

Monday, February 09, 2026, at 3:00 pm
6302 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33619

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Facilitator: Aakash Patel, Chair

Committee Members Present:

Aakash Patel*, Dr. Shawn Robinson*, Bob Hyde* and Amanda Jae*

Committee Members Absent:

Jonathan Ferro

ELCHC Staff:

Dr. Fred Hicks, Nancy Will, Abigail Perez*, and Gary Meyer

Other Attendees:

Alex Ochoa

**Indicates attendance by Zoom Meeting platform.*

CALL TO ORDER

Quorum Verification

Noting a quorum was present, Chair Patel called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of October 6, 2025, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Amanda Jae made a motion to approve the October 6, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. A second was made by Dr. Shawn Robinson. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the February 23, 2026, Draft Board of Directors agenda with the addition of adding Day of Play to the agenda.

Amanda Jae made a motion to approve the February 23, 2026 draft Board of Directors agenda with the addition of adding Day of Play to the agenda. Dr. Shawn Robinson made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

Blue Ribbon Review

Dr. Fred Hicks Chief Executive Officer (CEO) asked that all Board members submit two-names of community leaders that could potentially donate or that could bring positive attention to the ELCHC.



Dr. Hicks shared that all board members received a copy of the Young Education of Children Summit sponsorship packet and a save the date. Dr. Hicks stated that all board members are encouraged to fill a table.

Dr. Hicks shared with the committee that the coalition was waiting for a RFP to close to then begin discussing the plans for moving the coalition from its current location to a different location with possible satellite offices to meet the early education needs of the families of Hillsborough County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee

Dr. Shawn Robinson, Chair of the Governance Committee, reported that the Governance Committee was scheduled to meet on Monday, January 26, 2026, to review, discuss and vote on the following:

Approval of the August 4, 2025, draft meeting minutes

Discussion Items

- Application for Board Membership, Cayla Dougherty, Speech-Language Pathologist
- Bylaw review

CEO Report and Announcement of the next meeting of the Governance Committee scheduled for Monday, March 23.

Finance Committee

Dr. Fred Hicks, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Finance Committee report as follows:

Approval of the draft meeting minutes for October 8, 2025

Action Items

- Resolution for approval of CLASS Assessor Contractor
- Resolution for approval of young Children Summit Space for Rental

Finance Report & Year-to-Date Financials through November 20, 2025

CEO Report

Announcements

- Day of Play scheduled for Saturday, February 21 from 10:00-12:00 noon at Sadie Gibbs Martin Community Center in Plant City.
- Next, ELCHC Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 at 3:00 pm

Service Delivery & Efficiency Committee

Amanda Jae, Chair of the Service Delivery & Efficiency Committee, reported that the committee had met on January 22, 2026, to review, approve and discuss the following agenda:

- Approval of May 15, 2025, draft meeting minutes
- Discussion Items: Presentation of Awards to 11 childcare providers exceeding in classroom performance and scores
- Listening Sessions Update from Dr. Fred Hicks
- CEO Report: Legislative Priorities
- Announcements: Next, committee meeting scheduled on March 5, 2026; Day of Play will be held on Saturday, February 21 from 10:00 am-12:00 noon at Sadie Gibbs Martin Community Center

Development & Outreach Committee

Dr. Shawn Robinson Chair of the Development & Outreach committee reported that the Development Committee & Outreach committee met on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 to approve, review and discuss the following items:

Approve the November 12, 2025, committee meeting minutes

Discussion Items

- Education of Young Children's Summit 2026
- Education of Young Children's Summit 2025

Committee Schedule: March 11, May 13, July 18, August 12 and added June 17 meetings all with a meeting time of 3:00 pm.

Provider Review Hearing Committee

Dr. Fred Hicks, CEO reported for the Provider Review Hearing committee as follows:

The Provider Review Hearing Committee met on Thursday, November 5, 2025, to hear the case of The Achievement Center Busch vs ELCHC with the following outcome:

Modification of the ELCHC decision of the termination of contract to the following:

- Six months extended probation from the end of the prior probationary period
- No Class 1 violations
- No repeated violations-Class 2 and Class 1 from the last two years
- Class 3 violations to be addressed by ELCHC Staff
- ELCHC staff are committed to assisting the new director to ensure director has everything needed for success to include additional training for CLASS and for compliance.

Currently, two hearings are scheduled for March 3rd-Kidz Club Academy LLC and March 26-Baby Bliss Daycare LLC.

Legislative Committee

Gino Casanova Chair of the Legislative Committee reported the committee met on Thursday, October 16, 2025, to approve, review and discuss the following agenda:

Approval of the August 27, 2025, draft committee meeting minutes

Discussion Items

- ELCHC Legislative Priorities
- Meeting with elected officials

Announcements

- Day of Play scheduled for December 6, 2025, from 10:00-12:00 noon at Jackson Springs Park & Community Center

CEO REPORT

Dr. Fred Hicks reported on the following:

Listening Update

Dr. Hicks shared the governor's budget showed a decrease in funding for coalitions statewide and

new numbers were delivered to the governor's office mid-January. Dr. Hicks stated he would share additional updates upon his return from Children's Week.

Summit I and II Updates

Dr. Hicks shared that Rick Rampersad, Chief Information Officer, was able to secure sponsorships from several vendors. Dr. Hicks shared that Board Member Gino Casanova was also able to secure sponsorship from his company as well as Gary Meyer, Chief Financial Officer. Dr. Hicks announced total \$70,775.00 on sponsorships were secured to date with a goal of \$90,00 for Summit I.

Wait List Update

Dr. Hicks shared with the hard work and leadership there was no longer a waitlist.

Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County (ELCHC) Lease next steps
Skipped as discussed earlier in the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next, Executive Committee regular Meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Hyde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 pm. Dr. Shawn Robinson made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved by: Robert Hyde Date: 20/07/2026
Bob Hyde, ELCHC Board of Directors Secretary

Signature: Robert Hyde
Robert Hyde (Jul 20, 2026 16:33:37 EDT)

Email: robert.hyde@suncoastcreditunion.com

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Final Audit Report

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