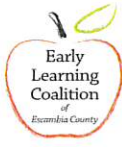


Executive Committee Meeting

April 25, 2024

Consent Agenda

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Executive/Finance Committee Meeting

April 25, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda

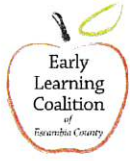
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CA-1



Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County

1720 West Fairfield Drive, Suite 100/400
Pensacola FL. 32501

DATE: April 11, 2024

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

A meeting of the legislatively mandated Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County

Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 25th of April 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County
1720 West Fairfield Drive, Suite 100/400
Pensacola, FL. 32501

The agenda and meeting materials will be posted to www.elcescambia.org
For more information, or to receive an invite to the full virtual meeting, call or email:
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Renee Maxwell

From: Renee Maxwell
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To: Pensacola News Journal (business@pnj.com)
Subject: Public Service Announcement April 2024

Good afternoon,

Please post the following April 2024 meeting in your free government meeting calendar for the Early Learning Coalition of Escambia.

Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 25th, 2024, at 8:30am.

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Thank you.

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Executive/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Members Present

Van Mansker
Shannon Nickinson

Roger Thompson

Mona Jackson

Members Absent

Melissa Birdsall

Staff

Bruce Watson
Melissa Jennings

Dawn Engel

Darrell Merritt

Public

None

I. Welcome and Introductions

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II. Public Comments

None.

III. Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Ms. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Thompson, the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Agenda, and Minutes of February 22, 2024, was approved without objection.

IV. Coalition Status Reports

a. **Financial Update**

Through February 2024 the Coalition has spent \$10.2 million of the \$17.3 million SR grant which is 59.2% of the grant. Admin was 2.4%, Non-Direct was 17.7% and Quality was 8.9%. VPK Admin was 3.2%.

b. **Enrollment/Wait List Status Report**

There are 2,620 children enrolled in the School Readiness Program. There are 590 children on the Wait List. The last pull from the Wait List was on March 25, 2024, for applications made between October 2 and October 8, 2023. There are 1,641 children currently enrolled in VPK. Since the application window opened on January 1st, for the 2024-2025 program year, 855 applications have been approved.



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c. Contracting and Fraud Summary Report

There are 84 SR providers and 72 VPK providers.

V. **Committee Recommendations**

- a. None

VI. **Old Business**

a. ARPA Grant Funding - Update

The Coalition has spent \$2.5 million of the \$4.99 million ARPA Early Learning Discretionary grant through the end of February.

b. MIP Implementation

Most of the inputs to set up the MIP program have been submitted. Training for the finance staff has begun. During this training period, overtime has been approved.

c. Board Member Orientation April 2024

The Coalition staff will conduct an orientation for new Board members immediately after the April Board meeting. Members who have not attended an orientation are strongly requested to attend. All other Board members are welcome to attend if desired.

d. Joyce Griffin Room Dedication

The new plaque proof is still in progress. The dedication ceremony is scheduled to be held during the June Board meeting.

VII. **New Business**

a. IACET Plaque

The Coalition gained the certification as an IACET approved agency. The certification plaque was shared with the Committee.

b. Kindergarten Readiness Rates

The DEL has published the Kindergarten Readiness rates for the State by county and by School. Florida was 51% ready and Escambia was 50% ready. State VPK completers were 64% ready and Escambia 64% ready. State non-participants were 36% ready and Escambia 38% ready.

b. Legislative Session Results Preview

The Legislative Session \$1.7 billion for Early Learning programs highlights were presented and discussed. These highlights will be presented at the next Board meeting.

VIII. **Audits and Reviews - In Progress**

a. A-133 Audit for 2022-2023 In Process

In process, onsite April 22-26, 2024

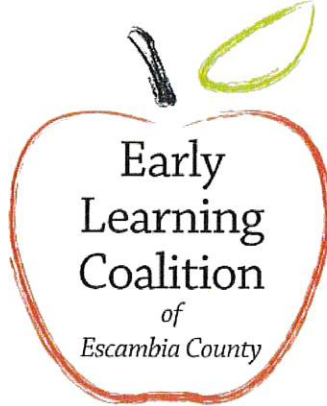


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b. DEL Financial Review 2023-2024 – Onsite Complete, report is in draft with DEL
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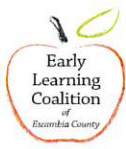
IX. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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SR/VPK Status Report Week of 4/15/24-4/21/24

SR Children Currently Enrolled by Age by Funding as of 4/21/2024								
	Pri 1		Pri 2/3		Pri 4/5	Pri 6/7		
FUNDER	TANF	TANF WKG	PS	PS-RCG	TCC	ECON	SRMT	TOTALS
BILLING CODE	BG3	BG3W	BG1	BG3R	BG5	BG8	BG8	
INFANT	2	0	21	0	0	78	6	107
TODDLER	2	0	43	0	1	173	10	229
2YR	7	0	32	2	1	282	14	338
PR3	5	0	40	1	3	317	11	377
PR4	2	0	31	1	1	306	11	352
PR5	4	0	23	3	2	175	5	212
SCHOOL AGE	3	0	47	11	3	911	18	993
TOTAL BY FUNDER	25	0	237	18	11	2242	75	2608

Wait List Update as of 4/21/2024	Wait List Activity Update					
	Applied	Children	Notice	Applied	Children	Notice
Information by Child						
Pri 6: Birth to Sch Age	342	08/28-09/03	43	02/06/24	12/25-12/31	17
Pri 7a: 5-9 Children with Pri 6 Siblings	75	09/04-09/10	26	02/20/24	01/01-01/07	37
Pri 7b: 5-9 Children w/ No Pri 6 Siblings	23	09/11-09/17	24	03/06/24	01/08-01/14	30
Pri 7c: 10-12 Other Children	24	09/18-09/24	15	03/19/24	01/15-01/21	33
SRMT	85	09/25-10/1	20	03/19/24	01/22-01/28	25
Total on Wait List	549	10/2-10/8	28	03/25/24	01/29-02/04	26
		10/9-10/15	18	04/03/24	02/05-02/11	25
		10/16-10/22	11	04/03/24	02/12-02/18	29
		10/23-10/29	35	04/09/24	02/19-02/25	18
		10/30-11/05	19	04/17/24	02/24-03/03	21
Week of 4/15/24-4/21/24		11/06-11/12	26	04/17/24	03/04-03/10	22
Total New Enrollments	20	11/13-11/19	33		03/11-03/17	21
Total Redeterminations	28	11/20-11/26	6		03/18-03/24	26
Total Re-Enrollments	0	11/27-12/03	25		03/25-04/01	22
Total Terminations	19	12/04-12/10	29		04/02-04/08	37
		12/11-12/17	7		04/09-04/15	20
		12/18-12/24	19		04/15-04/21	21

School Readiness Data by Fiscal Year												
FY 23/24	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
New Enrollments	95	166	95	99	73	78	90	110	91			
Redeterminations	155	150	175	171	132	97	147	117	146			
Re-Enrollments	12	18	10	8	5	16	10	7	11			
Terminations	118	172	144	119	89	84	69	65	64			

VPK 23/24 Program Year				
Adhoc Reports	Submtd	Approved	Enrolled	Rejected
School Year	1	2188	1578	45
Summer	2	8	NA	8

VPK 24/25 Program Year				
Adhoc Reports	Submtd	Approved	Enrolled	Rejected
School Year	29	1124	NA	74
Summer	0	2	NA	2

ELC ESCAMBIA FY23/24 WAIT LIST PULL RESULTS SUMMARY - SRMT ONLY

		Parent Data								Transition Data (Waiting for Provider) - Note 1								Child Data			
Wait List Pulls Complete																					
Pull Date	Applied Range	Families In Pull	No Purpose for Care	Over Income	Declined Services	No Provider Chosen	Elig Started Not Complete	No Response	Families Enrolled	Families Wtg Provider	Child Wtg for Provider	Children Waiting for Provider by Age Group							# Children In Pull	# Children Enrolled	% Children Enrolled
												Inf	1	2	3	4	5	Sch			
7/6/2023	SRMT	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	6									11	9	82%	
7/11/2023	SRMT	10	0	0	1	0	0	2	7									13	10	77%	
07/18/23	SRMT	30	0	0	0	1	5	8	16									35	17	49%	
07/26/23	SRMT	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	4									10	5	50%	
08/09/23	SRMT	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2									4	2	50%	
08/15/23	SRMT	14	0	0	1	2	1	2	8									16	9	56%	
08/22/23	SRMT	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	5									9	5	56%	
09/26/23	SRMT	10	0	0	1	1	2	3	3									13	4	31%	
10/03/23	SRMT	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	2									5	2	40%	
10/24/23	SRMT	10	0	0	1	0	5	2	2									14	2	14%	
11/01/23	SRMT	11	0	0	0	0	3	5	3									14	3	21%	
11/14/23	SRMT	12	0	0	0	0	4	3	5									15	6	40%	
11/28/23	SRMT	7	0	0	0	1	1	1	4									9	6	67%	
12/14/23	SRMT	7	0	0	0	0	3	3	1									9	1	11%	
01/04/24	SRMT	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	2									5	2	40%	
01/10/24	SRMT	6	0	0	0	0	1	2	3									7	3	43%	
01/18/24	SRMT	12	0	1	0	2	1	3	5									17	6	35%	
01/24/24	SRMT	12	0	0	0	1	1	2	8									17	10	59%	
01/30/24	SRMT	12	0	0	1	1	2	2	6									15	8	53%	
02/06/24	SRMT	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	2									8	3	38%	
02/20/24	SRMT	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3									3	3	100%	
03/06/24	SRMT	5	0	0	1	0	0	1	3									7	3	43%	
03/19/24	SRMT	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	5	1	20%
Totals: Pulls Completed		202	0	2	8	10	34	44	101	3	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	261	120	46%
Family No Care Percentage		49%	0%	1%	4%	5%	17%	22%	50%	1%											
Wait List Pulls Still In Process - Note 2																					
03/25/24	SRMT	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	2									5	3	60%	
04/03/24	SRMT	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	2									5	3	60%	
04/09/24	SRMT	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0%	
04/17/24	SRMT	7	0	0	0	0	1	5	1									7	1	14%	
Totals: Pulls in Process		19	0	0	0	0	2	11	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	21	7	33%	
4/21/2024		Note 1: Transition data is not counted in Families or Child Data.								Note 2: Families less than 30 days from initial W/L pull.											

Contracting and Fraud Summary Report FY23-24 (11) (2)

ACTIVE SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDERS						
Provider Type			FY 2023-2024			Current Total
	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	Previous Total	Providers Added	Providers Removed	
LFCCH	13	13	14	0	0	14
RFCCH	5	5	4	0	0	4
Licensed Center	57	54	56	0	0	56
Licensed Exempt Center	10	12	10	0	0	10
After School Only	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Active SR Providers	85	84	84	0	0	84

NEW CONTRACTED SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDERS						
Provider Type			FY 2023-2024			Total New Contracts
	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	Previous Total	New Contracts		
Homes (LFCCH & RFCCH)	3	0	1	0	1	
Licensed Center	8	6	5	0	5	
Licensed Exempt Center	2	2	0	0	0	
After School Only	0	0	0	0	0	
Total New SR Contracts	13	8	6	0	6	

PROVIDER SR CONTRACT TERMINATIONS						
Provider Type			FY 2023-2024			Current Total
	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	Previous Total	New Terms	Termination Reasons	
LFCCH	1	0	0	0		0
RFCCH	3	0	1	0		1
Licensed Center	2	7	2	0		2
Licensed Exempt Center	2	0	2	0		2
Total Provider Choice Terminations	8	7	5	0		5

COALITION SR CONTRACT TERMINATIONS						
Provider Type			FY 2023-2024			Current Total
	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	Previous Total	New Terms	Termination Reasons	
Licensed	1	3	1	0		1
Exempt	0	0	0	0		0
Registered FCCH	1	0	0	0		0
Total Coalition Contract Terminations	2	3	1	0		1

TOTAL CONTRACT TERMINATIONS	10	10	6	0		6
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Termination Reason Key	
1= Provider Choice - Retired	8= Insurance Non-Compliance
2= Provider Choice - Low enrollments	9= VPK Improvement Plan Non-Compliance
3= Provider Choice - No reason given	10= Fraud Referral
4= Change in status (i.e. Licensed)	11= VPK -No VPK Director
5= Contract Non-Compliance	12= Prior Year Contract Non-Renewal
6= DEL/ELC Policy Non-Compliance	13= Provider Required to Close
7= ASQ Non-Compliance	

Contracting and Fraud Summary Report FY23-24 (11) (2)

ACTIVE VPK PROVIDERS						
			FY 2023-2024			
Provider Type	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	Previous Total	Providers Added	Providers Removed	Current Total
Licensed	46	47	44	0	1	43
Licensed Exempt	11	11	12	0	0	12
School District	14	16	16	0	0	16
Total Active VPK Providers	71	74	72	0	1	71
NEW CONTRACTED VPK PROVIDERS						
			FY 2023-2024			
Provider Type	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	Previous Total	New Contracts	Total New Contracts	
Licensed	6	3	2	0	2	
Licensed Exempt	2	0	1	0	1	
Total New VPK Contracts	8	3	3	0	3	
PROVIDER VPK CONTRACT TERMINATIONS						
			FY 2023-2024			
Provider Type	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	Previous Total	New Terms	Termination Reasons	Current Total
Licensed Center	0	4	4	0		4
Licensed Exempt Center	0	0	0	0		0
Total Provider Choice Terminations	0	4	4	0		4
COALITION CONTRACT TERMINATION						
			FY 2023-2024			
Provider Type	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	Previous Total	New Terms	Termination Reasons	Current Total
Licensed	1	1	0	1	5=1	1
Exempt	1	0	0	0		0
Total Coalition Contract Terminations	2	1	0	1		1
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Total VPK Only Providers						
	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
	39	41	34	37	39	35
Fraud Summary						
Pending Action	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Total Cases	1	0	0	0	6	11
Active Client	0	0	0	0	5	2
Active Provider	1	0	0	0	0	0
Restitution Submitted	\$63,514.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$154,280.00	\$2,711,710.00
Pending Client	3	3	3	0	5	7
Pending Provider	2	0	0	0	0	1
Potential Restitution	\$189,335.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$152,811.00	\$2,711,710.00
Closed or Adjudicated	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Client	1	0	0	0	1	3
Provider	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restitution Ordered	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restitution Ordered Prior to July 2015	\$174,566.00					



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April 15, 2024

Walter B. Watson, Jr.
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Re: Board Membership

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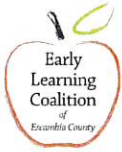
I am pleased to share that the Board of Directors for the Escambia Children's Trust (ECT) has designated me to serve as the ECT-the local children's services council-representative to the Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County. Please add me to your communications so I can stay up to date with activities and where I need to be.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and the Board.

Sincerely,

Lindsey B. Cannon

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Executive Director



Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County Board Member Application

Must be a Florida Resident to Apply

Please type or print clearly

Personal Information

Cannon	Lindsey	B
Last Name	First Name	Middle
Escambia Children's Trust		Executive Director
Employer/Affiliation		Title
1000 College Blvd, Bldg 26, 2nd Floor		
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850-475-4981	850-776-6403	lcannon@escambiachildrenstrust.org
Phone	Mobile	Email

Are you a parent: Y N If yes, age(s) of Child(ren) 8 and 11

Is your employer a private, for-profit enterprise, a community based non-profit organization

Other (please specify): Children's Services Council

Community/Civic Involvement

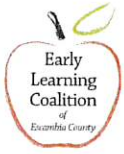
Please list up to five community, civic, professional, business, and other organizations of which you are or have been a member.

Organization Name	Dates of Membership	Position(s) Held
Statewide Coalition on the Homeless	2009-January 2024	Ex-Officio Appointee
United Way Agency Directors Assoc.	July 2017-November 2023	Vice Chair; Chair

Statement of Interest

Reasons for applying/additional comments: As the newly selected Executive Director for Escambia Children's Trust

I am seeking to replace the interim director, Tammy Abrams who has been serving on your board. As an organization, a focus of funding efforts center around early childhood efforts and kindergarten readiness which currently supports the ELC. I believe participation on the ELC Board of Directors will allow for informed collaboration and innovative partnership.



Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County Board Member Application

Must be a Florida Resident to Apply

Federal and State law requires this Coalition to reflect representation of the local community by race, gender, ethnicity, and other characteristics.

Race (check one): White Black Asian or Pacific Islander
 American Indian or Alaskan Native

Sex: Male Female Are you age 55 or older? Yes No

Are you a veteran? Yes No Do you have any disabling conditions? Yes No

If you need accommodation, please specify: _____

Commitment and Operational Statements

Time Commitment: Serving on the Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County will require a commitment of time including regular coalition meetings, committee involvement, reading and becoming educated about many aspects of early childhood development and school readiness.

Employment: The school readiness legislation states that nominated members must be from the private sector, and neither they nor their families may earn an income from the early education or child care industry.

Conflict of Interest: Conflict of interest may occur when an item is presented for a vote that will directly affect you, your employer, or another organization you are involved with. Conflict of interest rules generally require you to disclose the conflict and abstain from discussion or voting on the matter.

Government in the Sunshine: The Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County is a legislatively mandated group and will operate following the guidelines of "Government in the Sunshine".

My signature below confirms my understanding of these requirements and my agreement for application for membership to the Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County.

Lindsey B. Cannon
Applicant Signature

3/26/2024
Date

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORM & CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The deadline for submission of this membership application is: **There are no current deadlines.**

Application forms may be submitted by mail to:

Bruce Watson, Executive Director
Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County
3300 N. Pace Blvd, Suite 210, Pensacola, FL 32505
Or by email: bwatson@elcescambia.org



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Renee Maxwell

From: Bruce Watson
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 8:55 AM
To: Misi Birdsall
Cc: Renee Maxwell; Van Mansker
Subject: RE: Board of Directors

Misi,

Thank you for letting this know. I will take this as your resignation. We will make it formal at the Board meeting on Thursday.

It has been a pleasure having you serve on our Board. Good luck in all your future endeavors.

Respectfully, Bruce

Walter B. Watson, Jr.
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“Our children ‘learn how to learn’ in pre-school so they are better prepared to enter Kindergarten. In this regard our efforts are second only to that of their parents.”

Walter B. Watson, Jr., August 2020

Sunshine Law and Public Records Caution: 1) The Florida Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits discussion outside of a duly noticed meeting between any two or more Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County board members regarding any matter that may come before the Board. This prohibition extends to discussions via email. 2) Furthermore, most email communications made or received by the Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County members or staff are considered public records that must be retained and, upon request, made available to the public and media.

From: Misi Birdsall <melissabirdsall7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:51 AM
To: Bruce Watson <bwatson@elcescambia.org>
Subject: Board of Directors

Good morning Bruce,

My new job keeps me out of town two to three weeks a month which makes it difficult to attend EXCOM and Board meetings. It's time for me to step down from my position on the board. I just can't put in the time necessary and it's not fair to the other members if I can't participate regularly. I would like to keep in touch with you and continue to hear about the early childhood community in Escambia County. Thank you for all the work you and your team do to ensure children have a safe, healthy, and quality program to attend. I will still try to attend meetings as a community member when I am in town, but please reach out if there is anything I can ever do for ELC.

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Best Regards,

