



# Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting  
Date/Time: Tuesday, September 17, 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, James Box, Terri Barlow, Bill Drexler, Phil Scarpelli, Vince Donato, Shelli Buckley, Robin Buckmaster, Linda Graham (v), Dee Helbig, Caitlin Rice, Avida Rosa

Excused/Unexcused Absent: Marci Murphy, Michael Blake, Marilyn Chappie, Traci Klinkbeil, Michael Cadore

Staff Present: Laura Gambino, Jeannie Williams, Amaris Rosario, Jodi Ammons, Sylvia Thomas, Aubree Williams

Guest/Public:

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Called to Order:	Alan Bergman called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm	
Mission Moment		
Public Comment	None	
Chair Report	Board meeting minutes June 17, 2024  DEL's Chancellor Cari Miller to attend ELC Brevard's 2024 Provider conference, September 28, 2024	Caitlin Rice makes the motion to approve the June 17, 2024 minutes. Phil Scarpelli 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) Meetings – Annual Board Meeting Melbourne</li><li>• Florida Grade Level Reading Conference</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 September 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> and attending our Provider Conference. We are working on tentative schedule of activity for her stay in Brevard county to include provider visits, family event and Community Conversation town hall meeting with community partners and leadership. Details to follow.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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. Registrations have wildly successful with 4,550 children and homes registered and receiving books to date!!! </li><li>• Annual ELCB Provider Conference is Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Rialto Melbourne and is SOLD OUT!!!! See press release and marketing materials. Sponsorship levels reached \$23,000!!</li><li>• ELCB facilitated a donation give away for all providers from Health First Center for Child Development in August. Providers were able to get materials, equipment, supplies, cribs, swings and even three playgrounds. Estimated value was \$60,000 plus to over 50 providers!!</li><li>• LEAD Brevard has chosen ELCB for a Community</li></ul>	Laura Gambino, CEO
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	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Fund Development activity beginning with over \$9,000 raised through meetings and philanthropic efforts.</li> <li>• Hispanic Chamber partnership with CFO serving on inaugural Board of Directors and partnering on programs.</li> <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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Space Coast League of Cities Monthly Meetings, Second Monday each month</li> <li>○ Family Literacy Events – 2 on-site, Mims Library</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Budget Amendment- Action Item</p>	<p>Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to accept the Budget Amendment as presented. Terri Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
CFO Report	<p>Year End Finance Report</p> <p>Utilization and Budget Projections</p>	Amaris Rosario, CFO
New Business		
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 5:00	Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to adjourn. Caitlin Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

September 17, 2024, Board minutes were approved at the October 15, 2024 meeting: