



Approved at December 20, 2021 Board Meeting

Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance	Michael Asseff; Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer; Beverley Batson; Ellie Schrot; Cara Cerchione; Amoy Reid; Renee Podolsky; Khalil Zeinieh; Richard Campillo; Kirk Englehardt; William Karp; Monica King; Laurie Rich Levinson; Laurie Sallarulo; Carol Hylton; Sharonda Bailey
Members Absent	Twan Russell; Zachary Talbot; Dawn Liberta; Kristina West
Staff in Attendance	Renee Jaffe, CEO; Christine Klima, CAO; Hubert Cesar, CIO; Howard Bakalar, CPO; Judith Merritt, COO, Allison Metsch, Sr. Director of Education & Quality; Elsy Silvestre, Contract Administrator; Lizbeth Juan, Executive Assistant; Melody Martinez, Board Liaison; Pablo Calvo, Director of Community Engagement; Reiner Potts, Financial Analyst; Keisha Dunn-Pettis, Senior Director of Family Services and Provider Relations; Beverly Hung, Human Resources Manager; Stephanie Landreville, Controller
Others in Attendance	Jacob Jackson, General Counsel

Item	Action/Discussion
Welcome & Call to Order	Nominating Committee Chair Michael Asseff called the meeting to order at 12:06PM. Board Chair was unable to chair due to a personal emergency. Roll was called and a quorum was established.
Chair Report	Nothing to report.
CEO Report	<p>CEO welcomed everyone and introduced new Board member Sharonda Bailey to the Board. She also introduced new Executive Assistant Lizbeth Juan to the Board. CEO is looking forward to meeting in person in the near future for Board meetings. CEO summarized the CEO report as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state has now released CRRSA federal stimulus dollars that had been expected in August/September and includes Phase VI Provider Grants. We received the approval a week ago and launched it on Friday. We already have 455 childcare small business that have applied, and hope to have payments in the childcare small businesses towards the end of the month. • ELC staff shared a draft of the new Above and Beyond Broward plan, that includes programming, incentives/stipends, and other supports to upskill, retain and elevate early learning staff. The Workforce Workgroup will be meeting again in about six weeks. ELC Staff are updating the plan and creating a timeline for all of the action items. • We still await word on when, and how the American Recovery Plan (ARP) funds, which are due to be released beginning January 2022. • We added a workforce survey that is required in order to complete the application for Phase VI. This was also done in Phase V but will get us more information on how our childcare small business are doing.

private for profit child care provider Beverley Batson, Representative private faith based child care provider	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	None
NEW BUSINESS	None
MATTERS FROM CHAIR	There was no discussion.
MATTERS FROM COMMITTEES	William Karp mentioned that child care licensing started a pilot program for providers that are in good standing, in business 2 years, no class 1 violations in a two-year period, with a qualified director and are not in an investigation. Those providers who meet that eligibility can have one remote desk inspection. This will help to congratulate compliant providers. Ellie Schrot gave a shout out to Allison and her team of inclusion specialist who have been doing a phenomenal job with the developmental screenings and referring children who have concerns. Last fiscal year we were averaging about 10 referrals a month and this year we are averaging 29 a month.
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no discussion.
NEXT MEETING DATE	December 20, 2021 at 12:00PM
ADJOURN	Meeting adjourned by Dawn Liberta at 12:50PM

These minutes contain the action items of the Board meeting of the Early Learning Coalition of Broward. They do not include all the Committee's discussions or comments on each matter or issue raised during the meeting. A tape recording of the meeting is held in the Coalition office. Corrections from the Committee will be taken prior to approval at the next meeting.

Manica F. King
ELC SECRETARY