



Approved on March 4, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting
Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2025, at 1:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance	Chair, Laurie Sallarulo; Dawn Liberta; Michael Asseff; Monica King; Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer; Amoy Reid; Renee Podolsky
Members Absent (Excused)	
Members Absent (Unexcused)	
Staff in Attendance	Renee Jaffe, CEO; Christine Klima, CAO; Judith Merritt, COO; Howard Bakalar, CPO; Hubert Cesar, CIO; Melody Martinez, Board Liaison & Executive Assistant; Allison Metsch, Senior Director of Education & Quality; Amy Moore, Sr. Director of Family Services & Customer Services; Ancel Pratt III, Senior Director of Communications; Andres Calero, Accountant; Beverly Hung, Director of HR; Kasey LaFrance, Contracts Administration Manager; Magdalena Laino, Quality Assurance Manager; Megan DeGraff, Purchasing & Procurement Specialist; Reinier Potts, Financial Analyst; Roy Persaud, Accountant; Sandra Paul, Senior Director of Provider Reimbursements; Sarane Epps, Contrast Specialist; Stephanie Landreville, Controller
Others in Attendance	Julie Klahr, Legal Counsel

Item	Action/Discussion
Welcome & Call to Order	Chair Laurie Sallarulo called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.
Chair Report	<p>Chair Laurie Sallarulo reported that she has no updates at this time but raised the question of how the immigration situation might affect both families and providers, noting reports that some students are not attending school due to fear.</p> <p>CEO Renee Jaffe added the waiting room seems to have less traffic but we will monitor this through our data to confirm. Renee mentioned that a meeting with DEL is scheduled for 3:00 PM and is assuming this will come up. The team will continue to monitor any developments related to immigration.</p>
CEO Report	<p>CEO Renee Jaffe shared that on January 21, DEL announced the release of \$40M for School Readiness funding gaps, with ELC Broward receiving \$6M. Although based on DEL's data, Broward's funding needs were projected at \$10M, however a \$6M cap was put in place. With the enrollment freeze, cost-saving efforts, and the new \$6M allocation, Broward's FY25 deficit has been eliminated. DEL will also consider funding transfers between Coalitions starting in February, (known as De Ob/Re Ob).</p> <p>Ahead of the 2025 Florida Legislative session, ELC Broward and AELC have been meeting with legislators to advocate for increasing School Readiness funding. ELC Broward's priority is adjusting the funding model to better meet community needs, including a \$17 million increase. AELC is also pushing for an eventual increase in the SR eligibility threshold, with a focus this year on shifting from the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to the State Median Income (SMI) to better reflect Florida's economy. Bills supporting both priorities are being drafted, with updates to follow through the session.</p>

Consent Agenda 1. Approve December 10, 2024, Committee meeting minutes	A Motion was made by Monica King and Seconded by Dawn Liberta to move the Consent Agenda. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passed.
Regular Business 1. EXC254RB1- Approve Related Party Purchases for Community	<u>Related Party Purchase</u> A Motion was made by Michael Asseff and Seconded by Dawn Liberta to Approve Related Party Purchases for Community Sponsorship. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passed. <u>Abstentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer abstained as she is the CEO of CSC.
Unfinished Business	None
New Business	Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer noted there will be a heightened need for collaboration at all levels, state, municipal, and nonprofit organizations related to potential implications of the new immigration enforcement efforts. She also recommended reviewing page 43 of the bill, as amendments are being made at the request of President Trump. Julie Klahr, Legal Counsel, added that legislators are in special session to address this.
Matters from the CEO	None
Matters from the Committee	None
Public Comments	There was no discussion.
Next Meeting	<u>March 4, 2025</u>
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM by Michael Asseff and seconded by Dawn Liberta.

These minutes contain the action items of the Board meeting of the Early Learning Coalition of Broward. They do not include all of 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 before approval at the next meeting.