

Minutes of a Meeting of the Nominations & Bylaws Committee of the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.

June 11th, 2025

Time and Place of Meeting

A meeting of the Nominations & Bylaws Committee of the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida was held on June 11th, 2025, commencing at approximately 3:00pm EDT via Microsoft Teams video conference

The meeting called to order, by Rebecca McKellar, Nominations & Bylaws Committee Chair

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present teleconference:



- Rebecca McKellar, Nominations & Bylaws Committee Chair, Creative World Schools
- Kelly Ross, Professor/Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Florida Southwestern State College
- Jamie Merchant, Payroll Reporting, Inc.

Others present: ELC Staff

- Dr. Melanie Stefanowicz, Chief Executive Officer
- Monica Gaddy, Administrative Coordinator.

Presiding Officer; Secretary

Rebecca McKellar presided as Chair of the meeting; Monica Gaddy served as secretary of the meeting and kept the minutes. A quorum for the Nominations & Bylaws Committee was present, Rebecca McKellar called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00pm EDT.

Adoption of the Agenda

Rebecca McKellar initiated a discussion regarding the adoption of the agenda as presented or with modifications. A full discussion followed. The NB Committee unanimously agreed to adopt the agenda as presented without modifications.

Approval of November 6, 2024, and April 30, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Rebecca McKellar initiated a discussion regarding the approval of the meeting minutes from November 6, 2024, and April 30, 2025. A full discussion followed. Upon motion duly made by Kelly Ross and seconded by Jamie Merchant, the NB Committee unanimously approved the November 6 and April 30 meeting minutes. All in favor, with no one opposed, the motion carried.

Approval of Bylaws and Governance Updates

Rebecca McKellar initiated a discussion regarding approval of Bylaws and Governance updates. A full discussion followed. Upon motion duly made by Kelly Ross and seconded by Rebecca McKellar, the NB Committee unanimously approved the Bylaws and Governance updates.

Approval of the Annual Recommendation of the Slate of Officers for 2025-2026

Rebecca McKellar initiated a discussion regarding the annual recommendation of the slate of officers for the 2025-2026 term. A full discussion followed. Upon motion duly made by Rebecca McKellar and seconded by Jaime Merchant, the NB Committee has unanimously approved the Annual Recommendation of the Slate of Officers for 2025-2026.

Legislative Updates

Dr. Melanie Stefanowicz provided an update on legislative actions.

SB 1102-School Readiness Program/HB 1255-Education was presented to the Governor on 5/23/2025. Status: awaiting signature. SB 738-Child Care of Early Learning Providers is pending transmittal to the Governor. SB 112-Children with Developmental Disabilities signed by Governor 5/27/2025, L.O.F. 2025-95. HB 531-Public Education of Background Screening Requirements- Pending transmittal to Governor. SB 1470-School Safety signed by Governor 5/21/2025, L.O.F. 2025-58.

Fiscal Year **2026 (2025-2026) calendar** will be presented at the June 24, 2025, Board of Directors meeting.

Adjournment

Rebecca McKellar adjournment. Upon motion duly made and Rebecca McKellar, was approved by standing committee. All in favor with no one being opposed. The NB meeting was adjournment.

Next Meeting; Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:41 p.m. EDT. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. EDT via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,