



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Program Committee Meeting Agenda
Friday, October 27, 2023
9:00 – 11:00 am

Purpose: The purpose of the Program Committee is to provide professional supports and leadership to advance the quality of early learning programs in Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties

Committee Members:

Presiding - Michele King Committee Chair, ELC Board, Golisano Children’s Hospital

Damaris Boone, Redlands Christian Migrant Association
Danna Breeden, Collier Health Dept and ELC Nurse
Rodrigo Gamboa-Dominguez, Challenged Minds Learning Center
Patricia Dominguez, Challenged Minds
Ashley Houk, First Presbyterian Church, Naples
Heather Singleton, Child’s Path
Michelle Starr, Collier County Public Schools
Donna Hernandez, Fort Myers Technical College
Penney Norton, Division of Early Learning
Ana Neuhauser, RCMA
Jodi Garrett, Child’s Path
Joanne Pachiva, Lee County School District
Stephanie Rode, St. Andrews Catholic School
Donna Killion, Discovery Day Academy IV

Jami Slack, Open Doors Preschool
Yara Duchesne, RCMA
Jenn Faber, Children’s Council
Dr. Carol Frink, Lee County School District
Tia Knapp, ABC Academy
Rachel McIntyre, Open Doors Lehigh Acres and Estero
Jim Ragusa, Guadalupe Center
Mary Grace Romo, Lee County School District
Kelly Roy, ELC Board Member – FSW
Char-Nequa Smith, Florida Health Department
Paul Welch, Sonrise Academy
Angela Anderson, Guadalupe Center
Rita Dellatore, Kid City
Marie Liebensohn, Lee Memorial
Mandy Willis, Faith Academy
JoAnne Fuciu, Lee Memorial System
Megan Greeley-Gibson, The Children’s Community Center
Rebecca McKellar, Creative World

Staff Members:

Dr. Melanie Stefanowicz, CEO
Gilda Duran, Chief Programs Officer
Leona Adkins, Chief Quality Officer
Cheryl Carpenter, Director of Early Childhood
Bronwyn Gogia, Director of Assessment and Screening
Brenda Griffin, Director of Professional Development

Agenda Items	Facilitator	Discussion and Actions
01. Welcome	Michele King	

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02. Approve: Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2023	Michele King	
03. Quality and Grant Updates	Leona Adkins	
04. Enrollments and Waitlist; Program Services updates	Gilda Duran	
05. Health & Safety updates and concerns	Danna Breeden	
06. CLASS Assessment SR and VPK Provider Contracts	Cheryl Carpenter	
07. Child Assessment and ASQ updates	Bronwyn Gogia	
08. Training updates, Provider Profiles	Brenda Griffin	
09. Legislative Priorities	Melanie Stefanowicz	
10. Open Discussion	Michele King	
11. Next Meeting	Michele King	
12. Adjournment	Michele King	

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