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## **Governor Ron DeSantis Appoints Three Members to the Board of The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.**

**FORT MYERS, Fla. – June 2024** – Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has announced the appointment of Kae Moore as Chair, Sean Kempton, and Jamie Merchant to the Board of the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.

Kae Moore is currently a full-time consultant. He is the former President of the Bonita Springs Rotary Club, Vice President of the Southwest Florida YMCA, and Campaign Director for Friends of Lovers Key State Park. Moore earned his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Evansville and his master's degree in education from Miami University.

Sean Kempton is the Director of Sales and Project Manager for Gulf Coast Aluminum. Previously, he served as Deputy Campaign Manager for Casey Askar for Congress. Kempton earned his bachelor's degree in business and managerial economics from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Jamie Merchant is the Manager of Payroll Reporting, Inc. She is a member of the Lee County School District Advisory Council. Merchant volunteers her time with the Florida Department of Education's Library Media and Instructional Material Workgroup and serves as team Chair of the Florida Citizens Alliance.

Chief Executive Officer of the Early Learning Coalition SWFL, Dr. Melanie Stefanowicz says "We are excited to have Kae Moore, Sean Kempton, and Jamie Merchant join our Board of Directors. Their diverse expertise and passion for education will be invaluable as we continue to enhance early learning opportunities in our community. We look forward to their contributions and to working together to achieve our mission of ensuring every child in Southwest Florida has access to high-quality early education."

The new board members will take their places at the June 20, 2024 meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

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### **ABOUT THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida exists to enhance the quality of children's lives by providing families, early childhood educators, caregivers and community partners in Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties, with opportunities to positively impact the future. For details on our services or to donate, please visit [www.elcofswfl.org](http://www.elcofswfl.org) or call (239) 935-6100.