



Early Learning Coalition

Of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting
 Date/Time: Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 4p.m.
 Location: Early Learning Coalition of Brevard, Conference Room, 2671 w Eau Gallie Blvd. Suite 102, Melbourne FL 32937

Members Present: Alan Bergman, Terri Barlow, Jana Bauer (V), Michael Blake, Robin Buckmaster, Patrick Culhane, Priscilla DeNino, Vince Donato, Linda Graham (V), Linda Halpin, Dee Helbig, Traci Klinkbeil (V), Caitlin Rice, Phil Scarpelli, Audrey Wanich

Excused Absent: Bill Drexler, Khaled Jarrah, Althea Puzio

Staff Present: Laura Gambino, Jeannie Williams, Amaris Rosario, Sylvia Thomas, Jodi Ammons, Michelle Dockery, Harriet Paredes, Priscilla Ramos

Guest/Public:

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Called to Order:	Alan Bergman called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance took place at 4:05 p.m.	
Mission Moment	Harriet Paredes and Priscilla Ramos shared the success of the 2022 Provider conference and the guest speaker Tabitha Rosproy	No Action
Public Comment	None	
Board Chair Report	<p>Minutes August 16, 2022</p> <p>School Readiness (SR) Policy amendment</p> <p>CEO evaluation – DEL submission</p> <p>Community Branding</p>	<p>Caitlin Rice makes the motion to approve the minutes. Michael Blake seconded. The motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Michael Blake makes the motion to approve the amendment to the SR Policy. Phil Scarpelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>No Action</p> <p>No Action</p>
CEO Report	<p><u>State Board of Education and Division of Early Learning Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEL Executive Director update calls – bi-weekly • Association of Early Learning Coalitions (AELC) • CLASS Work Group Meetings – bi-monthly, acting Chair • Division of Early Learning Rule Workshops 	

ELCB Coalition Update:

- ARPA Discretionary funding expected for 2022-2023 is being reviewed by DEL and expected funding award within the first quarter of 2022-2023. Current staffing is dedicated to the monitoring process for the current ARPA funding round of approximately \$8.4 million. The payments to providers are in installments with monitoring being conducted by ELC staff. **Update:** DEL finalizing discretionary funding awards for projected end of September release
- Rockledge Lease and CareerSource Brevard relocation – new lease for Rockledge office is signed and MOU with CareerSource Brevard also signed. Move out to CSB satellite locations to Titusville and Barnes Road expected for October 1st and move into renovated Rockledge East office space expected by October 10th. The expected office space availability for Family Promise is January 2, 2023. Operations coordinator is finalizing the move to new space at Rockledge with additional surplus of equipment and furniture and all IT migration efforts.
- Annual Provider Conference will be held Saturday September 17th from 9am- 4pm at The Oaks Movie Theater. Keynote speaker will be the 2020 National Teacher of the Year, Tabatha Robsroy. **Update:** SUCCESS!! #200 attendees and \$9000 in event program support.
- 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. Working with FACCM and Broward county for support with DCF training and credentialing costs and developing a FTE dedicated to Workforce Initiatives. **UPDATE:** Notice of Award and Re-Appropriation confirmed; estimated grant funding is \$523,000. **ONGOING**
- Division of Early Learning – VPK Readiness Rates and Program Assessment directives are effective with this contract year. Additional

training and monitoring efforts are being developed and executed daily. **Update:** VPK \$15/hour minimum wage initiative approved 8.5.22 and Notice of Award received 8.12.2022 in amount of \$2.6 million. Will required new training of VPK provider, BPS and ELC staff for execution and monitoring.

- ELCB chosen to participate in two Pilot Programs with Division of Early Learning – Brookes projects on the assessment tool used for inclusion services and FSU 10 Components program dedicated to teaching social/emotional values. **Update:** Initial meetings are beginning with ELC Brevard staff attending.
- Meetings set with two new community partners – Frank Abbate, County Manager and Todd Pokrywa, CEO of The Viera Company.
- 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. ELC Brevard CLASS Coaching update report attached; curriculum for providers for quality Learning Beyond Paper and MarcoPolo Learning.
- ELC Brevard Local Outreach
 - Space Coast League of Cities Monthly Meetings, Second Monday each month
 - Library Family Engagement Event, August 25
 - Baby Bash Family Engagement, September 24th
 - Melbourne Regional Chamber Board of Directors Retreat, Sept 9th-10th
 - Florida Association of School Administrators (FASA), October 17th
- Rule Updates

	<p>6M-4.500 – Child Attendance and Provider Reimbursements</p> <p>6M-4.735 Early Learning Professional Development Standards and Career Pathways</p> <p>6M-8.702 Removal from Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Eligibility</p> <p>6M-9.120 Early Learning Coalition Performance Standards and Evaluations</p>	
New Business	<p>Nominating Committee – Audrey Wanich, Linda Halpin and Phil Scarpelli volunteer for nominating committee to select officers for Board.</p> <p>There are 2 Governor Appointee Positions open and applications can be found HERE</p>	
Finance Report	Monthly Budget Report	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 4:45	Audrey Wanich makes a motion for Vince Donato Blake seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

September 20, 2022 Board minutes were approved at the October 25, 2022 meeting: