



# EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Program Committee Meeting  
Friday, February 23, 2024  
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**, CCPS

**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

**Kelly Roy**, ELC Board Member – FSW

**Char-Nequa Smith**, Florida Health Department

**Paul Welch**, Sunrise Academy

**Angela Anderson**, Guadalupe Center

**Rita Dellatore**, Kid City

**Marie Liebensohn**, Lee Memorial

**Mandy Willis**, Faith Academy

**JoAnne Fuciu**, Lee Health

**Megan Greeley-Gibson**, The Children's Community Center

**Rebecca McKellar**, Creative World

**Joann Moran**, FDLRS

**Stacie Britton**, FDLRS

**Patricia Dominguez**, Challenged Minds LC

**Demaris Boone**, RCMA

**Jim Ragusa**, Guadalupe Center

## 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

**Monica Gaddy**, Administrative Coordinator

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Discussion and Actions</b>
<b>01.</b> Welcome	Michele King	
<b>02. Approve:</b> Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2024	Michele King	
<b>03.</b> Quality and Grant Updates	Leona Adkins	
<b>04.</b> Enrollments and Waitlist; Program Services 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: <b>April 12, 2024</b> <b>9:00 – 11:00 am</b>	Michele King	
<b>11.</b> Adjournment	Michele King	

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