

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
APPROVED SPECIAL  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 27, 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\*, and Bob Hyde\*

**Committee Members Absent:**

Amanda Jae

**ELCHC Staff:**

Dr. Fred Hicks, Sabrina Ruiz, and Nancy Will

**Other Attendees:**

None.

*\*Indicates attendance by Zoom Meeting platform.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Quorum Verification**

Noting a quorum was present, Chair Patel called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Social Media discussion on the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County (ELCHC) and having a policy that includes the order of which members of the media call into a board member for a quote.

Paul Quin esq, spoke to the standard policies that coalitions take in handling social media inquiries. Mr. Quin shared with the committee that board members should refer to any wanted quotes to the CEO, Dr. Fred Hicks, utilizing the expertise of board members.

Dr. Fred Hicks shared that other coalitions do not have a media policy pertaining to the board of directors.

Chair Patel shared that he would like to see a media policy to cover the ELCHC and the Board of Directors. Chair Patel stated that the chair is usually the spokesperson for the Board of Directors when media inquiries are requested.



Mr. Quin stated he would be able to draft a media policy before the next executive committee meeting.

#### Blue- Ribbon Council

The committee discussed committed leaders of community that have accepted the invitation to join the Blue-Ribbon Council.

Chair Patel shared that on September 24 the members of the Blue-Ribbon would be announced. Chair Patel shared that it would be ideal for members to volunteer and self-appoint.

Dr. Hicks explained what it means to be a member of the Blue-Ribbon Council. Dr. Hicks also shared a 1-pager with details to the committee including 4 meetings a year.

Dr. Shawn Robinson shared a person of interest that may want to participate in the council.

Mr. Bob Hyde shared that GTE and Suncoast Credit Union work together. Mr. Hyde stated he would have his higher executives to review the document Dr. Hicks shared.

Chair Patel shared some lunches he had scheduled to share the 1-pager that Dr. Hicks and Mr. Hyde reviewed. Chair Patel stated that he would like to use this council to help get the message of September 24<sup>th</sup> across.

There was committee discussion on any industries that are lacking within the discussion of CEO's to meet with to share the invitation of participating in the Blue-Ribbon Council.

Dr. Hicks stated that he would update the full board of directors on ticket sales. Dr. Hicks also shared there was no speaker for the Young Children Summit to date. Dr. Hicks stated he would get an update on the "Be The Ball" fundraiser through the Mayfield Foundation.

#### ANNOUCEMENT

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting ended at 3:49 pm.*

Read and approved by: Bob Hyde Date: 20/09/2026  
*Bob Hyde, ELCHC Board of Directors Secretary*

Signature: Bob Hyde  
Bob Hyde (Sep 20, 2026 20:40:12 EDT)

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