BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

Monday, April 20, 2026 at 3:00 pm
6302 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33619

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Facilitator: Aakash Patel, Chair

Board Members Present:
Rebecca Bacon, Dr. Daira Barakat*, Dr. Larissa Baia*, Tracye Brown*, Commissioner Gwendolyn Myers, Beth Pasek, Dr. Shawn Robinson, Annette Eberhart, Kelley Flannery*, Wynton Geary*, Keidrian Kunkel*, Brian Mays, Aakash Patel*, Felicia Thomas*, Gino Casanova*, Amanda Jae, Dr. Jacquelyn Jenkins*, Beth Pasek*, Chantal Porte*, Alina Shaffer, Noelle Wostal*, and Cameron Cassedy*

Board Members Absent:
Jonathan Ferro, Adam Geary, Dr. Emily Shaffer-Hudkins, Bob Hyde, Brian Mays, Commissioner Myers, and Ashley Porch,

ELCHC Staff:
Dr. Fred Hicks, Nancy Will, Sabrina Ruiz, Rick Rampersad, Lissette Godwin and Yarima Hernandez Tamayo*

Other Attendees:
Attorney Paul Quin, Alex Ochoa, Storm Webb, Jessica Gobble, Caleb Lewis, Doug Coleman, Suzanne Chambers and Cindy Lehnhoff

CALL TO ORDER

Quorum Verification

Noting an established quorum, Chair Patel called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Patel asked Felicia Thomas to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Patel recognized Board Member Noelle Wostal who shared the news of a new addition to her family.

Chair Patel recognized Board Member Cameron Cassedy who shared that he was recently named the President of the Cassedy Investment Firm.

Chair Patel recognized Board Member Kelly Flannery who shared a successful women's event.

Chair Patel yield the floor for Board Member Keidrian Kunkel to share that she has appointed Sheila Doyle, Chief Financial Officer of CareerSource Tampa Bay to take her seat on the ELCHC Board of Directors.

Chair Patel announced that moving forward ELCHC Board members may attend board meetings virtually via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENT I

No, public comment I.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mission Moment

Chair Patel asked ELCHC Board member Cameron Cassedy to share his mission moment. Mr. Cassedy shared that he has young children and understands the importance of early education. Mr. Cassedy also shared he believes education has the potential to change the mind and direction of young learners.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were included under the Consent Agenda:
Approval of April 20, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Approval of the February 23, 2026, Board of Directors Draft Meeting Minutes
Approval to apply for the JaCarlene Foundation Grant Funding.

Amanda Jae made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A. through C. Cameron Cassidy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

Paul Quin shared there were no legal updates as it pertained to the ELCHC Board of Directors.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval to allocate $195,000 for Roebuck Technologies Managed IT services, Cybersecurity, Help Desk and Infrastructure Management

Dr. Shawn Robinson made a motion to approve the allocation of $195,000 for Roebuck Technologies, managed IT services, cybersecurity, help desk and infrastructure management. Amanda Jae made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval to allocate $900,000 for the 2026 Childcare Provider and Family Childcare Home Virtual Learning Materials

Amanda Jae made a motion to approve the allocation of $900,000 for the 2026 Childcare Provider and Childcare Home virtual learning materials. Annette Eberhart made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval to release a request for quotes to commission an independent evaluation of the 2026 Summer Boost Program not to exceed $175,000

Felicia Thomas made a motion to approve the release for quotes to commission an independent evaluation of the 2026 Summer Boost Program not to exceed $175,000. Dr. Shawn Robinson made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval to allocate funding for Summer Boost

Rebecca Bacon made a motion to approve the allocation to fund Summer Boost. Amanda Jae made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval to allocate $735,250 for Quality Incentive Stipends for Childcare Providers, Family Childcare Homes, Teachers, and Directors participating in ELCHC Quality Programs

Dr. Shawn Robinson made a motion to approve the allocation of $735,250 for quality incentive stipends for Childcare Providers, Family Childcare Homes, Teachers, and Directors participating in ELCHC quality programs. Dr. Daira Barakat made a second. The motion passed.

Board Members Amanda Jae and Annette Eberthard abstained from the vote.

F. Approval to allocate for Quality funding for the 2026 Childcare Provider and Family Childcare Home Stability Support Mini-Grant

Rebecca Bacon made a motion to approve the allocation for quality funding for the 2026 Childcare Provider and Family Childcare Home Stability Mini-Grant. Dr. Shawn Robinson made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Chairman of the ELCHC Board of Directors, Aakash Patel highlighted the memo within the agenda packet on page 44.

Governance Committee

Dr. Shawn Robinson shared with the board the memo highlights within the agenda packet on page 45.

Finance Committee

Dr. Jacquelyn Jenkins shared with the board the memo highlights within the agenda packet on page 46.

Service Delivery and Efficiency Committee

Amanda Jae shared with the board the memo highlights withing the agenda packet on page 47.

Development & Outreach Committee

Dr. Shawn Robinson shared with the board the memo highlights within the agenda packet on page 48.

Provider Review Hearing Committee

Dr. Jacquelyn Jenkins shared with the board the memo highlights within the agenda packet on page 49.

G. Legislative Affairs Committee

Gino Casanova shared there was no meeting of the Legislative Affairs committee during the last meeting cycle. Mr. Casanova also stated that as soon as the state legislator approved the budget the committee would meet to begin the conversation about next fiscal year's strategy.

Discussion

Summer Boost 2025 Results

Dr. Fred Hicks, CEO ELCHC introduced Dr. Jason Anthony with Rightpath Research & Innovation Center at the University of South Florida to present the results of the Summer Boost 2025 program.

Dr. Anthony gave a brief, high-level presentation of the data from the 2025 Summer Boost program as outlined in the agenda packet from pages 23-30.

Dr. Anthony shared with the board the Summer Boost program aims to improve school readiness of rising kindergartens at risk of academic failure. Dr. Anthony shared Summer Boost program from 2025 was 6-weeks long compared to the Summer Boost program of 2024 at 4-weeks with great results.

Dr. Hicks shared the following information.

Financial Statement Audit Presentation by Jeff Goolsby, CPA with forv/s mazars was skipped as Mr. Goolsby could not make the board meeting due to a prior commitment. Mr. Goolsby will attend the Annual ELCHC Board of Directors meeting in June for a full presentation of the clean audit findings.

Financial Report

Yarima Hernandez Tamayo presented the financials through February 28, 2026, as outlined in the agenda packet and highlighted the following:

- Admin percentages are below the 5% set by the state
- Good shape for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) and School Readiness (SR)
- Great shape for forecasting through June 2026

CEO Report

Dr. Hicks shared a brief report on the following:

Legislative update waiting for the legislators to approve the FY26-27 budget.

Education of Young Children Summit I and II Updates are on track. Board member Alina Shaffer and TECO committed to buying a table at the Summit I as well as sponsoring the robotics program.

VPK PM2 scores and currently, entering PM3 scores and soon will know which students will be invested to Summer Boost which targets the lowest performing students.

ELCHC: Lease next steps

Dr. Hicks recognized and thanked Suncoast Credit Union and Board Member Bob Hyde for their support as the ELCHC transitions from one building to another.

Spending Plan

Dr. Hicks thanked the Board of Directors for their approvals for the action items in order to support teachers, owners and directors in the community.

ANNOUCEMENTS

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

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

The next ELCHC Board of Directors Regular Meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT II

There was no Public Comment II.

ADJOURNMENT

Citing the time, Amanda Jae made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 pm. Dr. Shawn Robinson made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved by: Robert Hyde 21/07/2026

Bob Hyde, ELCHC Board of Directors Secretary *Date*

Signature: Robert Hyde
Robert Hyde (Jul 21, 2026 13:23:21 EDT)

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