

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Event Committee Meeting of Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.**

January 8th, 2025

### **Time and Place of Meeting**

A meeting of the Events Committee of Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida, a Florida Non-profit corporation was held on January 8th, 2025, commencing at approximately 8:30am EST at the Oasis Restaurant located at 2260 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901, via in person.

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 8:45 a.m.

The following directors, constituting a quorum, were present in person.

- Tara Sherrod, Committee Chair
- Laura R. Bright, Vice Chair, Board of Directors

Others present ELC staff:

- Melanie Stefanowicz, Chief Executive Officer

- Gilda Duran, Chief Program Officer
- Monica Gaddy Administrative Coordinator.

## **Committee Chairperson**

Tara Sherrod presided as Chairman of the meeting; Monica Gaddy served as secretary and kept the minutes. A quorum of the Committee Members being present, Tara called the meeting to order at approximately 8:45am EST.

## **Approval of November 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Tara initiated a discussion regarding approval of November 6, 2024, meeting minutes. A full discussion followed. Upon motion duly made by Tara Sherrod and seconded by Laura R. Bright, the committee unanimously approved meeting minutes.

## **Agenda**

### **Welcome & Public Comment**

Welcome & Public Comment was presented. No formal action was taken or required.

### **Meeting Agenda Review | Adoption**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

## **Approval of November 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Approval of November 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes, was presented. A full discussion followed. Motion made by Tara Sherrod to approve meeting minutes for November 6, 2024. and seconded by Laura R. Bright.

## **Special Initiatives**

- Teacher Appreciation Dr. Melanie has requested the Early Learning Specialist provide feedback on ideas that they may have on this topic.
- Upcoming Events Upcoming Outreach Events

## **FY 2024-2025 Community Outreach - Calendar of Events**

January 13, 2025, Books, Balls and Bocks. Bonita Springs Public Library

January 23, 2025, Books Ball and Blocks. Lakes Regional Library

March 1, 2025, SWFL Reading Festival. Fort Myers Regional Library

March 14, 2025, Book, Ball and Blocks. Riverdale Library

Kiwanis Kid's Day-March 19, 2025

Collier outreach: <https://www.booksforcollierkids.org>

**Special Initiatives were presented. A full discussion followed. No formal action was taken or required. Informational only.**

## **Partnership Development**

FutureMakers Update: Hippy Program

Roll out for the Hippy Program are being developed. Looking at plans to target Glades County first, as we currently have any providers representation in this county.

Ready Together Alliance. Dr. Melanie will be meeting with Lee County representative. Quality Team is working to get providers on board. We will only need a select few while as we continue to work on building out the plan. Dr. Melanie and Cheyrl Carpenter will be conducting a workshop at the AELC Training Camp the week of January 13-17 2025.

Partnership Development was presented. A full discussion followed. Topic No formal action was taken or required.

### **New Business**

New Business was presented. The possibility of having two in person meetings per year. A full discussion followed. No formal action was taken or required.

Board Meeting Scheduled for January 22, 2025.

### **Next Meeting; Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 a.m. EST. The next meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2025,

Respectfully submitted,

