BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

Monday, June 22, 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:
Aakash Patel, Dr. Shawn Robinson, Beth Pasek, Cameron Cassedy, Kelly Flannery, Gino Casanova*, Annette Eberhart*, Amanda Jae*, Ashley Porch*, Bob Hyde*, Commissioner Myers*, Dr. Jacquelyn Jenkins*, Dr. Emily Shaffer-Hudkins*, Dr. Daira Barakat*, Wynton Geary*, Felicia Thomas*, Noelle Wostal*, Adam Giery*, Alina Shaffer*, and Rebecca Bacon*

Board Members Absent:
Brian Mays, and Chantal Porte,

ELCHC Staff:
Dr. Fred Hicks, Nancy Will, Sabrina Ruiz, Rick Rampersad, and Casie Haines

Other Attendees:
Attorney Paul Quin, Alex Ochoa, Senator Brian Nathan, Deputy Secretary Adrienne Campbell and Dr. Brittany Birken

CALL TO ORDER
Quorum Verification
Quorum was established at 3:06 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance
Chair Patel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT I
No, public comment I.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Chair Patel introduced Senator Brian Nathan as the guest speaker. Senator Brian Nathan introduced himself as being elected in the Special elections in March 2026. Senator Nathan shared a couple of his top priorities as redistricting and property taxes. Senator Nathan shared with the board that he was a navy veteran and was able to complete his degree in 2008 utilizing the GI Bill. Senator Nathan also shared that wants to bring back common sense governing and supports the Voluntary Pre-School Program (VPK) as his family was able to use the program for their daughter. Senator Nathan shared that both his children are currently in high school and doing well. Senator Nathan also shared that he would need to run for reelection in November to continue to support programs like VPK and other programs that support regular Floridians.
Chair Patel thanked Senator Nathan for his service and shared that a date would be worked on for the Senator to visit a childcare facility.

Dr. Fred Hicks Chief Executive Officer (CEO) shared that a military initiative would be worked on again for this next session.

Senator Nathan confirmed his availability in attending the Education of Young Children's Summit in September.

Chair Patel introduced Deputy Secretary Adrienne Campbell. Deputy Secretary shared that education is a top priority to her and her family having four children with the youngest recently graduating from VPK. Depurty Secretary shared the Florida juvenile system is one of the largest in the country starting with education and training to set kids up as much as possible for success. Deputy Secretary shared that there is a potential for a partnership between the Early Learning Coalitions and her office.

There was board conversation pertaining to Deputy Secretary's office and the work they do for preventable childcare challenges.

Chair Patel thanked Deputy Secretary Campbell for her time and sharing the work her office does in partnership with setting up families and children for success.

Chair Patel asked board members present if they were able to attend the Education of Young Children Summit in September.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were included under the Consent Agenda:
Approval of the June 22, 2026, Board of Directors Annual Meeting Agenda
Approval of the April 20, 2026, Board of Directors Draft Meeting Minutes

Beth Pasek made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Shawn Robinson made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

Paul Quin, ELCHC Board attorney, shared the coalition is moving ahead with a memo of understanding with the school district and the housing authority. Mr. Quin shared there would be revisions before the Governance Committee by the next meeting to keep the board up to date.

ACTION ITEMS

Nomination & Election of Officers

Chair Patel read through the slate of current officers one by one for nomination and vote.

Kelly Flannery made a motion to re-elect Dr. Shawn Robinson as Vice Chair of the ELCHC Board of Directors. Adam Giery made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Shawn Robinson made a motion to re-elect Bob Hyde as Secretary of the ELCHC Board of Directors. Beth Pasek made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Shawn Robinson made a motion elect Noelle Wostal as Treasure of the ELCHC Board of Directors. Beth Pasek made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

ELCHC Committee Assignments FY26-27

Chair Patel stated that committees would stay the same until the next meeting in August.

Chair Patel assigned new board member Ms. Sheila Doyle to the Finance Committee.

ELCHC Proposed Board of Directors Meeting Schedule FY 26-27

Chair Patel stated that the board meeting in October would need to be moved from October 12 to October 19 as it is a bank holiday.

Cameron Cassedy made a motion to approve the ELCHC Board of Directors meeting schedule for FY26-27 as presented. Dr. Shawn Robinson made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Quality Funding Allocation for the 2026 Childcare Provider and Family Child Care Home Stability Support Mini-Grant

Dr. Shawn Robinon made a motion to approve the quality funding allocation for the 2026 Childcare Provider and Family Child Care Home Stability Support Mini-Grant as presented. Beth Pasek made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

There was board discussion on any one-time dollars being spent and the expectation of providers moving forward with possible continued budget constraints.

DISCUSSION

Child Care Affordability Presentation

Chair Patel introduced Dr. Brittany Birken currently with the Atlanta Federal Reserve System.

Dr. Birken presented on the affordability and economic development and function supports of the Central Bank's mandate of stable prices and maximum employment by helping improve the economic opportunity of low-and moderate-income (LMI) individuals and underserved places for a stronger economy for all Americans.

Presentation of Audited Financials of and for the year ended June 30, 2025

Skipped.

Committee Reports

Each of the committee chairs presented their report based on the memos included in the agenda packet as presented.

Executive Committee

Governance

Finance

Service Delivery & Efficiency

Development & Outreach

Provider Review Hearing

Legislative

FINANCIAL REPORT

ELCHC Budget to Actuals through April 30, 2026

Casie Haines, Chief Financial Officer, presented her findings as presented in the agenda packet. Ms. Haines also, shared plans to spend all administrative dollars with zero children on the waitlist by July 1, 2026.

There was board discussion on the members of the Blue-Ribbon council.

CEO REPORT

Dr. Fred Hicks, CEO shared the following updates briefly due to time constraints.

Budget Update

Education of Young Children Summit I and II Updates

Dr. Hicks shared a list of current sponsors of the Education of Young Children Summit part I. Dr. Hicks encourages board members to fill their tables using the Tool Kit available to assist in raising awareness and funds of the Summit.

ELCHC: Lease next steps

Dr. Hicks shared with the board that a lease would soon be signed after review by attorneys for the ELCHC to move locations starting on January 1, 2027, when staff would need to return to the office at least 50% of the time.

Annual Progress Monitoring (PM) 3 scores for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

Dr. Hicks reviewed the PM3 progress scores on page 54 of the agenda packet.

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Education of Young Children Summit 2026-Sponsorship Packet

Blue-Ribbon Council Information Sheet

ANNOUCEMENTS

The next ELCHC Board of Directors Regular meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT II

There was no Public Comment II.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Shawn Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 pm. Beth Pasek made a second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Read and approved by: Robert Hyde ____ 04/09/2026 ____

Bob Hyde, ELCHC Board of Directors Secretary *Date*

Signature: Robert Hyde
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