



Early Learning Coalition

Of Brevard County, Inc.

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting

Date/Time: June 9, 2026, 4pm (Virtual)

Location: 2671 W Eau Gallie Blvd. Suite 102, Melbourne, FL 32935

Members Present: Alan Bergman, Terri Barlow, Robin Buckmaster, Caroline Joseph Paul, James Box, Traci Klinkbeil, Linda Graham , Bill Drexler, Dee Helbig, Alexandria Luallen, Michael Cadore, Phil Scarpelli, Shelly Buckley

Absent: Michael Blake (E), Adrea McDonough (E), Avida Rosa (E)

Guests:

Staff present: Laura Gambino, Jeannie Williams, Amaris Rosario, Sondra Mofitt

Start Time: 4:00pm

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Call to Order	Alan Bergman called the meeting to order at 4pm. Pledge of Allegiance	No Action
Public Comment	None	
Chair Report Alan Bergman	April 28, 2026 - Board Meeting Minutes By Laws Amendments – Quarterly Meetings- Attendance language changed from four (4) to three (3) consecutive meetings for both private and mandated members. Board Chair presents the Nominating Committee’s recommendation to approve two new private sector board members, Brenard Bryan, Bianca Martinez.	Dee Helbig motions to approve April 28, 2026 minutes. Phil Scarpelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Bill Drexler makes a motion to accept the changes to the By Laws. Phil Scarpelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Robin Buckmaster motions to approve two new Private Sector members. Dee Helbig seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

CEO Report Laura Gambino	Board Chair requests the Board approve the staff's annual end of year performance bonus using option 3 (\$7,000 dollars and 5% 401K contribution). <u>State Board of Education and Division of Early Learning Updates</u> • Department of Education Division of Early Learning - Rule Workshops • AELC Board Meetings April 20-24, 2026 • Provider Appreciation County Commission Proclamation – May 19th at 9:00 am <u>ELCB Coalition Update</u> • Space Coast Health Foundation Grant • Fiscal and Programmatic audits • Legislative Session 2026 closed without budgetary approvals. Special session called for 4.28.26 for redistricting efforts; Budget session called for 5.12.26 with full Budget approval needed by 5.31.26. The statewide association "compression model" used last year is expected to be the acceptable method for state legislators and budget staff with an estimated 5% compression amount issued across all coalitions. This is the model being reviewed once budget sessions begin week of 5.12.26. They are also working on maintaining a "back of the bill" concept whereby funds may be set aside to support early learning and workforce programming. • Staff completed the Results 1st initiative. The results show progress toward setting goals and priorities for key areas of operations including student success, provider success and increased enrollments and family engagement. We would like to extend this program for collaborative session with Board as part of strategic visioning meeting. • Age of Learning program will launch with Brevard Public Schools this month with over 1600 licenses being activated in public and private VPK classrooms through June. Proposal submitted to Orlando Health to sponsor Age of Learning for entire county = \$139,000 ask. PENDING • VPK Transition to K programs and events for spring and summer time promotions. • Developing a special Board presentation with Brevard	Terri Barlow makes a motion to approve option 3 as the staff's annual performance bonus. Caroline Joseph Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. No Action
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	County Manager Jim Liesenfelt on countywide updates and budget outline – hoping for a June date. Space Coast Health Foundation grant application in process with the request of \$250,000. The grant process has been enhanced with an expanded application process that identifies organizational and impact results as a priority. UPDATE: Second round of in-depth interviews held in early March with expected update or notice to ELCB by April/May. Programs and Events May 2026-June 2026 <u>May 2026</u> Launch into Literacy Sparkles and Tiaras Provider Appreciation Event and Kindness Initiative – High Hats High Tea with Highlights Mag STEAM Lab start County Commission Proclamation Recognizing Provider Appreciation, May 19,2026 9:00 am <u>June 2026</u> Rachel Giannini Professional Development Father’s Day Event	
COO Report Amaris Rosario	Finance Report	No Action
Finance Report Sondra Moffit	Preliminary Budget	Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to accept the Preliminary Budget as presented. Bill Drexler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
New Business	Property Tax discussion	No Action
Next Meeting	September 15, 2026 (in person)	No Action
Adjournment		Phil Scarpelli makes a motion to adjourn. Dee Helbid seconded the motion.

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