

Monday, June 15, 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:**

Dr. Shawn Robinson\*, Bob Hyde, and Aakash Patel\*

**Committee Members Absent:**

Amanda Jae

**Board Members Present:**

Dr. Jaquelyn Jenkins\*

**ELCHC Staff:**

Dr. Fred Hicks, Sabrina Ruiz, Rebecca Salgado and Nancy Will

**Other Attendees:**

Alex Ochoa, Paul Quin, esq and Marian Ebery

*\*Indicates attendance by Zoom Meeting platform.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Quorum Verification**

Noting a quorum was present. Dr. Shawn Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of the May 27, 2026, Executive Committee draft special meeting minutes

*Dr. Shawn Robinson made a motion to approve the May 27, 2026, Executive Committee draft special meeting minutes. Bob Hyde made a second. The motion passed unanimously.*

Approval of the April 13, 2026, Executive Committee draft meeting minutes

*Dr. Shawn Robinson made a motion to approve the April 13, 2026, Executive Committee draft meeting minutes. Bob Hyde made a second. The motion passed unanimously.*

Approval of the June 22, 2026, Board of Directors annual meeting draft agenda

*Dr. Shawn Robinson made a motion to approve the June 22, 2026 Board of Directors annual meeting draft agenda. Bob Hyde made a second. The motion passed unanimously.*

Approval of the Executive Committee meeting draft schedule FY 26-27



*Dr. Shawn Robinson made a motion to approve the Executive Committee draft schedule for FY 26-27 as presented. Bob Hyde made a second. The motion passed unanimously.*

## **Discussion Items**

### **Property Tax Implications**

Dr. Fred Hicks, Chief Executive Officer of the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County (ELCHC) explained that the coalition receives on average \$1.2 to \$1.4 million dollars a year from The Children's Board. Dr. Hicks shared with the committee if the voters of Hillsborough County approve the reduction of property taxes in November the ELCHC would need to look for other sources of revenue to replace what is received from The Children's Board.

### **Senator Brian Nathan Meeting**

Dr. Hicks shared with the committee some details of the meeting he and Chairman of the ELCHC had with Senator Brian Nathan. Dr. Hicks also shared that Senator Nathan was available to attend the Education of Young Children Summit in September. Dr. Hicks also shared that Senator Nathan would be included to share a word at the Education of Young Children Summit.

### **Education of Young Children Summit Update**

Dr. Hicks shared specific details pertaining to the sponsorship to date of \$70,000. Dr. Hicks read a list of those who had committed to the Education of Young Children Summit.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Governance Committee**

Dr. Shawn Robinson, Chair of the Governance Committee, reported that the Governance Committee was scheduled to meet May 18, 2026, on to review, and discuss the items contained in the agenda packet however, due to lack of quorum the meeting was cancelled.

### **Finance Committee**

Dr. Jacquelyn Jenkins, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Finance Committee report as outlined in the agenda packet.

### **Service Delivery & Efficiency Committee**

Dr. Fred Hicks reported on behalf of Amanda Jae, Chair of the Service Delivery & Efficiency Committee, reported that the committee had met on May 7, 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, May 13, 2026, to approve, review and discuss the following items as outlined in the agenda packet.

### **Provider Review Hearing Committee**

Dr. Jacquelyn Jenkins, CEO, reported for the Provider Review Hearing committee as follows: The committee did not meet during the last meeting cycle. Dr. Jenkins shared currently, no scheduled hearings.

## Legislative Committee

Dr. Fred Hicks, CEO of the ELCHC reported on behalf of Gio Casanova, Chair of the Legislative Committee, there was not a meeting during the last cycle of meetings.

## CEO REPORT

Dr. Fred Hicks, due to time constraints, quickly reported on the following:

### Legislative update

Dr. Hicks shared with the committee the redefinition of childcare homes with more details to come.

### Education of Young Children Summit I and II

Dr. Hicks shared that the Development Committee would be meeting this week for further discussion and updates. Dr. Hicks shared that the goal of the second part of the Summit is not to net any funds but to cover the costs with perhaps a few thousand dollars over to cover costs in the event additional funds are needed for cleanup.

### Waitlist Update

Dr. Hicks shared that the goal is not to have a waitlist on July 1, 2026.

### ELCHC: Lease Next Steps

Dr. Hicks shared that the ELCHC signed the intention of the new lease.

### Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) PM3 Update

Dr. Hicks shared that 72%-74% of children are more ready for kindergarten having completed VPK.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The next ELCHC Executive Committee meeting will be held on August 10, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

## ADJOURNMENT

*Bob Hyde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm. Dr. Shawn Robinson made a second. The motion carried unanimously.*

Read and approved by: Robert Hyde Date: 20/09/2026  
Robert Hyde (Sep 20, 2026 20:41:13 EDT)  
*Bob Hyde, ELCHC Board of Directors Secretary*

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