USE - 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, TITLE 24, PART 2 \(VOLUMES 1 & 2\) WITH JULY 2021 SUPP](#)
 - iii. 2022 CBC 305.2 [CHAPTER 4 SPECIAL DETAILED REQUIREMENTS BASED ON OCCUPANCY AND USE - 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, TITLE 24, PART 2 \(VOLUMES 1 & 2\) WITH JULY 2024 SUPPLE](#)
 - iv. CDA to draft a word document to create a side-by-side code comparison
- B. Where did the number five come from limiting infants and toddlers in Group E Child Care? Model Code development vs Ca. Amendments.

- C. Fire Sprinkler System – Operation Awareness/General Information – Group Discussion
- D. Discuss Mitigating Factors – Need to consider factors that could support other options to meet code requirements. (Ie. Sprinklers) - Lya Johnson
- E. Legislative Changes to be considered (Ie. Permitting delay/expenses)

4. ROUNDTABLE / PUBLIC COMMENT

Crystal Sujeski

- A. Open forum during the new business items discussed noted above.
- B. Lessons Learned – Our Lady of Angels School Fire [Our Lady of the Angels School fire - Wikipedia](#)
- C. Palisades Jewish Early Childhood Centers <https://abcnews.go.com/US/video/jewish-community-center-burns-pacific-palisades-fire-117445970>

5. UPCOMING MEETING DATE FOR 2024

Crystal Sujeski

- A. Second Friday of each month starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 10 AM.
 - i. Next Meeting – May 9, 2025, 8:30-10 AM

7. MEETING ADJOURNED 10:00 AM

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If you would like to watch the recording of this meeting, please visit the link below:

<https://youtu.be/qj8-PgdeYvo>