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## Special Board Briefing

### Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, November 19, 2021

2671 W Eau Gallie Blvd.

8:00 a.m.

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance                      Alan Bergman, Board Chair
- II. Public Comment
- III. Chairman's Update
- IV. Dr. Mark Mullins, Superintendent, Brevard Public Schools
- V. Board meeting minutes, October 19, 2021                      ACTION ITEM
- VI. Informational Reports
  1. Executive Director's Report/Finance Report/Legislative Update
- VII. Adjourn

Next Board Meeting Tuesday, January 18, 2022

(No December Meeting)



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# Early Learning Coalition

## Of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
 Date/Time: Tuesday October 19, 2021, at 3:00 pm  
 Location: Early Learning Coalition of Brevard, Conference Room, 2671 w Eau Gallie Blvd. Suite 102, Melbourne FL 32937

Members Present: Alan Bergman, Caitlin Rice TEAMS, Terri Barlow, Dee Helbig TEAMS, Bill Drexler, Don Lusk, Jana Bauer, Khaled Jarrah, Phil Scarpelli TEAMS, Priscilla DeNino, Audrey Wanich, Linda Halpin, Robin Buckmaster, Althea Puzio TEAMS

Excused Absent: Patrick Culhane, Vince Donato, Henry Perez, Linda Graham

Staff Present: Laura Gambino, Jeannie Williams, Harriet Paredes, Jodi Ammons, Amaris Rosario, Eneida Colon, Sylvia Thomas

Guest/Public: Berri Patch Kids, Malabar

Called to Order: Alan Bergman called the meeting to order and quorum was established 3:10 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance took place.

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Board Recognition	Don Lusk and Natalie Jackson were recognized for their years of service and dedication to the children of Brevard County. We wish them well	No Action
Public Comment	None	
Chairman's Update	See Attached statement Request by Executive Director that the Board Chair statement be entered into record of Board packet	
Consent Items	September 21, 2021 Board meeting minutes were approved  September 21, 2021 Exec Finance minutes were approved	Robin Buckmaster makes the motion to approve. Terri Barlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Guest Speaker	Kyle Baltuch, Senior Vice President of Economic Opportunity and Early Learning, Florida Chamber gave a presentation and talked about efforts to secure funding and early education in desert zip codes in Brevard County	
Mission Moment	Berri Patch kids, Malabar performed for the Board and also brought vegetables and sundries that the grew or made themselves. The also brought along a leopard lizard and a bearded dragon lizard to show the Board	No Action

Informational Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Directors report/attached</li> <li>• Finance Report/attached</li> <li>• FY 20-21 Annual Report/attached</li> </ul>	No Action
Election Update	Per ELC By Laws – 6.2.1 officers are to be elected during the Coalition’s Annual meeting. At this time there are no Officer vacancies. Current terms will expire October 2022	
By Law update	The By Law committee had approved the 5.2021 changes/additions to the By laws. Due to rule change July 1, 2021 there were some additions and deletions. This was brought to the full board to review and approve	Khaled Jarrah motioned to accept the By law changes due to Florida statue/rule change. Terri Barlow approved the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 4:43	Audrey Wanich motioned for the adjournment of the board meeting. Bill Drexler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

October 19, 2021 Annual Board minutes were approved at the November 16, 2021 meeting:

## Statement from Board Chair - Board Meeting October 19, 2021

I am pleased to provide this update regarding the alleged Florida Sunshine Law complaint and Election of Officers per our Bylaws.

As an update to the complaint filed with the Office of the State Attorney by Tina Snyder, we have responded to the state attorney regarding the alleged violation of Florida's Sunshine Law. *The response from the State Attorney is the matter is closed and no further action will be taken.* The Division of Early Learning has been notified and Chancellor Mears responded *DEL concurs with the State Attorney and considers the matter closed.* The Executive Director has emailed all updates to the Board members and the documentation will be entered into today's Board meeting minutes.

The ELC ByLaws section 6.2.1 regarding the election of officers update – bylaws state officers are to be elected during the Coalition's Annual Meeting (regularly held in October). At this time, the elected officers currently serving are entering the full second year of their respective terms so there is no election of officers. We currently have Board seat vacancy – mandated seat for the Eastern Florida State College. Board orientation will be held at the November Board of Directors meeting.



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## Executive Director's Report - Laura Gambino Executive/Finance Committee and Board of Directors October 2021

### State Board of Education and Division of Early Learning Updates

- OEL Executive Director update calls – bi-weekly
- AELC Board of Directors and Leadership Training Sept 1-2
- Florida Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance for Early Learning
- Florida Chamber of Commerce Future Forum – Orlando, Oct 25-27

### Coalition Update:

- OEL additional CARES funding potential (CRRSAA) for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and Disaster Relief Teacher Incentives in process. American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding being monitored for statewide award amounts for childcare relief and childcare stabilization assistance with estimated \$2.3 billion being distributed to providers over 2021-2023 time period. **ONGOING - CRSSAA relief funds expected from DEL by November 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- Executive leadership call with Matt Mears, Chancellor of Early Learning for Department of Education on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Legislative Activity – House Bill (HB) 419/7011 being developed with focus on VPK accountability, monitoring, CCRR customer service, coalition governance. Statute and Rule final hearings being held October 20<sup>th</sup> in Orlando. Legislative session committee meetings have begun. Chair of Pre-K12 Appropriations is Rep. Randy Fine and focus on funding this upcoming year is VPK credentialing, instructor support and literacy/reading rates.
- Program Monitoring Audit FY 20.21 scheduled to begin November 1, 2021 and Fiscal Monitoring will be held on-site beginning February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Program Monitoring from DEL begins November 1<sup>st</sup> on-site; Fiscal Monitoring will begin February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Week of October 25<sup>th</sup> – representation in LEAD Brevard Leadership Essentials; Florida Chamber of Commerce Future Forum with Governor DeSantis as keynote; AELC State meeting with DEL and Boot Camp/Finance Director meeting; Space Coast League of Cities monthly meetings.

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