

# **Minutes of a Meeting of the Events Committee of the Board of Directors of the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.**

February 18th, 2026

## **Time and Place of Meeting**

A meeting of the Events Committee of the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida, a [Delaware] corporation (the “**Company**”), was held on February 18th, 2026 commencing at approximately 8:30am EST at the Oasis Restaurant, located at 2260 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard, in Fort Myers, Florida.

## **Call to Order; Roll Call**

The following directors, constituting a quorum, were present in person or by teleconference:

- Tara Sherrod, Committee Chairperson
- Laura Richardson Bright, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Coalition Staff present:

- Melanie Stefanowicz, Chief Executive Officer



- Beth McBride, Chief of Program Services
- Cheryl Carpenter, Chief of Early Childhood Education

### **Presiding Officer; Secretary**

Tara presided as Chair of the meeting; Melanie served as secretary of the meeting and kept the minutes. A quorum of the Board being present, Tara called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30am EST.

### **Welcome & Public Comment**

The section, Welcome & Public Comment, was presented. A full discussion followed. No formal action was taken or required.

### **Approval of September 10 and November 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

The section, Approval of September 10, and November 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes, was presented. A full discussion followed. Upon motion dually made by Laura and seconded by Tara, the September 10 and November 7, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

### **Special Initiatives**

The section, Special Initiatives, was presented. A full discussion followed. No formal action was taken or required.

### **Partnership Development**

The section, Partnership Development, was presented. A full discussion followed. No formal action was taken or required.

## **New Business**

The section, New Business, was presented. A full discussion followed. No formal action was taken or required.

## **Next Meeting & Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m. EST. The next meeting was scheduled for April 15, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the Oasis Restaurant in Fort Myers.

Respectfully submitted,