

## Meeting Summary:

### The Minister's Early Learning Child Care Engagement Table (ELCCET)

Meeting 11: June 11, 2025 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Virtual)

## Summary

The eleventh meeting of the Minister's Early Learning and Child Care Engagement Table (ELCCET) was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

The meeting focus was:

- Operational funding - the lead provided a progress update and obtained advice from table members on sector readiness and change communications.
- Enhancing digital services – the lead provided a progress update and discussed next steps.
- ELCC website redesign – the lead provided an overview of the design sprint, shared prototype features and got initial feedback from members.

## Agenda

1. Operational Funding Model: Updates and Discussion
2. Enhancing Digital Services: Updates
3. ELCC Website Redesign: Presentation and Feedback
4. CWELCC Federal Agreement: Updates
5. Other updates: NS BAP Needs Assessments

## Discussion Details: Operational Funding Model

Engagement Table members were interested to learn of the systems overview progress and how each province's approach to funding is unique, based on their system.

Members indicated optimism that the impact simulation will show the impact on providers, because we do not have a standardized fee with the goal to create more equity and stabilization within our system.

Table members and staff acknowledged there is significant change and it is important to consider how might we communicate with the sector clearly, informatively, timely, in a digestible way. Members advised staff defining what inclusion funding is and may look like would be helpful. They also advised a tailored approach as there will be different concerns with the private sector, than the not-for-profit sector.



## Update Summary: Enhancing Digital Services

Table members were positive about phase one of the project and the help this will be for families, ECEs and child care providers.

Staff advised that Table members who are child care providers may be selected to support this work through user testing and validation in the fall. Project leads will be reaching out.

## Discussion Details: ELCC Website Agreement

Engagement Table members were excited to learn of the website redesign sprint and see visual mock ups of the reimagined website, with planned features.

Members indicated optimism that the improvements to the simplicity, logical organization and flow would make it easier for families, educators and providers to find the information they need. Staff advised that a volunteer form will be sent out following the upcoming sector call on June 17, 2025 – families, educators and providers can volunteer to test the website while it is in development, before it goes live.

## Update Summary: CWELCC Federal Agreement

Engagement Table members were interested to learn Nova Scotia did sign an extension on the federal Canada wide agreement. Staff are working with federal colleagues on an action plan.

## Update Summary: Nova Scotia Before And Afterschool Program

Engagement Table members were curious to hear an update on results of the recent standardized provincial Needs Assessments in 95 schools across the province.

Members raised that these numbers would not include children who are currently in LCC but would require BAP when they enter Pre-Primary in September 2025. Number of spaces needed could be higher.