



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
Nominations & Bylaws Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2023
3:00 pm via TEAMS

Purpose:

This committee will approve and ensure adherence to the Coalition’s Bylaws and the responsibilities for recruiting members, nominating officers, and development of Board policies as they relate to Board membership and upholding the Coalition’s required membership composition.

Goals:

- Ensure ELCSWFL Bylaws are current, reflect all legal requirements, and reviewed annually for Board approval.
- Confirm that the ELCSWFL Board Policies are reviewed and approved annually by Board of Directors.
- Provide oversight that the ELCSWFL Board membership and composition requirements are met.
- Oversee ELCSW Board plan for the recruitment of potential candidates for Board and Committee membership is reviewed annually.

Committee Members: **Rebecca McKellar, Chair**, Creative World Schools, Private For-Profit Child Care **Dr. Kelly Roy**, *Professor/Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Florida Southwestern State College*; **Kim Ross**, *Ross Dynasty Cares*; **Mary Grace Romo** Director, Early Childhood Learning Services, Lee County Public Schools, and **Tanya Williams**; Interim Director, Public Services Department, Collier County *Designee-Collier Board of County Commissioners*.

Staff Members: **Susan Block**, (Outgoing Chief Executive Officer); **Dr. Melanie Stefanowicz**, Chief Executive Officer

Agenda Items	Facilitator	Discussion and Action
Welcome & Public Comment	Rebecca McKellar	
Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2023 & April 6, 2023	Rebecca McKellar	<p>Motion to approve the February 23, 2023, meeting minutes by Dr. Kelly Kantz Roy with the second by Mary Grace Romo. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion to approve the April 6, 2023, meeting minutes by Mary Grace Romo, second by Dr. Kelly Kantz Roy. Motion carried.</p>
ELC Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Legislative Session: Impact on ELC 	Dr. Melanie Stefanowicz	<p>Highlights of the legislative session were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 million increase to School Readiness recurring base funding, for a total of \$889 million. The ELC of SWFL • \$20 million increase to VPK funding, which equates to approx. \$148 increase to VPK BSA. • \$315 million in ARPA discretionary funding for coalitions/providers to address local initiatives to meet unique community needs. • SB 2502 removes the provisions that would disqualify a VPK provider based on a failure to meet minimum program assessment composite scores. These changes expire and revert back to current language in one year.
New Member Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ismail 	Dr. Melanie Stefanowicz	An update to the status of these community inquiries was provided to committee members.

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Member Orientation: Review of Onboarding Process	Dr. Melanie Stefanowicz	The Board Member Orientation process is being reviewed.
Board Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee BOCC Capacity Grant • Strategic Planning: Review of DRAFT Dashboard: Quarterly Reporting • 2023-2024 Board Development Schedule 	Rebecca McKellar	<p>Committee members were provided with an update of the Lee County ARPA capacity building grant.</p> <p>The quarterly report of strategic plan goals was provided.</p> <p>The 2023-2024 Development Schedule was discussed and included the following opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FutureMakers presentation • Legislative Platform Development • Board Member Succession Plan • Naples Children & Education Foundation presentation • 2024-2025 Budget Workshop (March 2024) • Strategic Plan Update
Review of Board Vacancies and Recruitment Efforts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governor's Appointees 	Melanie Stefanowicz	The current application on file for the Governor's Appointment remains in review/pending status.
FY 2024 Committee Meeting Calendar	Rebecca McKellar	
Next Meeting Date PROPOSED: August 31, 2023	Rebecca McKellar	
Adjournment:	Rebecca McKellar	Meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

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