



**Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.**  
**Provider Representative & CEO Meeting Minutes**  
**February 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM MINUTES APPROVED on March 3, 2025**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

Item	Action/Discussion
<b>Meeting Start Time</b>	The Meeting Started at 10:14 AM.
Approve September 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes	A <b>Motion</b> was made by <b>Krystie Castillo</b> to approve the September 5, 2024, meeting minutes, <b>Seconded</b> by <b>Amy Hauser</b> . The <b>Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passes.</b>
<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<p>The CEO met with the Provider Representatives to continue discussing the needs of the childcare community. One topic discussed was the additional dollars the coalition received. Out of the \$40 Million available from the state’s pot, we received \$6 Million, which wipes out the deficit. However, Renee shared that what we needed was closer to \$10 Million.</p> <p><b>Krystie Castillo</b> asked if we were going to see steady pulls from the waitlist every 3 weeks.</p> <p><b>CEO Renee Jaffe</b> shared that while we have begun enrolling, it’s going to be at a very slow pace, and that an accurate timeline couldn’t be predicted due to the number of families on the waitlist.</p> <p>A discussion was had about how the government’s new stance on immigration is affecting families and the childcare community. <b>Amy Hauser</b> shared that she has two teachers who are navigating concerns around their temporary work permits. <b>Krystie Castillo</b> also expressed similar concerns with regard to some of the families and educators at her center.</p> <p><b>Amy Hauser</b> shared an update that staffing is getting better than it used to be. Many providers who received the stipends and the additional training opted to stay in the childcare industry. She also recommended that a communication be sent out to parents to relay that school registration fees are not covered by ELC and that they vary from school to school, in addition to a communication that once families hit 3 absences, families need to come in with a doctor’s note to be covered by ELC.</p>

	<b>CEO, Renee Jaffe</b> shared a legislative update. Session will be resuming this week. For priorities, we in Broward are pushing for a new funding methodology, “rightsizing,” that focuses on receiving funding based on the community’s needs on a holistic approach.
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	None
<b>New Business</b>	None
<b>Matters from the Chair</b>	None
<b>Public Comments</b>	There was no discussion.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b><u>March 3, 2025</u></b>
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM

*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.*