



Early Learning Coalition Of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting
 Date/Time: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4p.m.
 Location: Early Learning Coalition of Brevard, Conference Room, 2671 w Eau Gallie Blvd. Suite 102, Melbourne FL 32937

Members Present: Caitlin Rice, Terri Barlow, Bill Drexler, Priscilla DeNino, Vince Donato, Phil Scarpelli, Traci Klinkbeil, Robin Buckmaster (virtual), Linda Graham (virtual), Audrey Wanich (virtual), Althea Puzio (virtual), Patrick Culhane (virtual), Dee Helbig (virtual)

Excused Absent: Alan Bergman, Khaled Jarrah, Linda Halpin

Staff Present: Laura Gambino, Jeannie Williams, Harriet Paredes, Amaris Rosario, Jodi Ammons

Guest/Public: none

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
CEO Statement	Laura Gambino, CEO, announces that Board Chair, Alan Bergman, is home from the hospital and doing well after he was readmitted due to an infection. Khaled Jarrah, Vice President is out of the country. Laura asked for a motion to appoint Interim Chair for purposes of today's meeting and voting on agenda items.	Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to appoint Caitlin Rice Interim Chair. Priscilla DeNino seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
Called to Order:	Caitlin Rice called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance took place at 4:00p.m.	
Mission Moment	Video clips from employees (Sylvia Thomas, Gigi Lewis, Yuri Manzanares, Megan Mosebar) thanking the providers for all they do. A video statement from a Parent (Levander Hearn) gives a special shout out to ELC of Brevard for being there or him when his children needed care.	No Action
Public Comment	None	
Interim Chair Report	Minutes April 19, 2022	Terri Barlow makes the motion to approve the minutes. Phil Scarpelli Priscilla DeNino seconded. The motion passed unanimously
	Provider Rate Increase	
	Laura Gambino, CEO, and Amaris Rosario, CFO, propose a local Provider rate increase for the most critical care levels (toddlers through 5yr old's) listing three options. Option 1 is no Provider rate increase. Option 2 is a Provider daily rate increase for Toddler through school age of 15 %. Option 3 would be a Provider daily rate increase to bring Providers into the 75% percentile from	Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to recommend to DEL option 2 (15%) Provider rate increase. Priscilla DeNino seconded the motion.

	<p>the Division of Early Learning’s market survey for FY 20-21 which reviews all of Brevard County’s Private Provider rates and determines the 75% percentile. CEO Laura Gambino also asks the board to approve the Executive Committee to approve the final Provider rate increase only in the event there is negotiation between DEL and Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County.</p>	<p>The motion passed unanimously. Board member Dee Helbig (Faith Based Provider abstains from voting due to a conflict of interest. Form 8B attached).</p>
<p>Consent Agenda</p>	<p>Policy and Governance Packet #1 – Records & Retention Packet # 2 – Ethical Standards</p>	<p>Phil Scarpelli motions to approve the consent items. Bill Drexler seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.</p>
<p>CEO Report</p>	<p><u>ELCB Coalition Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and Governance updates will start on April 22nd and be sent to the Board in “batches”. Total number of policies is #150, however, the batches will be broken into small groups as ACTION ITEMS and NO ACTION/REVIEW ONLY. Estimated to have project run from April 22 – July 30, 2022. UPDATE: Policy Packet #1 and #2 out to Board and on agenda. • Division of Early Learning Accountability Monitoring final CAP items have been submitted to DEL within the identified timeframe of April 7th. Division of Early Learning Fiscal Monitoring report submitted on May 13th with final CAP items. • Rockledge Lease update - several meetings held with current landlord and optional space at CareerSource Brevard. Landlord has extended a rent reduction for the smaller space at the current Rockledge office as well as complete renovation of the current space. • DEL additional CARES funding potential (CRRSAA) for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act has been funded to providers. American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding initial funding to providers on March 25th. UPDATE: ARPA award issued amount of \$16,339,297; second installation payments are expected to be paid to provider June 30th. • Workforce Needs Initiative grant has been approved for additional funding opportunity with DEL. Funding will continue to support workforce and employment recruitment/retention efforts for child care and education professionals. UPDATE: Award of \$523,000 for continue support to providers related to workforce and upskill training and building an EL pipeline of talent. • Legislative Activity Highlights: School Readiness New Funding Formula – ACTION 	<p>Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to authorize Executive Finance committee and CEO to negotiate proposal for reduction of Rockledge office space. Bill Drexler seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.</p>

	<p>Provider Rate Increase Proposed</p> <p>Gold Seal differential payment pulled from base rate of funding</p> <p>Additional funding source specific for Wait List</p> <p><i>Historic increase for Base Student Allocation for VPK – school year from \$2,486 to \$2803</i></p> <p>Transition to K mandate to adopt Best Practices Plan with Brevard Public Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Learning Outcomes – Closing the Gap Data Report. The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) is a quality improvement system for teaching. CLASS not only defines teaching quality through the lens of interactions, but it also provides the ability to measure and improve the interactions that matter most for student outcomes. It provides opportunity for continuous improvement that is data-driven and focused on what matters most for student outcomes, interactions. DEL working on continuous improvement efforts based on CLASS scores by county. • ESSER Award for Technology – additional award from Division of Early Learning dedicated to providing tablets and headphones for every VPK classroom. In process and estimated delivery from the vendor by summer. • ELC Brevard Local Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Space Coast League of Cities Monthly Meetings, Second Monday each month ○ Coordinating “Business EL Briefing” Event with Chancellor Mears, late May/June ○ Brevard County Home Show May 14-15 with 98.5 The Beach ○ Leadercast The One Thing, United Way partnership, May 12th ○ Confirmed Education Update from State Representative Randy Fine, May 17th. • Rule Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6M-4.500 – Child Attendance and Provider Reimbursements 6M-4.735 Early Learning Professional Development Standards and Career Pathways 6M-8.702 Removal from Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Eligibility 6M-9.120 Early Learning Coalition Performance Standards and Evaluations 	
Finance Report	Amaris Rosario, CFO gave finance report for March 2022.	No Action

New Business	CEO noted meeting date changes for June and October meetings: June Board meeting – Tuesday, June 14 th Board of Directors Annual Meeting – Tuesday, October 25 th	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 5:30	Phil Scarpelli makes a motion for adjournment. Priscilla DeNino seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

May 17, 2022 Board minutes were approved at the June 14, 2022 meeting: