



Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting
 Date/Time: Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 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, Priscilla DeNino, James Box, Terri Barlow, Marci Murphy, Bill Drexler, Dee Helbig, Kendy Piper (replacement for Shelli Buckley), Michael Blake, Phil Scarpelli, Linda Halpin, Michael Cadore (V), Robin Buckmaster

Excused/Unexcused Absent: Linda Graham, Vince Donato, Traci Klinkbeil, Caitlin Rice

Staff Present: Laura Gambino, Jeannie Williams, Amaris Rosario

Guest/Public: Treehouse Learning Academy

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Called to Order:	Alan Bergman called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm	
Mission Moment	Treehouse Learning Academy	
Public Comment	None	
Chair Report	<p>Board meeting minutes May 15, 2024</p> <p>Anti-Fraud Plan Updated</p> <p>Board member retirement (presentation of gifts and thank you for your service) Priscilla DeNino Linda Halpin</p>	<p>Michael Blake makes the motion to approve the May 15, 2024 minutes. Bill Drexler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Phil Scarpelli motions to accept the proposed changes to the Anti Fraud Plan. Priscilla DeNino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

State Board of Education and Division of Early Learning Updates

- DEL Executive Director update calls – bi-weekly
- Association of Early Learning Coalitions (AELC) Meetings
- Weekly ARPA Spend Plan call AELC/DEL
- Department of Education Division of Early Learning - Rule Workshops

Laura Gambino, CEO

ELCB Coalition Update:

- American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) 2023-2024 Grant Funding allocation is \$5,141,312 for additional support to stabilization of childcare and provider support. The application for ELCB approved and included seven “funding” buckets for items including curriculum, professional development, building supply and others. **ONGOING – developing a spend plan for April through June 30, 2024.**
- Additionally, Governor DeSantis has identified a \$10 million dollar funding initiative for homelessness and underemployed individuals. The application from DEL was completed in one week and approved on Friday, September 15th. The award to ELCB is \$631, 157 and we will be partnering with Head Start and Family Promise and Homeless Coalition to execute to the best of our ability. **UPDATE: Hired an experienced homeless coalition representative to lead this specific grant initiative.**
- Healthy Families Brevard has submitted a Request for Application to all nonprofit agencies eligible to be a Lead Agency. This grant has been held by the United Way for 24 years. ELCB team is submitting a proposal to act as Lead Agency; the total grant is \$1,017,000. Healthy Families is a voluntary home visiting program with success in parent and child engagement and building self-sufficiency for all families with children in the 0-5 range. The application is due to Healthy Families Florida by April 19th and the award notification is expected on May 10th, 2024. **UPDATE: Award given to Healthy Start of Brevard.**
- Community Foundation of Brevard county has awarded ELCB \$8,500 for a first time application based on Families First Brevard. This will support efforts and partnership with Family Promise of Brevard in identifying families and children in the 32922 zip code as high need and support. **UPDATE: Grant funding is 89% spent; interest from Federal Congressional Research team with US Congressman Bill Posey’s team for a Sustainable Homeless Initiative grant/project funding.**
- Marketing and Communications efforts increasing with activities and events scheduled as well as Little Free Libraries installations throughout the county. Additionally,

	<p>the Hispanic Chamber has identified local interest story and event support for ELC Brevard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Free Libraries are being built and installed all over Brevard county. We have installed #4 Little Free Libraries including the most current one in Taylor Park in City of Cocoa. We have #5 more installations planned for next three months. • The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program will also be launched by summer. With a population of 27,000 of children under age of 5, the program will enable every child who registers to receive a FREE book delivered to the home each month emphasizing reading and literacy in the home. Estimated participation is 4,000-6,000 in the initial project year. Launch expected by June of 2024. • Procured with The Krizner Group a Total Compensation Review to establish and sustain pay practices and competitive recruitment and equitable compensation. With this study, ELCB will be able to establish a comprehensive compensation and benefit system that meets Florida Statutes and Federal Fair Labor Standards Act as well as creating a fair and equitable compensation system, relevant market conditions are met, organization-wide professional, consistent and objective practices and is easily manageable, after implementation, in a manner that preserves and enhances integrity, validity and reliability of the system. ONGOING • Annual ELCB Provider Conference DATE has been set – SAVE THE DATE – Saturday September 28th at the Hilton Rialto in Melbourne. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Space Coast League of Cities Monthly Meetings, Second Monday each month ○ Viera Business Regional Alliance Networking – Urban Prime May 14th ○ Mayor’s Breakfast May 17th ○ March – National Reading Month and Women’s Month – Green Eggs and Ham Reading! ○ Women Who Rock – WeVenture Event ○ Family Literacy Events and Outreach 	
Finance Report	Monthly Budget Report	Amaris Rosario, CFO
New Business	Reminder to Board members the need to attend the June 20, 2024 Board meeting.	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 5:00	Terri Barlow makes amotion to adjourn. Phil Scarpelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

May 21, 2024, Board minutes were approved at the June 20, 2024 meeting: