



Early Learning Coalition Of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting
 Date/Time: Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 4:00 p.m.
 Location: Early Learning Coalition of Brevard, Conference Room, 2671 w Eau Gallie Blvd. Suite 102, Melbourne FL 32937

Members Present: Alan Bergman, Michael Blake, Robin Buckmaster, Patrick Culhane, Priscilla DeNino, Bill Drexler, Linda Graham (V), Dee Helbig, Althea Puzio(V), Caitlin Rice, Phil Scarpelli, Linda Halpin, Vince Donato, Audrey Wanich

Excused/Unexcused Absent: Jana Bauer, Traci Klinkbeil, Khaled Jarrah, Terri Barlow

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

Guest/Public: First Friends Preschool, families and friends

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Called to Order:	Alan Bergman called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm	
Mission Moment	First Friends Preschool	No Action
Public Comment	None	
Chairman's report	<p>Alan would like to congratulate Laura Gambino, CEO for completing the Harvard University's, Early Learning certificate. It was a yearlong very comprehensive program and the board is very appreciative of her continuing education effort.</p> <p>Alan spoke about a program where people go to different animal shelters and read books to the animals and maybe this is something Providers might be interested in.</p>	
Minutes	Minutes October 25, 2022	Caitlin Rice makes the motion to approve the October 25, 2022 items. Michael Blake seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Governance and Policy	Packet 4A and 4B	Michael Blake motions to approve the Governance and Policy Packets 4A and 4 B. Caitlin Rice seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
School Readiness (SR)	SR Plan amendments per Rule	Audrey Wanich motions to approve the SR Plan amendments. Caitlin Rice seconds

		the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
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 • Weekly ARPA Spend Plan call AELC/DEL <p><u>ELCB Coalition Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) II Update: DEL Notice of Award (NOA) received September 30th in amount of \$17,985,966 for ARPA Phase II. Recommended itemized spend plan in review and waiting for further guidance from DEL; preliminary spend plan documents have priority of funding dedicated to stabilize Florida’s providers; expand access to high quality providers for families; invest in quality and elevate Florida’s workforce and early learning teaching industry. • 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 of \$1,437,295 in addition to \$523,000. Dedicated award of almost \$2 million directly for Building a World Class Workforce Initiative. • Rockledge Office – surplus and destruction to be finalized by 11.28.22. Complete vacancy of the west side office space and final walk through with landlord tentative scheduled for Dec 1st. The Rockledge Suite D space fully functional by 11.28.22/ • 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. Developing Program of Action for DEL on how ELCB will address increasing VPK Readiness Rates. Additional resources and staff needed for coaching, training and provider support. 	

	<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. Update: Initiating professional development tool with Marco Polo Learning for all providers to increase CLASS scores and enhance Family Engagement components. • School Readiness (SR) Plan submission to Division of Early Learning is due December 30th. This project brings all ELCB policies and procedures into one document including all the new changes from legislative and rule approvals. ELCB will solicit input from community as part of the School Readiness (SR) Plan Amendment and Acknowledgement plan. Update: SR Plan updates per Rule are attached in draft format. • ELC Brevard Local Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Space Coast League of Cities Monthly Meetings, Second Monday each month ○ Family Engagement event ○ Baby Bash Family Engagement, September 24th ○ Father’s Event 11/22 ○ Annual Toy Drive 12/10 at Kia Dealership in Cocoa • 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	Monthly Budget Report	Amaris Rosario
New Business	Laura informs the Board that there is a Family Home Provider who is receiving SR funds and ARPA funds and it has been discovered she has been paid for her own children in her care and the coalition is investigating and will get guidance from DEL.	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 5:10	Dee Helbig makes a motion for Bill Drexler seconds the motion.

		The motion passed unanimously.
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October 25, 2022, Board minutes were approved at the November 16, 2022 meeting: