



Early Learning Coalition

Of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Board of Directors Special Meeting
 Date/Time: Friday, November 19, 2021, at 9:00 am
 Location: Early Learning Coalition of Brevard, Conference Room, 2671 w Eau Gallie Blvd. Suite 102, Melbourne FL 32937

Members Present: Alan Bergman, Caitlin Rice, Terri Barlow, Dee Helbig, Bill Drexler (virtual presentation), Patrick Culhane, Jana Bauer, Phil Scarpelli, Priscilla DeNino, Audrey Wanich, Robin Buckmaster, Henry Perez

Excused Absent: Khaled Jarrah, Vince Donato, Linda Graham, Althea Puzio, Linda Halpin

Staff Present: Laura Gambino, Jeannie Williams, Harriet Paredes, Amaris Rosario, Eneida Colon, Kisha Hunter

Guest/Public: Dr. Mark Mullins, Marilyn Chappie

Called to Order: Alan Bergman called the meeting to order and quorum was established 8:12 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance took place.

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Public Comment	None	
Chairman's Update	Alan would like to approve Laura (Executive Director) to be able to be the single signer on checks over the next 60 days. This is due to the holiday and Caitlin's (Treasurer) travel schedule. Also, there will be a lot more approvals/disbursements due to Phase VI.	Henry Perez makes the motion to approve Laura as single signer. Dee Helbig seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Minutes	October 19, 2021	Caitlin Rice makes the motion to approve the minute. Audrey Wanich seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Guest Speaker	Mark Mullins, Superintendent, Brevard Public Schools presented Thrive by Five initiative and the districts Strategic Plan	
Executive Director	<p><u>State Board of Education and Division of Early Learning Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OEL Executive Director update calls – bi-weekly • Florida Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance for Early Learning • Florida Chamber of Commerce Future Forum – Orlando, Oct 25-27 	No Action

- Space Coast League of Cities – Meeting Dec 13th in Cocoa

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Coalition Update:

- OEL additional CARES funding potential (CRRSAA) for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act is 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. **UPDATE: Award issued November 10th amount of \$6,413,368. Application process for providers begin Nov 16th and in process.**
- Local Matching funding with CDBG grants with Brevard County and City of Melbourne. Grant funding cycle for 2022-2023.
- Finance update: Monthly finance report is attached. Mid-year budget update to the Executive/Finance committee in January.
- 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 20th 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. **UPDATE:** DEL monitoring ongoing and initial observations and findings are being reviewed and responses by November 24th.
- Independent Audit with Verdaja, DeArmas and Trujillo commences with opening audit meeting on November 18th.
- Convening the Nominating Committee for prospective Board members to include ex-officio, DCF Regional Administrator and Governor Appointed private sector seats per grant requirements.

Community Activities and meeting:

- TOY DRIVE DECEMBER 11TH – 14TH
- Fund Development Event – FEBRUARY 3RD
- Children’s Literacy Week – January 31st – February 4th
- United Way Thrive by Five Initiative and Partnership
- Business Leadership Institute in partnership with Orange County ELC - #5 participants and provider who is serving as a mentor!

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November 19, 2021 Annual Board minutes were approved at the January 18, 2021 meeting: