

Early Childhood Hub of Lane County Governance Council Notes

Meeting Commenced	1 pm, April 10, 2026 Virtual Meeting
Facilitator	Kellie DeVore, Joshua Bates
Scribe	Lisa Milton, Education Data Coordinator
Version	Final
Recorded	Yes

Board Members			Board Members in Attendance (11 needed for a quorum)					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Joshua Bates	☒	☐	Kristen Helton	☐	☒	Gretta Sagolla	☒	☐
Heather Brey	☒	☐	Kelly Jones	☒	☐	Tony Scurto	☒	☐
Heidi Brown	☒	☐	John Lively	☒	☐	Kraig Sproles	☒	☐
Kellie DeVore	☒	☐	Sara Loveless	☒	☐	John Stapleton	☒	☐
Debi Farr	☐	☒	Miriam Mickelson	☐	☒	Charleen Strauch	☐	☒
Jacob Fox	☒	☐	Megan Miller	☒	☐	Sheila Wegener	☒	☐
Alma Fumiko Hesús	☐	☒	Heather Murphy	☒	☐	Chelsea Whitney	☒	☐
			Judy Newman	☒	☐	Vinny Zarate	☐	☒
Quorum			Yes (some members arrived after the March Notes were approved.)					

Others Present	Amy Davidson, Assitan Sylla-Traore, Brittany Kramer, Dani Lann, Holly Mar-Conte, Jazmin Flores, Kris Coomes
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Consent Agenda Vote				March Notes								
The Board was asked to approve the consent agenda as presented.												
Motion: Heather Murphy												
2 nd : Sara Loveless												
Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain	
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Heather Brey	☒	☐	☐	John Lively	☒	☐	☐	John Stapleton	☒	☐	☐	
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Kristen Helton	☐	☐	☐	Gretta Sagolla	☒	☐	☐					
				Tony Scurto	☐	☐	☐					
VOTING RESULTS		Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)										
Abstentions: none												
Approved												
Consent Agenda Discussion				n/a								

Agenda topics

Discussion Item	Family Leadership Council Report – Megan Miller & Vinny Zarate
Focus on increasing group membership this fall. Current members are interested in advocacy and letter-writing skills for providing state government testimony. The group continues to discuss what happens when parents age out of the group. (Members must have children between 0-8 years old.)	
Discussion Item	Early Learning Stakeholders Report – Sara Loveless & Gretta Sagolla
The stakeholders recently explored provider referral barriers and how best to address them.	
Discussion Item	Child Care Sector Strategist Report – Holly Mar-Conte

Early Childhood Business Accelerator Program and its evolution. The program started in Central Oregon in 2023. Seven completed cohorts produced 53 graduates thus far and has added 497 new childcare slots in the community. Each graduate receives \$5k start up grant. The focus is on sustaining existing programs across the county.

Consent Agenda Vote

Early Childhood Mental Health Group

Motion: Heather Brey

2nd: John Lively

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Kristen Helton	☐	☐	☐	Gretta Sagolla	☒	☐	☐				
				Tony Scurto	☒	☐	☐				

VOTING RESULTS

Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)

Abstentions: none

Approved	
Consent Agenda Discussion	
New funding sponsor. Should the Hub be the sponsoring organization? The Hub worked on the social-emotional health metric and can provide the space for the work. Judy will co-facilitate with someone from the mental health group. There is existing capacity within the Hub for this work. Quarterly oral reports requested.	

Discussion Item	Parenting Education Funding – Brittany Kramer
Brittany Kramer presented an overview of the Parenting Education and Support Programming Grant, funded by OPEC, highlighting the funding priorities, application process, and the 17 selected grantees out of 19 applicants. She explained the shift towards funding series-based curricula over one-off workshops to better meet OPEC requirements and improve program sustainability. Brittany also described OPEC’s role in supporting parenting education hubs through strategic planning, program evaluation, and professional development opportunities, including quarterly reporting and conferences.	

Consent Agenda Vote			Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative Budget								
Motion: Tony Scurto											
2 nd : Sheila Wegener											
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Helton				Sagolla							
				Tony Scurto	☒	☐	☐				
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Consent Agenda Discussion											

Discussion Item	Preschool Promise Re-allotted Spots
DELIC is reallocating Preschool Promise slots. The Hub is seeking 77 additional spots. We currently have 100 families on a waitlist.	

Discussion Item	Upstream Initiative Pilot (OHEC Blueprint for First 1000 Days)
Hub is exploring Rural Health Transformation Grant for Lane County’s OHEC blueprint. (The Upstream Initiative is no longer funded and is now defunct.)	

Discussion Item	Summer Meeting Schedule
Group will take July and August off.	

Next Meeting	1 pm Friday, May 8, 2026 Hybrid via Zoom
Meeting Adjourned	2:27 pm