



Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.
Provider Representative & CEO Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025, at 2:00 PM MINUTES APPROVED on November 14, 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
Meeting Start Time	The Meeting Started at 2:04 PM.
Approve March 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes	A Motion was made by Krystie Castillo to approve the March 3, 2025, meeting minutes, Seconded by Amy Hauser . The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion Passes.
Meeting Topic	<p>Childcare Community Needs CEO Renee Jaffe met with Provider Representatives to continue the ongoing discussion about the needs and priorities of the childcare community.</p> <p>Funding Update One of the key topics discussed was the coalition’s receipt of additional funding due to a redistribution of surplus dollars.</p> <p>Upcoming Legislative Changes The group reviewed anticipated changes to laws regarding immunization requirements. Discussion focused on the impact these changes may have on providers and families.</p> <p>Childcare Town Hall Recap CEO Renee Jaffe provided an update on the recent childcare town hall. While the group was small, the discussion provided valuable community feedback to the Representative and insights on how the providers can better advocate as a united front.</p> <p>Empowering Early Learning Educators Shaleen, Owner of Interamerican Learning Center in Dade County, was highlighted for her ongoing advocacy work in early childhood education. She has been invited to speak at the upcoming PLAN meeting scheduled for September 17.</p> <p>New Center Opening – Viva Christina Academy Krystie has opened a new childcare center, Viva Christina Academy, in Weston. She invited CEO Renee Jaffe and Amy Hauser to tour the new facility.</p>
Unfinished Business	None

New Business	None
Matters from the Chair	None
Public Comments	There was no discussion.
Next Meeting	<u>November 12, 2025 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.