



# EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

## Program Committee Meeting Agenda

**Friday, September 8, 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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<b>02. Approve:</b> Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2023	Michele King	
<b>03.</b> Quality and Grant Updates	Leona Adkins	
<b>04.</b> Enrollments and Waitlist; Program updates	Gilda Duran	
<b>05.</b> Health & Safety updates and concerns	Danna Breeden	
<b>06.</b> CLASS Assessment SR and VPK Provider Contracts	Cheryl Carpenter	
<b>07.</b> Child Assessment and ASQ updates	Bronwyn Gogia	
<b>08.</b> Training updates, Provider Profiles	Brenda Griffin	
<b>09.</b> Open Discussion	Michele King	
<b>10.</b> Next Meeting	Michele King	
<b>11.</b> Adjournment	Michele King	

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