



Early Learning Coalition Of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting
 Date/Time: Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 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, Terri Barlow (V), Priscilla DeNino, Bill Drexler, Linda Graham (V), Dee Helbig, Caitlin Rice, Phil Scarpelli, Linda Halpin, Vince Donato, Audrey Wanich (V),

Excused/Unexcused Absent: Jana Bauer, Traci Klinkbeil, Khaled Jarrah, Patrick Culhane, Althea Puzio

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

Guest/Public:

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Called to Order:	Alan Bergman called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm	
Mission Moment	Cancelled	No Action
Public Comment	None	
Chair Report	Minutes November 15, 2022	Bill Drexler makes the motion to approve the November 15, 2022 minutes. Linda Halpin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Bylaws update	Updated to include subsections 112.3135 and 112.3143 regarding ethics.	Phil Scarpelli motions to approve the Bylaws update. Priscilla DeNino seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
ARPA	Board approval needed for ARPA spending plan	Audrey Wanich motions to approve the SR Plan amendments. Caitlin Rice seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
CEO Evaluation	Chair reports the Exec/Finance Committee has reviewed the CEO evaluation and has agreed to a 15% overall salary increase.	No Action
CEO Report	<p style="text-align: center;"><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

ELCB Coalition Update:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Received a Governor Appointee application from Liz McGinley, Real Estate Broker and Mother’s Advocate and former faith-based VPK Director.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted additional grant application with Space Coast Health Foundation for \$20,000 and in process for upcoming United Way grant cycle request. Additionally, staff is exploring value and cost analysis for submitting local CDBG grant from local municipal and county partners. • 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 ○ Brevard Legislative Delegation, January 11th ○ County Commissioner Feltner meeting, January 12th ○ 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	Update to the Board on the Family Home Provider who was receiving SR funds and ARPA funds.	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 4:45	Caitlin Rice makes a motion for Terri Barlow seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

January 17, 2023 Board minutes were approved at the February 20, 2023 meeting: