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Mission

The Children's Council provides leadership and policy direction to encourage the development of a comprehensive and collaborative delivery system of services to children and youth in Monterey County.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
901 Blanco Circle, Salinas, CA
MCOE
Monday, November 9, 2026
1:30pm to 2:30pm

AGENDA

1. **Welcome & Introductions,** Dr. Deneen Guss, Chair
   Public Comment for items not on the agenda (limit to 3 minutes per person)

2. **Action Item:**

   a. Approve the minutes of the October 12, 2026, Executive Meeting Minutes – *Attached*

3. **Discussions:**

   a. Debrief of the November meeting and plan for the December meeting

   b. MCCC 2025.2026 Annual Reporting planning

4. **New Business/Announcements**

5. **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: December 14, 2026
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