

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

March 30, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 123

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 40 BY EXTENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 9837b(b)(1)(A), Exec. Order No. 40, 32 N.C. Reg. 1737-1739 (March 15, 2018), which was issued on February 16, 2018, reestablished the North Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council ("NCECAC"), initially created on March 15, 2011, to advise the undersigned on early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, the NCECAC is currently fulfilling its duty under 42 U.S.C. § 9837b(b)(1)(A) to ensure the state invests in a high quality early learning and development system for North Carolina's young children; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 40 terminates on March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the NCECAC was charged in Exec. Order No. 49, 33 N.C. Reg. 630-631 (October 1, 2018), which was issued on August 28, 2018, to collaborate with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in developing the North Carolina Early Childhood Action Plan and continues to fulfill an important advisory role in supporting the implementation of the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1.

Executive Order No. 40 will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2020. Section 8 of Executive Order No. 40 is rewritten to read as follows:

This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2020, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-16.2, or until rescinded, whichever comes first. The duration of the NCECAC may be extended by future executive order(s).

Section 2.

Executive Order No. 40, Section 3 is rewritten to read as follows:

Current NCECAC members shall have their terms extended until 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2020. If the Council is extended by future executive order(s), members shall serve two (2) year terms. Members may be re-appointed for an additional two-year term(s). Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term(s). Members appointed to fill unexpired terms shall serve for the remainder of their terms.

Section 3.

Executive Order No. 40, Section 4 is rewritten to read as follows:

The NCECAC will conduct business as needed and upon the call of the Governor. The Governor or the Governor's designee shall set the NCECAC's meeting agenda. A simple majority of the NCECAC's membership shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

The NCECAC shall provide an opportunity for public comment regarding its activities.

Section 4.

The remaining provisions in Executive Order No. 40 shall remain in effect until the order terminates at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2020. Upon the chair's recommendation, the Governor reserves the right to extend the Council's termination to a future date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this the 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty.

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ATTEST:

Rodfiey S. Maddox Chief Deputy Secretary of State