



# Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting  
 Date/Time: Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 3:00 p.m.  
 Location: Early Learning Coalition of Brevard, Conference Room, 2671 w Eau Gallie Blvd. Suite 102, Melbourne FL 32937

Members Present: Alan Bergman, Caitlin Rice, Terri Barlow, Michael Blake, Phil Scarpelli, Audrey Wanich, Traci Klinkbeil, Priscilla DeNino, Robin Buckmaster, Michael Cadore, James Box, Linda Halpin

Excused/Unexcused Absent: Patrick Culhane, Bill Drexler, Althea Puzio, Vince Donato, Jana Bauer, Linda Graham

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

Guest/Public: Madeline Thakur

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Called to Order:	Alan Bergman called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm	
Mission Moment	Madeleine Thakur, CEO The Future Project, Children's Movement Presentation	
Public Comment	None	
Chair Report	Welcome New Board member- Dr. Michael Cadore, Eastern Florida State College  Space Coast League of Cities Meeting 5/8  STEM for Early Learning – UMiami	
Consent Agenda	Board Meeting Minutes April 18, 2023  Annual Audit and Financial Statement and IRS 990 Tax Return	Michael Blake makes the motion to accept the consent items as presented. Terri Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
CEO Report	<p><b><u>State Board of Education and Division of Early Learning Updates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEL Executive Director update calls – bi-weekly</li> <li>• Association of Early Learning Coalitions (AELC)</li> <li>• Weekly ARPA Spend Plan call AELC/DEL</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ELCB Coalition Update:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative developments focused on additional funding for ELC statewide and predominantly on</li> </ul>	

House and Senate debate around (1) continuation of prior award allocations or (2) increase of funding for designated DOE/VPK/SR programming. AELC monitoring the movement of bills and education funding requests. Last day of session May 5<sup>th</sup>.  
**UPDATE: Total Early Learning funding for 2023 Legislative Session \$1.6 Billion. Upon final Governor approval, details to follow.**

- Division of Early Learning customer service survey as mandated by Florida statute. The email will come from a University of Florida email address watch for the email and check spam folder if needed. ***Division of Early Learning will begin conducting Customer Service Calls to providers, families, vendors and Board member as outlined in previous legislative action. Estimated to begin in May/June 2023.***
- Logo Launch and Marketing Plan is being developed with shared services agreement with the ELC Manatee. The new logo is attached for Board. A press release is finalized and all marketing efforts on this will begin April 21, 2023. Marketing plan will include all elements of traditional plan including print, promotional, media, social media, banners etc.
- Melbourne Training Room – Teleconferencing A/V set-up finalizing by May 30<sup>th</sup>!
- American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) II - DEL Notice of Award (NOA) received September 30<sup>th</sup> in amount of \$17,985,966 for ARPA Phase II. UPDATE: ARPA Round 3 Lump Sum payments being determined by DEL with payments to providers by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Projected 22023/2024 ARPA spend plan in process.
- 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. **UPDATE:** Developing 2023-2024 Performance and Metric Model for CLASS assessments.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Provider Appreciation Day. We will be hosting an appreciation luncheon for all providers on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 12noon to 2pm at Melbourne office. County Commission Proclamation schedule for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am at commission chambers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STEM for Early Learning initiative with the University of Miami in the preliminary stages of review as a project with Board Chair.</li> <li>• Marco Polo Learning agreement is complete. Marco Polo subscription program for all providers will meet the worldclass workforce Continuous Quality Improvement and Family Engagement directives for CLASS and VPK Readiness improvement standards.</li> <li>• Grant Funding requests pending: United Way (\$267,000); Space Coast Health Foundation (\$20,000 award APPROVED) and Community Foundation of Brevard (\$10,000 request). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Space Coast League of Cities Monthly Meetings, Second Monday each month</li> <li>○ 411 on 321 podcast for Melbourne Chamber</li> <li>○ Melbourne Chamber of Commerce – Nonprofit Panelist 4/4 &amp; Podcast 4/20/23</li> <li>○ Family Engagement/Outreach - #2 events on April 29<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ Melbourne Spring Fling May 9<sup>th</sup> at Viera Shoppes 5-9 pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Finance Report	Monthly Budget Report	Amaris Rosario
New Business	Move June meeting to June 26, 2023	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 4:45	Priscilla DeNino makes a motion to adjourn. Michael Blake seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

May 17, 2023, Board minutes were approved at the June 26, 2023 meeting: