



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Program Committee Meeting

Friday, May 31, 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

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

Kelly Ross, 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 Health Child Development Center

Megan Greeley-Gibson, The Children's Community Center

Rebecca McKellar, Creative World

Joann Moran, FDLRS

Stacie Britton, FDLRS

Patricia Dominguez, Challenged Minds LC

Angela Nader, Lee County School District

Susan Gorman, NCEF Pediatric Dental Care, Naples

Rashondra Croskey, Glades County School Board

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

Agenda Items	Facilitator	Discussion and Actions
01. Welcome	Michele King	
02. Approve: Meeting Minutes for 4/12/24 Meeting	Michele King	
03. CEO Update(s)	Melanie Stefanowicz	
04. Quality and Director's Training Updates	Leona Adkins	
05. Enrollments and Waitlist; Program Services updates	Gilda Duran	
06. Health & Safety updates and concerns	Danna Breeden	
07. CLASS Assessment SR and VPK Provider Contracts	Cheryl Carpenter	
08. Child Assessment and ASQ updates	Bronwyn Gogia	
09. Training updates, Provider Profiles	Brenda Griffin	
10. Open Discussion	Michele King	
11. Next Meeting: August 30, 2024 (First meeting of the 24-25 fiscal year)	Michele King	
12. Adjournment	Michele King	

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