

Monday, April 13, 2026, at 3:00 pm
6302 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33619

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Facilitator: Dr. Shawn Robinson, Vice Chair

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Aakash Patel, and Jonathan Ferro

ELCHC Staff:

Dr. Fred Hicks, Rick Rampersad, and Nancy Will

Other Attendees:

Alex Ochoa, Dr. Jason Anthony and Paul Quin, esq

**Indicates attendance by Zoom Meeting platform.*

CALL TO ORDER

Quorum Verification

Noting a quorum was not present at the time of roll call, Vice Chair Dr. Robinson stated the committee would start with the discussion items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Skipped.

Discussion Items

Summer Boost Results 2025

Dr. Fred Hicks, CEO of the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County (ELCHC) introduced Dr. Jason Anthony from the University of South Florida for the summer 2025 results.

Dr. Anthony highlighted the following:

- Intended to increase the academic performance for entry into kindergarten
- Target has been children and schools that have lower scores on STAR early literacy assessment
- Main ingredients of Summer Boost
 - Kindergarten readiness
 - Training in curriculum
 - Weekly coaching
 - Targeted instruction



- Take home materials
- Family engagement
- What have we learned?
 - Children are learning; demonstrating gains in vocabulary -lettering sounds, letter names, operations and early math skills
 - What is happening in classroom instruction is causing the learning gains.
- Opportunities to improve implementation
 - Earlier and more extended recruitment of schools and families
 - More timely delivery of curriculum
 - Training in delivery of curriculum before Summer Boost
 - Earlier training in curriculum-related web platforms
 - Time to plan lessons prior to Summer Boost
 - Time to prepare materials prior to Summer Boost
 - Face-to-Face Coaching
 - More children's books
- What should we do now?
 - Multipronged efforts to garner supporting implementations of Summer Boost
 - Extend program length by starting earlier and ending later
 - Finalize administrative arrangements early in year, so that recruitment efforts, teacher trainings, delivery of materials, and evaluation efforts are timely
 - Execute data sharing agreement among ELCHC and Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) that permits determination of impact on STAR Early Literacy readiness scores

*Committee Member, Amanda Jae joined the meeting establishing quorum 11 minutes into the meeting.

There was committee discussion on ways to improve the program, including creative ways to fund the program into the future. There was also committee discussion on the details of teacher needs including the survey results taken by Dr. Anthony's team after Summer Boost 2025 in preparation for Summer Boost 2026.

Dr. Hicks shared that roughly 1,500 parents received a letter from the ELCHC notifying them about Summer Boost 2026 as these children are below the 707-score goal for kindergarten readiness.

Action Items

Approval of the February 9, 2026, Executive Committee draft meeting minutes

Amanda Jae made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 9, 2026, as presented in the agenda packet. Bob Hyde made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the April 20, 2026 draft Board of Directors Agenda

Amanda Jae made a motion to approve the draft of the Board of Directors agenda for April 20, 2026, as presented in the agenda packet. Bob Hyde made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

CEO Contract

Paul Quin, explained Dr. Hicks' contract was for 1 year, then 2 years, and it will renew for another 2 years unless, it is terminated subject to termination revisions of the contract prior to November to not continue the evergreen process. Mr. Quin also explained that the only discussion needed is merit increases at the annual time of CEO evaluation by the Board of Directors.

Spending Plan

Dr. Hicks explained that every coalition is trying to land the plane towards the end of the fiscal year. Dr. Hicks shared with the committee that several initiatives are being asked for approval of the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors soon. Dr. Hicks shared that ELCHC staff would also be receiving new laptops as well with the funds available at this point in the fiscal year. Dr. Hicks explained that moving forward the Board of Directors will be seeing a list of initiatives to help spend down the funds remaining within the fiscal year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee

Dr. Shawn Robinson, Chair of the Governance Committee, reported that the Governance Committee met on Monday, March 23, 2026 to review, and discuss the items within the agenda packet memo.

Dr. Robinson highlighted the discussion was centered around leaving the by-laws as they are which include board members able to attend board meetings virtually to give an opportunity for members to best utilize their time and increase participation.

Finance Committee

Dr. Fred Hicks, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Finance Committee report as outlined in the agenda packet.

Service Delivery & Efficiency Committee

Amanda Jae, Chair of the Service Delivery & Efficiency Committee, reported that the committee had met on March 5, 2026, to review, approve and discuss the agenda as outlined in the agenda packet.

Development & Outreach Committee

Dr. Shawn Robinson Chair of the Development & Outreach committee reported that the Development Committee & Outreach committee met on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 to approve, review and discuss the following items as outlined in the agenda packet.

Provider Review Hearing Committee

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

The Provider Review Hearing Committee met on March 26, 2026 to hear the case of Baby Bliss daycare LLC and let on March 30, 2026 to hear the case of University C.C.C. with the following outcomes attached to the agenda packet for the committee to review.

Dr. Hicks noted that currently, no hearings are scheduled.

Legislative Committee

Gino Casanova, Chair of the Legislative Committee, reported there was not a meeting during the last cycle of meetings. Mr. Casanova shared that there would be a meeting as soon as session is concluded to strategically plan out the next fiscal year.

CEO REPORT

Dr. Fred Hicks reported on the following:

Legislative update

No update.

Education of Young Children Summit I and II

Dr. Hicks shared that the venue has been secured for the Young Children Summit part II at The Skill Center.

Waitlist Update

Dr. Hicks shared that the goal the team is working on is no children left on the waitlist.

ELCHC: Lease next steps

Dr. Hicks shared there was a second tour of the Suncoast building. Dr. Hicks shared that the ELCHC will absorb the broker fee. Dr. Hicks also shared that moving forward there will be large savings in the future with the move in 2027.

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) PM2 Update

Dr. Hicks the ELCHC is working to assist parents to ensure their students are successful.

ANNOUCEMENT

Day of Play Saturday, June 6, 2026 will be held at Feeding Tampa Bay from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon please RSVP with Nancy Will.

Teacher's Night Out at the Italian Club of Tampa on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 5:30 pm, please RSVP with Nancy Will.

The next ELCHC Executive Committee meeting will be held on June 15, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Hyde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:59 pm. Dr. Shawn Robinson made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved by: Robert Hyde Date: 20/07/2026
Robert Hyde (Jul 20, 2026 16:32:11 EDT)
Bob Hyde, ELCHC Board of Directors Secretary

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