



MONTEREY COUNTY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

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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

GENERAL MEETING 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas, CA MCOE

Monday, March 9, 2026

12:00-1:30pm

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome** – Jose Ramirez, Chair
- 2. Public Comment** for items not on the agenda (limited to 3 minutes per person)
- 3. Action Items:**
 - Approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, Monterey County Children's Council meeting – *Attached*
 - Approve Designated Alternate Lucila Vera for Member Zulieka Boykin
 - Approve Designated Alternate Yuri Anderson or Kera Abraham Panni for Member Wendy Root Askew
- 4. Presentations/Discussions:**
 - MCCC Annual Report Data Round Cafe
 - Reflective Practice – Relindis Diaz
- 5. Action Item:**
 - Approve [MCCC 2024-2025 Annual Report](#)
- 6. Announcements** –
- 7. Adjourn**

Next meeting: April 13, 2026