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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2024-61(S)

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE**
2 **MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4.60 TO ADD A NEW SECTION, AMENDING AMC**
3 **TITLE 16 TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER, AND AMENDING AMC SECTIONS**
4 **1.35.010, 3.20.010, 3.30.012, AND 3.30.172 TO ESTABLISH THE**
5 **ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD FOR CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION AND**
6 **THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE CHILD CARE AND EARLY**
7 **EDUCATION FUND, TO IMPLEMENT CHARTER § 6.06.**

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9 **WHEREAS**, in April 2023 Anchorage voters approved Proposition 14, creating the
10 Anchorage Child Care and Early Education (ACCEE) Fund and dedicating the
11 Municipality of Anchorage's annual marijuana sales tax revenue to child care and
12 early childhood education; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Proposition 14 also directed that an Accountability Board of Child Care
15 and Early Education be established, with members appointed by the Anchorage
16 Mayor and confirmed by the Anchorage Assembly. The board is intended to serve
17 as an advisory body to the Mayor and Assembly on use of the Fund and to present
18 a proposed budget to both annually; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, to ensure these funds are used effectively, a private-public partnership
21 was formed by the Municipality and the Alaska Children's Trust (ACT) to establish
22 an Implementation Team (IT). The IT has met at least monthly since October 2023,
23 and is comprised of two Assembly Members, a School Board Member,
24 representatives from Head Start, thread Alaska, JBER, the Anchorage Health
25 Department, community leaders, child care and early education providers, the
26 business community and parents; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2023, the Assembly approved Resolution AR No.
29 2023-404, As Amended, establishing an implementation plan and timeline for the
30 ACCEE Fund and seating of the Accountability Board of Child Care and Early
31 Education. The AR noted that the IT, through its two participating Assembly
32 Members, would bring forward an ordinance with recommendations as to the
33 composition, operations, and responsibility of the Accountability Board; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, on April 9, 2024, the Assembly accepted AIM 45-2024, an information
36 memorandum updating the Assembly on the work of the IT and its varied public
37 outreach including community presentations, public meetings, and survey; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, the Implementation Team assisted in drafting and reviewing the
40 language proposed in this ordinance, and on May 15, 2024, recommended the draft

1 be sent to the Assembly for consideration; and
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3 **WHEREAS**, the IT encourages the ACCEE Fund Accountability Board to
4 collaborate with Anchorage School District on effective, strategic use of these funds,
5 including opportunities for utilization of existing ASD and other facilities as directed
6 in the Proposition language, leveraging other fund sources to match or amplify
7 impact, and addressing known gaps in services offered; now, therefore,
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9 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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11 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 4.40 is hereby amended to add a
12 new section to read as follows (*requiring no legislative markup for a new section*):
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14 **4.40.180 Accountability Board of Child Care and Early Education.**

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16 A. There is established an Accountability Board of Child Care and Early
17 Education with powers and duties more particularly set forth in
18 Chapter 16.57 of this code.
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20 B. The sunset provisions in section 4.05.150 shall not apply to this board.
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22 **Charter reference—** Accountability Board of child care and early education,
23 § 6.06(b).
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25 **Cross reference—** Child care and early education fund, Ch. 16.57.
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27 **Section 2.** Anchorage Municipal Code Title 16 is hereby amended to add a new
28 chapter to read as follows (*requiring no legislative markup for a new chapter*):
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30 **CHAPTER 16.57 Child Care and Early Education Fund.**

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32 **16.57.005 Purpose and applicability.**
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34 This chapter is intended to implement Charter Section 6.06 and the
35 management and budgeting of the dedicated fund established by that voter
36 approved measure. The provisions of this chapter are intended to ensure the
37 fund expenses are used exclusively for resources for supporting and
38 advancing child care and early education in the Municipality and the
39 permissible administrative costs for the Accountability Board of Child Care
40 and Early Education's operations.
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42 **16.57.010 Accountability Board of Child Care and Early Education.**
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44 A. There is established, in accordance with Charter Section 6.06, an
45 Accountability Board of Child Care and Early Education with the
46 powers and duties described herein. The board's mission and
47 activities shall be for the purpose of supporting and advancing child
48 care and early education in the municipality, and recommending
49 funding priorities or specific appropriations pursuant to the dedication

1 of funds under Charter Section 6.06(a).

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3 B. The Board shall consist of nine members. All Board members shall be
4 citizens of the United States, and residents of and registered voters in
5 the municipality while in office. No board member may serve in any
6 elected office, except on a service area board established pursuant to
7 section 9.01 of the Charter. Members of the board shall be appointed
8 by the mayor and confirmed by the assembly.

9 1. Board composition and qualifications. The Board should reflect
10 the broad range of those involved in and affected by early
11 education and child care services and the diversity of
12 Anchorage. Board members shall be qualified as follows at the
13 time they are seated:

- 14 a. At least 1 and no more than 4 members shall be actively
15 employed in the early education or child care sector.
16 b. At least 1 member shall be employed in or retired from
17 a social services profession, including behavioral health
18 services.
19 c. At least 2 ~~[4]~~ members shall be a parent or legal
20 guardian utilizing a program that provides early
21 education or child care to a member of their household.

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23 2. Terms.

- 24 a. Appointed members are subject to a term limit of three
25 consecutive full terms beginning when a board member
26 has been appointed to a full three-year term. Time
27 served by a board member during any initial partial term
28 less than three years shall not be counted in connection
29 with the term limit. After serving three consecutive full
30 terms, the same member may be appointed to the board
31 if three full years have transpired since their previous
32 term limit date.
33 b. Member terms shall be staggered so that not more than
34 three member terms expire each year.

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36 C. The Board shall have the responsibilities outlined in Charter Section
37 6.06. In addition, the Board may exercise the following responsibilities
38 and operations, but is not limited to those listed:

- 39 1. Serve as an advisory body to the Assembly and Mayor on
40 topics related to child care and early education.
41 2. ~~[Oversee the administration of the Anchorage Child Care~~
42 ~~and Early Education (ACGEE) Fund.~~
43 ~~3.] Solicit ideas for funding, request research and analysis, [,~~
44 ~~prepare and issue procurements and grant solicitations,]~~
45 3. E[e]valuate responses to procurement solicitations and
46 requests for grant proposals, and make procurement and grant
47 award recommendations[decisions. Notwithstanding any
48 provisions of Title 7, the Board shall review and evaluate
49 responses to requests for proposals and grant

~~1 solicitations; the purchasing officer shall provide support.~~
2 ~~4. Establish guidelines for the management of the ACCEE~~
3 ~~fund in a transparent manner with the highest standards of~~
4 ~~care and accountability to the public].~~

5 4[5]. Review financial reports and audits to confirm that spending
6 from the ACCEE Fund is consistent with all relevant rules and
7 regulations, and that the ACCEE Fund is being managed
8 responsibly in a transparent manner with the highest
9 standards of care and accountability to the public.

10 5[6]. Commission an annual evaluation to ensure that programs
11 funded are impactful and meet established outcomes. The
12 Board may retain an external independent evaluator.

13 6[7]. Facilitate coordination, communication, and collaboration
14 within the Municipality, with the Anchorage School District, and
15 with entities or government agencies that oversee child care
16 and early education programs to promote nonduplication and
17 coordination of services, and to inform the structure for existing
18 programs and any new programs.

19 7[8]. Promote local community support and public awareness of
20 child care and early education programs, and of the actions and
21 strategies of the ACCEE Fund itself.

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23 D. *Budget and funding.* The Board shall adhere to budget and funding
24 standards and restrictions set forth in Charter Section 6.06(c). In
25 addition, the Board shall [may] take the following actions for
26 budgeting and strategic direction of the Anchorage Child Care and
27 Early Education Fund:

28 1. Adopt written policies related to the ACCEE Fund;
29 2. Develop and recommend adoption of an initial
30 [comprehensive long-range strategic] investment strategy
31 [plan] for the development, implementation, and expansion of
32 child care and early education programs in the municipality.
33 The Board shall review and update the strategy [plan] every
34 three years;

35 3. Hold at least one public hearing annually, prior to the required
36 public hearing on the board's draft budget recommendations,
37 to solicit ideas from the public for funding, programming and
38 policy; and

39 4. Prepare a recommended annual budget for use of the funds to
40 be presented to the mayor and assembly. The board shall hold
41 at least one public hearing on a draft budget prior to transmitting
42 the recommended budget to the mayor and Assembly.

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44 E. *Expenditures and administrative limit.* The Board shall adhere to
45 expenditure and administrative limits set forth in Charter Section
46 6.06(d). In addition, the Board shall publish a report describing the
47 amounts spent and the results achieved. Reports that are provided to
48 the mayor and assembly shall also be made available to the public.
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1 F. Accountability Board Staff.

- 2 1. In accordance with Charter Section 6.06 (f), the Board may
3 appoint a principal executive officer in consultation with the
4 mayor. The principal executive officer position shall be
5 “executive director” and shall serve at the pleasure of the board.
6 2. The executive director may hire administrative staff as is
7 required in the execution of the board’s duties.
8 3. The Board may decide to pay per diem costs but shall not pay
9 a salary to board members.

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11 G. Definitions. For purposes of this section, unless the context clearly
12 indicates a different meaning, the following definitions apply:

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14 “Child Care” has the meaning in state law (7 AAC 57.990): the
15 supervision and provision of developmental opportunities, with or
16 without compensation, to a child who does not have a parent present;
17 “child care” or “care” includes services in or away from a child care
18 facility.

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20 “Early Education” means formal and informal programs that
21 guide education for children from birth through 5 years of age and
22 who have not attended kindergarten. The term includes literacy
23 programs and home visiting programs, as well as formal programs,
24 such as pre-kindergarten or preschool classes, but does not include
25 education provided to children of school age as defined by law.
26 (Reference AS 14.03.070.)

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29 **Charter reference—** Dedicating retail marijuana sales tax net proceeds and
30 the accountability board of child care and early education, § 6.06.

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33 **Section 3.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 1.35.010 is hereby amended to
34 read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set*
35 *out*):

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37 **1.35.010 - Principal executive personnel, boards and commissions, and**
38 **elected officials.**

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40 B. Principal executive personnel and members of boards and
41 commissions and elected officials who shall take the oath of office.
42 The following officials and municipal executives shall take and
43 subscribe to the oath of office:

44 *** *** ***

45 2. Principal municipal executives whose office is created by
46 Municipal Charter, AMC 2.20, AMC 3.20, or AMC 5.10
47 including:

48 *** *** ***

49 I. Executive director of the child care and early education

fund.

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4. Members of regulatory and adjudicatory boards and
commissions as set forth in AMC 4.40, including, but not limited
to:
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r. Accountability Board of Child Care and Early Education.
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(AO No. 2000-131, § 1, 9-12-00; AO No. 2002-69, § 1, 5-14-02; AO No. 2018-24, § 1, 4-10-18; AO No. 2021-114, § 1, 1-31-22; AO No. 2022-40(S), § 1, 3-22-22; AO No. 2023-68, § 3, 6-20-23; AO No. 2023-73, § 2, 7-25-23; AO No. 2023-111(S), § 1, 11-7-23)

Section 4. Anchorage Municipal Code section 3.20.010 is hereby amended to replace the 2020 Executive Branch Organization chart with the 2023 Executive Branch Organization chart, attached as Exhibit A:

3.20.010 - Executive and administrative order; organizational chart.

The executive branch of the municipal government shall be organized as provided in this chapter and the following plan:

{Note: Replace chart with Exhibit A}

(AO No. 79-27; AO No. 82-49; AO No. 88-82; AO No. 90-15(S); AO No. 91-173(S); AO No. 94-135(S), § 2, 7-12-94; AO No. 2000-105(S), § 2, 6-27-00; AO No. 2000-141(S), § 2, 9-26-00; AO No. 2002-130, § 4, 9-10-02; AO No. 2003-109, § 1, 9-9-03; AO No. 2004-136, § 1, 12-7-04; AO No. 2005-142, § 1, 10-25-05; AO No. 2009-21, § 1, 2-24-09; AO No. 2009-101, § 1, 8-25-09; AO No. 2010-64, § 1(Exh. A), 9-28-10; AO No. 2010-93, § 1(Exh. A), 1-11-11; AO No. 2011-22(S), § 1, 3-29-11; AO No. 2011-25, § 1, 5-24-11; AO No. 2012-106, § 1(Exh. A), 11-13-12; AO No. 2013-34, § 1(Exh. A), 2-26-13; AO No. 2015-112(S), § 1, 1-1-16; AO 2018-108(S), § 1, 12-31-18; AO No. 2020-79(S), § 1, 8-26-20; AO No. 2020-109, § 1, 10-13-20; AO No. 2020-121, § 1, 1-1-21; AO No. 2021-114, § 2, 1-31-22; AO No. 2022-40(S), § 2, 3-22-22; AO No. 2023-38(S), § 1, 4-18-23)

Section 5. Anchorage Municipal Code section 3.30.012 is hereby amended to read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out*):

3.30.012 - Scope of coverage; amendment of chapter.

A. *Applicability to nonrepresented employees.* This chapter shall apply to all nonrepresented employees except that:

1. The executive directors of the equal rights commission and of the child care and early education fund shall be appointed,

1 terminated and paid in a manner determined by the equal
2 rights commission or the accountability board of child care and
3 early education, respectively.

4 *** *** ***
5 (AO No. 79-195; AO No. 82-56; AO No. 86-207(S-1); AO No. 88-71; AO No.
6 91-166; AO No. 91-173(S); AO No. 92-121(S); AO No. 96-70, § 1, 5-7-96; AO
7 No. 2015-23(S), § 8, 3-24-15; AO No. 2018-24, § 4, 4-10-18)

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10 **Section 6.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 3.30.035 is hereby amended to
11 read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set*
12 *out*):

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14 **3.30.172 - Classification.**

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16 B. Assignment of a classification to one of the eight ranges is based on
17 the appointing authority, level and scope of responsibility for policy
18 development and public advocacy, and training and experience
19 necessary to perform the duties. For the purpose of establishing the
20 appropriate compensation for executive classifications, the following
21 eight ranges are established:
22 1. 20N - Executive non-exempt, subject to appointment by the
23 assembly, except as otherwise provided in section 2.20.055A.
24 2. 20E - Executive exempt, subject to appointment by the
25 assembly, except as otherwise provided in section 2.20.055A.
26 3. 21N - Executive non-exempt, subject to appointment by the
27 mayor.
28 4. 21E - Executive exempt, subject to appointment by the mayor.
29 5. 22E - Executive exempt, subject to appointment by the mayor;
30 or the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission or Accountability
31 Board of Child Care and Early Education, subject to the
32 approval of, or consultation with, the mayor.
33 6. 23E - Executive exempt, subject to appointment by the mayor;
34 or the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, subject to the
35 approval of the mayor.
36 7. 24E - Executive exempt, subject to appointment by the mayor.
37 8. 25E - Executive exempt, subject to appointment by the mayor.

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39 E. The following classifications are assigned to Range 22E:

- 40 *** *** ***
41 6. Environmental health services manager.
42 7. Executive director, child care and early education fund
43 8. Executive director, equal rights commission.
44 9[8]. Executive Director, office of equal employment opportunity.
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47 (AO No. 79-195; AO No. 91-96; AO No. 92-5(S); AO No. 92-111; AO No. 94-
48 225, § 3, 12-6-94; AO No. 97-103, § 2, 7-1-97; AO No. 98-79, § 1, 5-19-98;
49 AO No. 98-115(S), § 4, 7-1-98; AO No. 2000-101(S), § 1, 9-26-00; AO No.

1 2001-56, § 1, 2-1-01; AO No. 2001-98, § 1, 5-1-01; AO No. 2001-130, § 1, 8-
2 1-01; AO No. 2001-132, § 1, 8-14-01; AO No. 2002-69, § 3, 5-14-02; AO No.
3 2002-100, § 1, 7-16-02; AO No. 2002-111, § 1, 8-6-02; AO No. 2002-130, §
4 1, 9-10-02; AO No. 2003-29, § 1, 2-11-03; AO No. 2004-3, § 1, 1-20-04; AO
5 No. 2004-85, § 1, 5-18-04; AO No. 2004-87, § 1, 6-8-04; AO No. 2004-132,
6 § 3, 10-12-04; AO No. 2005-6, § 1, 2-15-05; AO No. 2005-119, § 1, 9-27-05;
7 AO No. 2005-151(S), § 1, 10-25-05; AO No. 2009-84, § 1, 7-7-09; AO No.
8 2015-112(S), § 6, 1-1-16; AO No. 2016-39, § 1, 4-12-16; AO No. 2017-107,
9 § 1, 8-8-17; AO No. 2018-17, § 1, 2-27-18; AO No. 2018-108(S), § 4, 12-31-
10 18; AO No. 2020-79(S), § 4, 8-26-20; AO No. 2021-66, § 2, 7-27-21; AO
11 No. 2023-111(S), § 3, 11-7-23)

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13 **Section 7.** Transitional measures. Until such time that the principal executive
14 officer (executive director) is employed and has secured office space, any
15 municipal department or office as directed by the Municipal Manager [the
16 municipal manager, anchorage health department and Assembly Legislative
17 Services Office] shall provide staff support and arrange for work space for the
18 Accountability Board of Child Care and Early Education, and assist with
19 procurement and hiring functions as reasonable and necessary to notice, solicit, and
20 engage contracted services and an executive director.

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22 **Section 8.** Notwithstanding AMC section 3.30.018, if the Personnel Rules
23 Committee is unable to meet to review and provide recommendations before the
24 public hearing on this ordinance regarding changes to AMC Chapter 3.30,
25 Personnel Rules, herein, then such review requirement is waived.

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27 **Section 9.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and
28 approval by the Assembly.

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30 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day
31 of _____, 2024.

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36 _____
Chair

37 ATTEST:

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40 _____
41 Municipal Clerk
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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 542-2024

Meeting Date: June 25, 2024

1 **From:** Assembly Member Brawley and Assembly Member Perez-Verdia

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3 **Subject:** AO No. 2024-61(S): an Ordinance of the Anchorage Assembly
4 Amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 4.60 to add a new
5 section, amending AMC Title 16 to add a New Chapter, and
6 amending AMC Sections 1.35.010, 3.20.010, 3.30.012, and
7 3.30.172 to establish the Accountability Board for Child Care and
8 Early Education and the Principal Executive Officer for the Child
9 Care And Early Education Fund, to implement Charter § 6.06.
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12 The attached (S) version of the ordinance responds to feedback received since
13 introduction and at the Assembly worksession held on June 14, 2024. It proposes
14 the following changes:
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- 16 • Increases the number of board member seats dedicated to parents or legal
17 guardians utilizing a program that provides early education or child care to a
18 member of their household. It now requires at least two members of the nine-
19 member board fall within this category.
- 20 • Board responsibilities were condensed to eliminate redundancy and better
21 align with the anticipated role of the board, reducing the management side
22 while keeping accountability functions.
- 23 • Subsection D. was changed from “may” to “shall” to reflect the board’s
24 primary budget and funding functions.
- 25 • Section 7, Transitional Measures, was broadened to allow the Municipal
26 Manager flexibility in assigning staff support to the board until such time as a
27 principle executive officer is hired. The Legislative Service Offices was
28 removed to reflect that staffing support for this board is a function of the
29 Administration.
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31 Additionally, the (S) version updates the timeline as follows:
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33 Implementation Timeline

- 34 • January 2024: ACCEE Fund revenue deposits began.
- 35 • July to early September 2024: Appointment and confirmation of
36 Accountability Board members.
- 37 • August 2024: Implementation Team submits its funding and strategy
38 recommendations to the Accountability Board, Assembly and Mayor.
- 39 • Late Summer or Fall 2024: Board holds initial meeting and public hearing(s).
- 40 • Fall 2024: Board proposes the first ACCEE Fund budget for FY2025.
- 41 • October 2024: Mayor publishes proposed MOA 2025 Budget.

- 1 • November 2024: Assembly votes on the 2025 Budget, including the ACCEE
2 Fund budget.
- 3 • Early 2025: Funds start being dispersed based on approved budget.

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5 This timeline assumes prompt passage of this proposed Accountability Board
6 ordinance and initial appointment and seating of board members by early
7 September, at the latest.

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9 **We request your support for the (S) version of the ordinance.**

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11 Prepared by: Legislative Services Office
12 Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel's Office

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14 Respectfully submitted: Anna Brawley, Assembly Member
15 District 3, West Anchorage

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17 Kameron Perez-Verdia, Assembly Member
18 District 3, West Anchorage

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 483-2024

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

1 **From:** Assembly Member Brawley and Assembly Member Perez-Verdia

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3 **Subject:** An Ordinance of the Anchorage Assembly Amending Anchorage
4 Municipal Code Chapter 4.60 to add a new section, amending
5 AMC Title 16 to add a New Chapter, and amending AMC Sections
6 1.35.010, 3.20.010, 3.30.012, and 3.30.172 to establish the
7 Accountability Board for Child Care and Early Education and the
8 Principal Executive Officer for the Child Care And Early
9 Education Fund, to implement Charter § 6.06.
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12 In April 2023, Anchorage voters approved Proposition 14, establishing the
13 Anchorage Child Care & Early Education (ACCEE) Fund. This initiative directs all
14 marijuana tax revenue collected by the Municipality of Anchorage, after payment of
15 the costs of tax administration, collection and audit to the municipality (the “net
16 receipts”), to fund child care and early education programs. Proposition 14 responds
17 to Anchorage's urgent need for affordable and accessible child care, which supports
18 working families, boosts the economy, and equips children with critical tools for
19 future success. The ACCEE Fund is expected to generate approximately \$5 million
20 annually, starting in January 2024.
21

22 The fund addresses a significant child care crisis characterized by a shortage of
23 affordable options, long waitlists, and staff shortages. The revenue will be used to
24 enhance access to child care, support early education programs, and improve the
25 quality of services through grants, studies, and professional development initiatives.
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27 **Summary of the Ordinance**

28 This ordinance establishes the Accountability Board for Child Care and Early
29 Education, which will oversee the ACCEE Fund. The ordinance includes several key
30 components including establishment of the board, the board’s responsibilities and
31 operations, hiring of an executive director, and transitional measures.
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33 Establishment of the Accountability Board: The ordinance proposes a nine-member
34 board appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Assembly. Board members
35 must be U.S. citizens, residents of Anchorage, and registered voters in the
36 municipality. The board's composition will reflect a broad range of stakeholders in
37 early education and child care, including professionals, parents, and social services
38 representatives.
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40 It is best practice within publicly funded systems, including those that serve children
41 and families, to include those who are most impacted by these systems and
42 programs as members of the decision-making bodies. In the field of early childhood

1 and child care, these stakeholders include early childhood educators, child care
2 providers, and parents. Research demonstrates that the benefits of including those
3 with lived experience as members of decision-making teams developing public
4 policy may include increased equity and diversity in programs, a shifting of unequal
5 power dynamics, identification of creative solutions to problems, and more impactful
6 systems. The proposed board composition is not overly prescriptive, instead opting
7 to express its intent for the makeup of the board within this framework, while still
8 allowing the Mayor and Assembly latitude and flexibility in filling the seats
9 appropriately.

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11 The ordinance proposes board responsibilities to include:

- 12 • Advising the Assembly and Mayor on child care and early education issues;
- 13 • Administering the ACCEE Fund;
- 14 • Overseeing procurement processes, including grants and evaluations;
- 15 • Developing strategic plans and budget recommendations; and
- 16 • Promoting community support and awareness of child care and early
17 education initiatives.

18
19 The ordinance proposes the following board operations:

- 20 • Adoption of policies related to fund management;
- 21 • Regular public hearings to gather community input;
- 22 • Annual evaluations to ensure program effectiveness and accountability; and
- 23 • Coordination with other entities to avoid duplication and enhance service
24 delivery.

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26 Executive Director: The board may appoint an Executive Director in consultation
27 with the Mayor, who will serve at the board's pleasure. The Executive Director can
28 hire additional staff as needed to support the board's functions. The labor costs are
29 included within the administrative costs limit of 10% established by the initiative, in
30 Charter § 6.06(d).

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32 Transitional Measures: Until the Executive Director is appointed, the Municipal
33 Manager, Anchorage Health Department, and Assembly Legislative Services Office
34 will provide interim support to the board.

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36 Implementation Timeline:

- 37 • January 2024: ACCEE Fund revenue collection begins.
- 38 • Summer 2024: Appointment and confirmation of Accountability Board
39 members.
- 40 • Summer 2024: Board conducts initial strategic planning and public
41 hearing(s).
- 42 • Fall 2024: Board proposes the first budget for FY2025.
- 43 • Early 2025: Funds start being dispersed based on approved budget and
44 strategic plan.

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46 The passage of this ordinance is a critical step in addressing Anchorage's child care
47 crisis. By establishing a dedicated Accountability Board and a structured process

1 for managing the ACCEE Fund, the Municipality of Anchorage can ensure that the
2 resources generated from marijuana tax revenue are effectively used to support
3 child care and early education. This initiative will help working families, strengthen
4 our local economy, and provide young children with essential early learning
5 opportunities.

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7 The ACCEE Fund Implementation Team has spent the past seven months engaging
8 with providers, parents, businesses and the broader community to gather input in
9 support of its goal to effectively advance and support a more sustainable child care
10 and early education system in Anchorage. The Implementation Team recommends
11 the Assembly approve the proposed ordinance to implement Proposition 14 and
12 establish the necessary framework for the Accountability Board for Child Care and
13 Early Education.

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15 **We request your support for the ordinance.**

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18 Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel's Office

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20 Respectfully submitted: Anna Brawley, Assembly Member
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