

**Republika ng Pilipinas**  
**LALAWIGAN NG SURIGAO DEL SUR**  
**TANDAG CITY**

**Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan**  
(Office of the Provincial Council)

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 117<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL, CAPITOL OF THE SOUTH, KAHAYAG, BISLIG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR ON NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr.	- Vice Governor (Presiding Officer)
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**Regular Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:**

District I	District II
Hon. Ruel D. Momo	Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco
Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon	Hon. Margarita G. Garay
Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.	Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.
	Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo
	Hon. Raul K. Salazar

**Ex – Officio Member:**

Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez	- President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan
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**ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel	- President, Philippine Councilors’ League, Surigao del Sur Chapter
Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod	- Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative, Surigao del Sur
Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno	- President, Provincial Chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas

**ABSENT:**

**On Sick Leave:**

Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr.	- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan
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**On Vacation Leave:**

Hon. Jose Dumagan Jr.	- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2574-24**  
(Series of 2024)

**AUTHORIZING HON. ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL, PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, THIS PROVINCE TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA), FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO DEL SUR WITH THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (ECCD) COUNCIL, REPRESENTED BY ITS VICE CHAIRPERSON AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR. TERESITA G. INCIONG ON THE RECOGNITION/ACCREDITATION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS (CDCs) AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKERS (CDWs) IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR**

**SPONSORS:**

**HON. ANTONIO C. AZARCON, HON. CONRAD C. CEJOCO,  
HON. JOSE DUMAGAN, JR., HON. RAUL K. SALAZAR,  
HON. GINES RICKY J. SAYAWAN, SR., HON. MARGARITA  
G. GARAY, HON. ANTHONY JOSEPH P. CAÑEDO,  
HON. JOHN PAUL C. PIMENTEL, HON. MELANIE JOY M.  
GUNO AND HON. JIMMY I. GUINSOD**

**WHEREAS**, the Early Child Care and Development (ECCD) Council is duly mandated by Republic Act 10410 (Early Years Act), to act as the primary agency supporting the government's ECCD programs that cover health, nutrition, early education, and social services for children ages 0-4 years;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10410 declares that the state shall institutionalize a National System for ECCD that is comprehensive, integrative, and sustainable, that involves multisectoral and interagency collaboration at the national and local levels among private sectors, non-government organizations, professional organizations, and academic institutions;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 7 of RA No. 10410, the ECCD Council shall be responsible for establishing a national standards, developing policies and programs, ensuring compliance thereof providing technical assistance and support to the ECCD service providers in consultation with coordinating committees at the provincial, city, municipal and barangay levels;

**WHEREAS**, the ECCD Council and the DSWD on August 1, 2023 entered into a Memorandum of Agreement that ECCD Council shall stake-over and shall transition all functions recognition and accreditation of all public and private child development center/learning centers to the council;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the transition, the ECCD amended the recognition process of Child Development Center/Learning Centers (CDD/LC), particularly the assessment, wherein the facilitation and coordination functions of the DSWD-Field Offices will now be with the Provincial Government through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office/ Provincial ECCDD Office;

**WHEREAS**, the specific facilitation and coordination are as follows:

1. the ECCD Council authorize the Provisional Government through PSWD Office or Provincial ECCD Office to inform the City/Municipal Mayor of the one (1) to two (2) day external assessment schedule and the name(s) of the Evaluator(s); and
2. the Provincial Government through PSWD or Provincial ECCD Office shall organize and deputize one (1) to three (3) evaluators depending on the size of the Child Development Centers/Learning Centers (CDC/LC). These evaluators are representatives from the offices of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development or Provincial ECCD, City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development or City/Municipal ECCD Office, and Administrator/Director/Principal of a private CDC/LC (optional).

**WHEREAS**, the ECCD Council Resolution No. 1 Series of 2024 entitled "Resolution Approving the Amendments on the Procedural Guidelines for the Registration and Granting of Permit and Recognition to Public and Private Child Development Centers/Learning Centers Offering Early Childhood Programs for Zero (0) to Four (4) Years Old Children" was approved by the Governing Body during a meeting held on February 16, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, the DSWD will no longer set targets and provide allocation for the accreditation or recognition of Child Development Center (CDCs) and Child Development Workers (CDWs) for Fiscal Year 2024 onwards;

**WHEREAS**, as part of the transition, the ECCD Council will transfer the funds to Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur and Local Government Units will directly pay the subsidy to the assessment partners or volunteers authorized by the province to conduct assessment of Child Development Centers (CDCs) or other ECCD Centers from its cities and municipalities;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur conducts the recognition/accreditation of Child Development Centers (CDCs) and Child Development Workers (CDWs), and has allocated part of its funds for the purpose;

**WHEREAS**, the ECCD Council being the Early Childhood Care and Development-Information System (ECCD-IS) administrator shall take over all requests for data extraction available in the features of the information system, e.g., data on learning centers for early childhood education and development workers;

**WHEREAS**, Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province in his letter dated October 22, 2024 addressed to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan thru Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Vice Governor requested the August Body for the passage of a Resolution authorizing him to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur with the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council, represented by its Vice Chairperson and Executive Director Dr. Teresita G. Inciong on the Recognition/Accreditation of Child Development Centers (CDCS) and Child Development Workers (CDWS) in the Province of Surigao del Sur on the said purpose;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 465 (1) (vi) of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Provincial Governor shall represent the province in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan or pursuant to law or ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the foregoing and to make the Memorandum of Agreement legal and binding and on motion of Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon and jointly seconded by Hon. Margarita G. Garay and Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.;

**NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to authorize Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur with the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council, represented by its Vice Chairperson and Executive Director Dr. Teresita G. Inciong on the Recognition/Accreditation of Child Development Centers (CDCS) and Child Development Workers (CDWS) in the Province of Surigao del Sur, provided that the parties mutually agree to the following terms and conditions, to wit:

**The Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur shall:**

1. set an annual target and formulate the Work and Financial Plan that will include the number of Child Development Center/ Learning Centers to be assessed for the Fiscal Year, schedule of assessment and budget allocation for the subsidy of the external evaluators;

2. ensure judicious, effective, and timely utilization of funds in accordance with the timeliness set in the Work and Financial Plan;
3. observe proper documentations and timely submission of documentary requirements, including liquidation reports based on the guidelines set by ECCD Council as provided manually in compliance with the rules and regulation of the Commission on Audit (COA) Circular No. 94-013, issued on December 13, 1994, as amended;
4. monitor and evaluate the recognition/accreditation of CDCs and CDWs, as well as any relevant training or activities, regularly; and
5. provided Early Child Care and Development (ECCD) Council data on recognition/accreditation as deemed necessary.

**The Early Child Care and Development (ECCD) Council shall:**

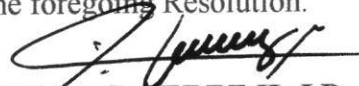
1. assist the Provincial Government Unit in monitoring and evaluating the recognition/accreditation of Child Development Centers (CDCs) and Child Development Workers (CDWs);
2. provide guidance or technical assistance in the recognition/accreditation of CDCs and CDWs through the field offices;
3. review and approve Annual Work and Financial Plan (WFP) for the subsidy of the deputized external evaluators submitted by the Provincial Government Units;
4. transfer the funds annually based on the approved Work Financial Plan in accordance with existing Commission on Audit (COA) rules and regulations, and upon submission of the Provincial Government Unit of the requires documents; and
5. provide training/capacity building at the provincial, city and municipality level in relation to the new assessment tool and process of recognition to capacitate external evaluation a s deputized by the province.

**RESOLVED FINALLY:** To furnish copies of this Resolution to Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor and to Dr. Teresita G. Inciong, Vice Chairperson and Executive Director, ECCD Council, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Belvedere Tower, 15 San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, for their information, guidance and appropriate action.

**ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 at the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur by unanimous votes of all Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present.


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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

  
**EDGAR G. PEREZ II, J.D.**

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED  
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**

  
**MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.**  
Vice Governor  
Presiding Officer