

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Ruthie Fagerstrom, Chairperson  
Monique Segura, Vice Chairperson  
Marie Ibsen, Recording Secretary  
George Melendez, Board Liaison  
Ann Adler/Elisa Gusdal, Consultants  
Toni Trigueiro, Legislative Consultant

### **MAJOR POLICY**

None

### **OTHER ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

None

### **REFERRALS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

None

### **MATTERS PENDING**

None

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

1. Toni Trigueiro, Legislative Advocate, reported on the status of Bills to be considered by the ECE Committee. The Committee took the following positions:
  1. AB 1719 No Position
  2. SB 837 Oppose Position

The ECE Committee is encouraging you to call the Governor and urge him to sign AB1444, Mandatory Kindergarten, or ask him to include it in the 2014-15 state budget trailer bill.

His phone number in Sacramento is (916) 445-2841.

To find talking points, you can go online to [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org), click on "Issues and Action". Click on "Legislation-Take Action" on the drop down menu. Scroll down to AB 1444 "Featured Alert". Click on "Take Action".

The Committee would like you to contact your state senator and ask him or her to vote for AB 1444. If you need to look up who your senator is, you can go online to [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org), click on "Issues and Action". Click on "Legislation-Take Action" on the drop down menu. Scroll down

to “My Elected Officials”. Type in the information and your state senator will come up.

2. George Melendez, Board Liaison, strongly recommended that we all attend the phone banking this afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00. He also asked if our local association or service center is already doing something with the strategic plan to let the Implementation Committee know. Ruthie and George will be attending the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Conference in Minneapolis. George reminded us that fair share is under attack again. Our opponents are trying to prove agency fee is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court decision should be out in the next few weeks. CTA has more good TV commercials on the air. George also reminded us The Pacific Asian Caucus has their celebration tonight at 6:00. He thanked the Committee for all of the hard work they have done this year.
3. Ruthie Fagerstrom shared information about a conference put on by LA Up. She went to the training on credentialing and asked questions about Early Childhood coursework being included in their administrative credentials.
4. The Committee discussed the value of having time to meet Friday evening. Everyone is exhausted with the new schedule and really liked the old schedule. There was conflict about having to choose between a caucus meeting and the ECE Committee meeting. One suggestion was to start with the general session on Friday night so that we have all day Saturday to focus on the work of the committee. There was a reminder to take the CTA survey to let our leadership know our thoughts on the scheduling.
5. The Committee held elections and Ruthie Fagerstrom was unanimously re-elected as Chair. Monique Segura was unanimously re-elected as Vice Chair, and Susan Lopez was unanimously elected as Secretary. Marie Ibsen withdrew her name from the race.