

CT PAID LEAVE

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Roll Call

- Committee Members in Attendance: Eva Bermudez Zimmerman, Sheila Hummel, Molly Weston Williamson, Justin Zartman
- Committee Members Absent: Easha Canada, Adrienne Cochrane
- CT Paid Leave Staff Present: Nancy Barrow, Erin Choquette, Amber Forrest, Madeline Granato, Stephanie Oliveras, Nicole Sanclemente, Jessica Vargas

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order

Committee Chair Eva Bermudez Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M. Clerical Assistant Stephanie Oliveras took attendance by roll call and confirmed the existence of a quorum. Ms. Bermudez Zimmerman acknowledged the members of the public in attendance.

Review & Approve July 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Ms. Bermudez Zimmerman asked the committee for a review of the July 16, 2026, meeting minutes. Justin Zartman motioned to approve the minutes, and Molly Weston Williamson seconded that motion. There was no further discussion. None opposed. None abstained. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Outreach and Engagement Updates

Chief Experience Officer Jessica Vargas provided the Outreach & Engagement Updates through a slide presentation which included updates on:

- Real People, Real Stories
- Sept-Oct Events/In-Person Presentations
- Community Partnership Connections
- NASWA Conference
- Leave Management Conference Resource Page
- Bipartisan Policy Center Partnership

Debrief on Leave Management Conference

Community Partnership Liaison Nicole Sanclemente shared that the Leave Management Conference in Cromwell went very well and all tickets were sold out. The Committee requested information on the types of industries that were in attendance.

Ms. Sanclemente reported on the plans for the Family Expo which occurs on October 10, 2026, and provided a list of exhibitors who will be attending. Committee members suggested various ways for the Authority to expand outreach about the event, including contacting adoption services, doctors' offices and foster care support organizations.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:36A.M.

[Watch meeting recording at https://youtu.be/CHUW5abf2hU](https://youtu.be/CHUW5abf2hU)

Attachments

- Outreach and Engagement Update
- Debrief on Leave Management Conference
- Plans for Family Expo