



**Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.**  
**Provider Representative & CEO Meeting Minutes**  
**March 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM MINUTES APPROVED on September 8, 2025**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

Item	Action/Discussion
<b>Meeting Start Time</b>	The Meeting Started at 10:02 AM.
Approve February 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes	A <b>Motion</b> was made by <b>Krystie Castillo</b> to approve the February 3, 2025, 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 in addition to the status of enrollment relative to the ReOb-DeOb process.</p> <p><b>CEO Renee Jaffe</b> shared that by March 7<sup>th</sup>, we should know if we will be receiving an additional 5.9 million dollars. She also provided a school readiness legislative update and touched on a couple of notable bills that have been presented during this legislative cycle.</p> <p><b>Krystie Castillo</b> shared that her center is preparing for its CLASS assessment and that she will join Renee for the April Childcare Site Visit at Craft Learning Center.</p> <p><b>Amy Hauser</b> asked if Renee could share some data about the number of VPK-aged children enrolled in VPK programs.</p> <p><b>CEO Renee Jaffe</b> shared that as far as VPK is concerned, the number of 4-year-olds has gone down statewide. She shared some statewide statistics along with a few Broward-specific statistics. Renee will send the new data to Amy and Krystie as soon as she gets the new packet.</p> <p><b>Krystie and Amy</b> shared a brief update that she and a couple of her instructors are waiting to see if TPS will be renewed on March 27<sup>th</sup> and both agreed that having some general information on what to do if ICE showed up to a childcare center would be helpful</p> <p><b>CEO Renee Jaffe</b> shared that she would consult the legal team to see if something along the lines could be disseminated throughout the childcare community.</p>

<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>	<a href="#"><u>May 5, 2025</u></a>
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting adjourned at 10:56 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.*