



Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.
Provider Representative & CEO Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2025, at 12:00 PM MINUTES APPROVED on February 2, 2026
Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance	Kristie Castillo; Amy Hauser
Members Absent	
Staff in Attendance	Renee Jaffe, CEO; Melody Martinez, Board Liaison
Others in Attendance	

Item	Action/Discussion
Meeting Start Time	The Meeting Started at 12:05 PM.
Approve September 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes	A Motion was made by Krystie Castillo to approve the September 8, 2025, meeting minutes, Seconded by Amy Hauser . The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passes.
Meeting Topic	<p>Childcare Community Needs</p> <p>CEO Renee Jaffe met with Provider Representatives and reported that overall enrollment continues at a steady pace. Providers Krystie and Amy noted that while enrollment had been slow, there has been a noticeable increase over the past two weeks.</p> <p>Renee also shared that the Ad Hoc Committee will be hosting an upcoming fundraiser at Chipotle.</p> <p>Krystie reported that more parents are becoming aware of the Step Up scholarships available beginning at age three. She shared that her program now accepts both Step Up scholarships and ELC funding. She noted that the Step Up process is straightforward and can cover a child’s full monthly tuition. Step Up participation is increasing in popularity, and in some cases, families hold both VPK and Step Up certificates.</p> <p>Renee provided an update on the Broward Early Learning Landscape Analysis, stating that the project is in its final preparatory stages. The team is awaiting Broward Workshop approval and release of funding. Once approved, the initiative will move forward with surveys and focus groups that include subsidized families, VPK families, private-pay families, educators, and program owners.</p>
Unfinished Business	None
New Business	None
Matters from the Chair	None
Public Comments	There was no discussion.
Next Meeting	<u>February 2, 2025, at 2:00 PM</u>
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 12:28 PM

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.