



Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.
Provider Representative & CEO Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2026, at 2:00 PM MINUTES APPROVED on March 2, 2026
[Virtual Meeting](#)

Members in Attendance	Kristie Castillo; Amy Hauser
Members Absent	
Staff in Attendance	Renee Jaffe, CEO; Lizbeth DeVecchio, Executive Assistant & Special Projects Coordinator
Others in Attendance	

Item	Action/Discussion
Meeting Start Time	The Meeting Started at 12:07 PM.
Approve November 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes	A Motion was made by Amy Hauser to approve the November 14, 2025, meeting minutes, Seconded by Krystie Castillo . The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passes.
Meeting Topic	<p>Legislative Update:</p> <p>CEO, Renee Jaffe provided an overview of several bills currently on the legislative agenda. One proposed bill would require VPK teachers to take an oath to uphold the Constitution if passed. Another bill would increase the Base Student Allocation; ELC Broward supports this measure.</p> <p>Renee also shared updates regarding Re-Obligation/De-Obligation (Re-Ob/De-Ob) and current enrollment trends. She noted that VPK enrollment has decreased this year; however, the decline was anticipated.</p> <p>Provider Representative Amy Hauser, reported that enrollments have slowed overall. She shared that contributing factors may include an aging population and affordability challenges impacting younger families residing in the county.</p> <p>The two provider reps and Renee also discussed how ELC structures and conducts its childcare site visits.</p>
Unfinished Business	None
New Business	None
Matters from the Chair	None
Public Comments	There was no discussion.
Next Meeting	<u>March 2, 2026, at 2:00 PM</u>
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 2:32 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.