



Approved on March 03, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting

Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

(Immediately following the Finance meeting)

February 3, 2026, at 1:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance	Chair, Laurie Sallarulo; Michael Asseff; Dawn Liberta; Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer; Ellie Schrot; Dr. Amoy Reid; Renee Podolsky
Members Absent (Excused)	
Members Absent (Unexcused)	
Staff in Attendance	Renee Jaffe, CEO; Christine Klima, CAO; Howard Bakalar, CPO; Hubert Cesar, Chief Innovation and Compliance Officer; Melody Martinez, Board Liaison & Executive Assistant; Lizbeth DelVecchio, Executive Assistant & Special Projects Coordinator; Allison Metsch, Sr. Director of Education & Quality; Amy Moore, Sr. Director of Family Services & Customer Services; Ancel Pratt III, Sr. Director of Communications & Outreach; Andres Calero, Accountant; Daniel Hollenbaugh, AP and Payroll Manager; Magdalena Laino, Quality Assurance Manager; Reinier Potts, Financial Analyst; Roy Persaud, Accountant; Sandra Paul, Sr. Dir. of Provider Reimbursement; Stephanie Landreville, Controller
Others in Attendance	Julie Klahr, Legal Counsel

Item	Action/Discussion
Welcome & Call to Order	First Vice Chair Dawn Liberta called the meeting to order at 1:52 PM. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.
Chair Report	None
CEO Report	CEO Renee Jaffe provided a summary of the CEO Report. She shared updates on the early learning landscape analysis project and noted that additional information regarding the timeline is expected later this week. Planning efforts continue on our end, and we remain hopeful about meeting with Florida Chamber Foundation’s researchers soon.
Consent Agenda 1. Approve November 4, 2025, Committee meeting minutes	A Motion was made by Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer and Seconded by Dawn Liberta to approve the Consent Agenda. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passed.
Regular Business 1. EXC263RB1 - Ratify 2025-2026 City of Fort Lauderdale Match Funding Agreement 2. EXC263RB2 - Approved Amendment to CSC 2026 Vulnerable Populations Agreement	<p><u>City of Fort Lauderdale School Readiness Match Funding Agreement</u></p> <p>A Motion was made by Michael Asseff and Seconded by Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer to Ratify the Board Chair’s signature on the City of Fort Lauderdale School Readiness Match Funding Agreement for the period October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passed.</p> <p><u>Children’s Services Council Vulnerable Populations 2026 Agreement</u></p> <p>A Motion was made by Dawn Liberta and Seconded by Ellie Schrot to Approve budget increase Amendment #001 to the 2026 Children’s Services Council Vulnerable Populations Program Agreement when it becomes available and pending legal review. The Motion passed with one abstention.</p>

<p>3. EXC263RB3 – Authorize Staff to Negotiate New 5 Year Contract Cycle for Legal Services</p>	<p>Abstentions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer abstained as she is the CEO of CSC. <p><u>New Contract Cycle for General Counsel and Labor Law Legal Services</u></p> <p>A Motion was made by Michael Asseff and Seconded by Amoy Reid to Authorize Coalition staff to forgo competitive procurement and negotiate new contract cycles with Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol PA and Bryant Miller Olive PA for legal services starting July 1, 2026, in accordance with the proposed rated changes and pending legal review by outside counsel .The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passed.</p> <p>The minutes reflect that a scrivener’s error on the action statement has been corrected to list one of the vendor’s named as “Bryant Miller, Olive”</p>
<p>Unfinished Business</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Chair Laurie Sallarulo shared information regarding an upcoming event.</p> <p>Julie Klahr, Legal Counsel, expressed her appreciation to the Executive Committee for supporting the Coalition staff’s request to proceed with negotiating the upcoming contract cycle.</p>
<p>Matters from the CEO</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Matters from the Committee</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>There was no discussion.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p><u>March 3, 2026, at 1:30 PM</u></p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM by Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer</p>

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.