



Members in Attendance	Chair Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer; Dawn Liberta; Renee Podolsky; Dr. Amoy Reid; Laurie Sallarulo
Members Absent (Excused)	Maria Hernandez; Zachary Talbot
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, 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; Beverly Hung, Director of HR; Daniel Hollenbaugh, AP and Payroll Manager; Kasey LaFrance, Contracts Administration Manager; Megan DeGraaf, Purchasing & Procurement Specialist; Reinier Potts, Financial Analyst; Roy Persaud, Accountant; Sandra Paul, Sr. Dir. of Provider Reimbursement; Sarane Epps, Contract Specialist
Others in Attendance	Julie Klahr, Legal Counsel; Ellie Schrot; Michael Asseff

Item	Action/Discussion
Welcome & Call to Order	Chair Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was established at the time.
Consent Agenda 1. Approve April 29, 2025, Committee meeting minutes	A Motion was made by Dawn Laberta and Seconded by Amoy Reid to move the Consent Agenda. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passed.
Regular Business 1. FIN257RB1 – Approve April 2025 Interim Financial Statements 2. FIN257RB2 – Approve Preliminary FY2026 Budget	<p><u>April 2025 Interim Financial Statements</u></p> <p>The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) presented the April Interim Financial Statements.</p> <p>A Motion was made by Renee Podolsky and Seconded by Dawn Liberta to Approve April 2025 Interim Financial Statements, Pending Approval of an Annual Audit Performed by a Qualified Independent Certified Public Accountant. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passed</p> <p><u>Preliminary Budget</u></p> <p>The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) presented the Preliminary FY2026 Budget. The CAO requested that the motion include bringing an updated version of the Preliminary FY2026 Budget to the Board, noting that changes may occur between now and the next Board meeting.</p>

	<p>Chair Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer agreed and recommended also presenting the current version alongside the updated one to allow for comparison and visibility into any changes made.</p> <p>A Motion was made by Amoy Reid and Seconded by Dawn Liberta to Approve the Recommended Preliminary FY2026 Budget Framework and to allow staff to prepare appropriate adjustments based on the budget passed by the legislature. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passed</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the potential outcome if the budget is not approved. CEO Renee Jaffe acknowledged the concern and stated that the organization is proactively considering that scenario. She noted that many budget elements reflect current practices and expressed confidence that the budget will ultimately be approved. Legislative leadership has already communicated to lawmakers the importance of passing the budget.</p>
Unfinished Business	None
New Business	None
Matters from the Chair	None
Public Comments	There was no discussion.
Next Meeting	<u>Sep 9, 2025, at 1:30 PM</u>
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM by Laurie Sallarulo 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.