



Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting
 Date/Time: Tuesday April 22, 2025, 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, Terri Barlow, Bill Drexler, Robin Buckmaster, Michael Cadore(V), Carolyn Joseph-Paul, Phil Scarpelli, Adrea McDonough, Vince Donato, Linda Graham (V),

Excused/Unexcused Absent: Michael Blake, Caitlin Rice, Traci Klinkbeil, Shelli Buckley, Avida Rosa, Dee Helbig, James Box

Staff Present: Laura Gambino, Jeannie Williams, Amaris Rosario, Kristin Wherry

Guest/Public:

| Agenda Item | Summary/Discussion | Action/Follow-up |
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| Called to Order: | Alan Bergman called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm | |
| Mission Moment | Hanging of the Hands – recap of Children’s week | |
| Public Comment | | |
| Chair Report | <p>Board meeting minutes January 22 , 2025</p> <p>No Quorum for Exec/Finance meeting so Board will approve:</p> <p>Exec/Finance minutes January 22, 2025</p> <p>Exec/Finance minutes February 18, 2025</p> | <p>Bill Drexler makes a motion to approve the January 22, 2025 minutes. Phil Scarpelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to approve the January 22, 2025 Exec/Finance minutes. Vince Donato seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to approve the February 18, 2025 Exec/Finance minutes. Vince Donato seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> |

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| | <p>Independent Auditor's report (no findings)</p> | <p>Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to approve the Independent Auditor's report. Terri Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> |
| | <p>CEO Evaluation with a salary increase of 3% effective January 2025</p> | <p>Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to accept the CEO evaluation and to approve a 3% salary increase effective January 30, 2025. Michael Cadore 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
- Florida Chamber Foundation Learners to Earners June 2025
- Department of Education Division of Early Learning - Rule Workshops
- Children’s Week April 14-17th, 2025 Tallahassee

ELCB Coalition Update:

- The Division of Early Learning for the Department of Education, Chancellor Cari Miller, will be visiting Brevard county January 30th..
- Division of Early Learning 2025-2026 Budget discussions being held in Tallahassee. Both the Senate and House are reflecting a **decrease** to education and early learning funding. Preliminary – AELC and statewide initiative to educate and advocate for full funding. AELC (statewide coalition association) 2025 Legislative Priorities attached.
- Developing local county, state and federal legislative relationships to increase ELCB awareness, successful outcomes and funding support post-election shift. **DISCUSSION:** Developing multi-year strategic planning and 1-3 year Local Funding Support campaign.
- The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program launched in May/June and our Kickoff Event is today!!!! 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. UPDATE: 5000+ children registered.
- Florida Chamber Earners to Learners event June 24th in Tampa. ELCB will be represented by CEO and Treasurer, Terri Barlow.
- LEAD Brevard has chosen ELCB for a Community Action Plan (CAP) program titled Soar by 4! The LEAD Brevard class will work on this CAP project and assist our team with implementing and executing this new program. City of Cocoa approval to build first Learning Trail.
- United Way grant expected to be decreased due to serious campaign losses to United Way. Space Coast Health Foundation grant application in process = \$250,000. Rockledge hospital closure impacting timeline and funding allocation.
- Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation Report from the Florida Business Alliance for Early Learning Project – School Readiness in Florida report, March 2025.

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| CFO Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Space Coast League of Cities – May and June at City of Cocoa ○ Family Literacy Events – 2 on-site, Mims Library ○ Monthly Launch into Literacy Events ○ Provider Appreciation – May 7th ○ County Commission Proclamation – May 6th 5pm ○ DEL Literacy Advocacy – Orlando June 15-16 ○ Florida Grade Level Literacy – Orlando July 8-10 | Amaris Rosario, CFO |
| New Business | None | |
| Adjournment | | Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to adjourn. Terri Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. |

Next meeting – June 17, 2025