



Approved May 5, 2026, Finance Committee Meeting
Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2026, at 1:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance	Chair Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer; Michael Asseff; Maria Hernandez; Dawn Liberta; Renee Podolsky; Ellie Schrot; Zachary Talbot
Members Absent (Excused)	Dr. Amoy Reid; Laurie Sallarulo
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; 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; Elmise Sawyer-Brown, Accounting Specialist; Irene Ramos, Office Coordinator; Kiana Nieves, Accounting Specialist; Reinier Potts, Financial Analyst; Roy Persaud, Accountant; Stephanie Landreville, Controller
Others in Attendance	Julie Klahr, Legal Counsel

Item	Action/Discussion
Welcome & Call to Order	Chair Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was established at the time.
Consent Agenda 1. Approve February 3, 2026, Committee meeting minutes	A Motion was made by Michael Asseff and Seconded by Dawn Liberta to move the Consent Agenda. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passed.
Regular Business 1. FIN264RB1- Approve January Interim Financial Statements 2. FIN263RB2- Approve FY 2026 Amendment #4	<u>January 2026 Interim Financial Statements</u> CAO Christine Klima presented the January 2026 Interim Financial Statements. A Motion was made by Renee Podolsky and Seconded by Maria Hernandez to Approve January 2026 Interim Financial Statements, Pending Approval of an Annual Audit Performed by a Qualified Independent Certified Public Accountant. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passed <u>FY 2026 Budget Amendment #4</u> CAO Christine Klima presented FY2026 Amendment #4 A Motion was made by Ellie Schrot and Seconded by Michael Asseff to Approve FY2026 Budget Amendment #4. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passed
Unfinished Business	None
New Business	Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer reported that the state budget has not yet been passed and is expected to extend beyond the regular session, with the House and Senate not in agreement on overall State funding issues. CEO Renee Jaffe noted the Senate proposal for early learning is the same as the prior year, while the House proposal reflects an approximate 6.9% decrease in the total pool. Efforts are underway to maintain current funding levels, and additional information will be shared when it becomes available. Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer added that property tax proposals remain uncertain, with a House proposal that could significantly reduce CSC revenues. While the Senate and the Governor have expressed opposition, final decisions are pending, and a special session is likely.
Matters from the Chair	None
Public Comments	None

Next Meeting	<u>May 5, 2026, at 1:30 PM</u>
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM by Dawn Liberta, seconded by Maria Hernandez

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.