



ELCHC Service Delivery & Efficiency Committee Meeting Agenda Packet

Thursday, August 27, 2026 @ 3:00 pm

6302 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Suite 100 Tampa, FL 33619

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I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Jae

A. Roll Call/Quorum Verification

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Jae

Individuals wishing to address the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County Board of Directors must complete a Public Comment Request Card and submit it to the official recorder prior to the noticed start time of the meeting. Said comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per individual on a first-come, first-serve basis, and only at such time as is identified on the official meeting agenda for public comment.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Jae

A. Approval of May 7, 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes - 3

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Jae

A. Business Leadership Report

M. Aguiar

B. Teacher's Night Out Update

L. Godwin

V. CEO REPORT

Dr. Frederick
Hicks

A. Education of Young Children Summit Part II 2026 Update

B. Lease Update: Plan to inform clients

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Jae

A. Day of Play: Saturday, December 5, 2026 from 10:00 am-12:00 noon at Gardenville Recreation Center in Gibsonton

B. The next meeting of the Service Delivery & Efficiency Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Jae

Thursday, May 7, 2026, 2026 at 3:00 pm
6302 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Ste. 100,
Tampa, Florida 33619
Hybrid

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Facilitator: Rebecca Bacon, Vice Chair & Amanda Jae, Chair

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Larissa Baia*, Rebecca Bacon*, Commissioner Gwen Myers, and Amanda Jae

Committee Members Absent:

Annette Eberhart

ELCHC Staff:

Dr. Fred Hicks, Nancy Will and Stacey Francois, Lissette Godwin and Nikki Gonzalez

Other Attendees: Alex Ochoa, and Ashli Givens

*Indicates attendance via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Quorum Verification

Noting a quorum was present, Committee Vice Chair, Rebecca Bacon, called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment

ACTION ITEM

Approval of March 5, 2026, Draft Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Myers made a motion to approve the March 5, 2026, draft meeting minutes with change in attendance of Rebecca Bacon who was not present. Dr. Larissa Baia made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair of the Service Delivery & Efficiency committee meeting, Amanda Jae joined the meeting.

Approval of the proposed FY26-27 Service Delivery & Efficiency Committee meeting schedule



Committee meeting schedule as proposed. Dr. Larissa Baia made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Teacher's Night Out

Stacey Francios, Director of Program and Incentives, shared the successes of Teacher's Night Out that was held on Saturday, May 2. Ms. Francios shared that 246 educators, 30 volunteers, 11 vendors and 1 board member attended and enjoyed the evening. Ms. Francios shared that Dr. Lekia Wilson with 4 Cardinal Health was the keynote speaker. Ms. Francios shared that Teacher's Night is always held as a kick-off for Teacher Appreciation Week.

CEO Report

Dr. Fred Hicks, CEO of the ELCHC, shared the following:

Part 2 of the Young Children's Summit titled 'Ready to Rise' on October 3, 2026

Dr. Hicks shared that teachers will be paired with families to create the needed communication and to share concerns and successes of early education.

Dr. Hicks introduced Ashli Givens with *Rooted In Play*. Ms. Givens shared the concept of *Rooted In Play* for all children including children with special needs, while part 2 of the Young Children's Summit is being held for parents and teachers.

2026-2027 Budget

Dr. Hicks shared that more information would be able for the next fiscal year's budget towards the end of the month.

Education of Young Children 2026 Summit Update

Skipped.

Lease Update

Dr. Hicks shared that the contract for the new office space (the old Suncoast Credit Union Building) for the ELCHC was signed by the broker with the next draft going to the current landlord to get out of the current contract with no penalties. Dr. Hicks also stated that more staff will be in the office on at least a 50% basis. Dr. Hicks shared the last day in the current office space would be 12.31.2026.

Dr. Hicks introduced the topic of the property tax bill for Hillsborough County. Dr. Hicks gave the floor to Board Member Rebecca Bacon, Executive Directors of The Children's Board of Hillsborough County to speak about the proposed tax bill that will be on the ballot in November.

Ms. Bacon shared the impact on revenue would reduce the funds available to community partners. Ms. Bacon shared the good news is the more aggressive proposal was not picked up by the state senate which would have reduced revenue by 35%. Ms. Bacon shared The Children's Board is one small piece that would be effected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amanda Jae announced the following upcoming events:

- iSpy STEM and Storybook Celebration on Saturday, June 6 from 10:00-2:00 at the Omar Footlight Center in Temple Terrace was announced by Nikki Gonzalez, Manager of Initiatives and Projects for the ELCHC.
- Day of Play-June 6, 2025 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm at Feeding Tampa Bay 3624 Causeway Blvd. Tampa, FL 33619

ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Jae called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:04 pm.

Dr. Larissa Baia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Jae made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved by: _____ Date: _____
Bob Hyde, ELCHC Board of Directors Secretary