



# Early Learning Coalition

Of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Executive/Finance Committee Meeting  
 Date/Time: November 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.  
 Location: 2671 W Eau Gallie Blvd Melbourne, FL 32935  
 Members Present: Alan Bergman, Terri Barlow, Caitlin Rice (V)  
 Absent: Michael Blake  
 Guests  
 Staff present: Laura Gambino, Jeannie Williams, Amaris Rosario  
 Start Time: 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
<b>Welcome and Call to Order</b>	Alan Bergman called the meeting to order at 3:05 a.m.	No Action
<b>Chairman Report</b>	Board meeting minutes September 17, 2024	Terri Barlow makes <del>temotion</del> motion to approve the June 18September 17, 2024 minutes. Caitlin Rice seconded the motion.The motion passed unanimously.
<b>CEO/Chief Executive Officer Report</b>	<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) Meetings – Annual Board Meeting Melbourne</li> <li>• Florida Chamber Foundation Learners to Earners</li> <li>• Department of Education Division of Early Learning - Rule Workshops</li> <li>• Florida League of Cities Conference – Mayor Blake, President of FLC 2024-2025</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ELCB Coalition Update:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Division of Early Learning for the Department of Education, Chancellor Cari Miller, will be visiting Brevard county (rescheduled from September due to hurricane) on January 30<sup>th</sup>. We are working on tentative schedule of activity to include provider</li> </ul>	Laura Gambino, CEO

visits, family event and Community Conversation town hall meeting with community partners and leadership. Details to follow. PLEASE HOLD date January 30, 2024 3-7pm for this important visit.

- Division of Early Learning 2024-2025 Notice of Award expect to generate after the start of the fiscal year. There have been numerous legislative and General Appropriations Act approvals from the Governor's office and DEL/AELC are working to confirm the allocations for the following: \$46 million for ongoing support SR, \$20 million for Wait List assistance, \$40 million for SR Plus which is a Workforce/Existing Client support program and additional funding for Homelessness Programs. UPDATE: Finance Budget Amendment report.
- Developing local county, state and federal legislative relationships to increase ELCB awareness, successful outcomes and funding support post-election shift.
- 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.
- Giving Tuesday campaign begins this week to help raise local funding support for families and Dolly Parton program. Watch social media and email requests – Board participation critical for helping raise matching funds.
- 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.
- L3Harris through the United Way conducted an employee "packing project" benefiting ELCB. We received #100 Bedtime Bundle backpacks to incorporate into our monthly activity and family engagement programming.
- Fund Development activity beginning with over \$9,000 raised through meetings and philanthropic efforts. UPDATE: Local fund development efforts approaching \$15,000.
- General operations update: staff changes at two director level as well as review of office location

	<p>changes. Reviewing lease agreements for satellite offices and potential realignment of staff for operational efficiencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brevard Community Foundation grant was awarded and increased to \$10,000 for Families First Initiative. Space Coast Health Foundation has asked us to submit to expand the Pyramid Project to the entire county for grant consideration. Request for \$250,000 has been submitted.</li> <li>• Anti-Fraud Appeals Request – discussion and prospective timeline discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Space Coast League of Cities – December 9<sup>th</sup> at City of Cocoa</li> <li>○ Family Literacy Events – 2 on-site, Mims Library</li> <li>○ Holiday Family Festival and Launch into Literacy – SOLD OUT in one day 12/12/24</li> <li>○ Early Learning Soiree Event – January 23<sup>rd</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>CFO Report</b>	Monthly Budget Report	Amaris Rosario, CFO
<b>New Business</b>	No December meeting	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was Adjourned at 3:35 p.m.	Terri Barlow motioned for the adjournment of the Executive/Finance Committee meeting. Caitlin Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed Unanimously.

November 19, 2024 Exec/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes approved at the January 21,2025 Exec/Finance Meeting