

Early Childhood Hub of Lane County Governance Council Notes

Meeting Commenced	1 pm, February 13, 2026 Virtual Meeting
Facilitator	Kellie DeVore
Scribe	Lisa Milton, Education Data Coordinator
Version	
Recorded	Yes

Board Members			Board Members in Attendance (12 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 Hesus	☐	☒	Heather Murphy	☒	☐	Chelsea Whitney	☒	☐
			Judy Newman	☒	☐	Vinny Zarate	☐	☒
Quorum								
A quorum was not present.								

Others Present	Amy Davidson, Assitan Sylla-Traore, Chelsea King (guest speaker), Holly Mar-Contes, Jazmin Flores, Kris Coomes, Lisa Milton, Vanessa Ries
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Consent Agenda Vote	January Notes & Written Updates											
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The Board was asked to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Megan

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Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Joshua Bates	☐	☐	☐	Kelly Jones	☐	☐	☐	Kraig Sproles	☐	☐	☐
Heather Brey	☒	☐	☐	John Lively	☐	☐	☐	John Stapleton	☐	☐	☐
Heidi Brown	☐	☐	☐	Sara Loveless	☒	☐	☐	Charleen Strauch	☐	☐	☐
Kellie DeVore	☒	☐	☐	Miriam Mickelson	☒	☐	☐	Sheila Wegener	☐	☐	☐
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Jacob Fox	☐	☐	☐	Heather Murphy	☒	☐	☐	Vinny Zarate	☐	☐	☐
Kristen Helton	☒	☐	☐	Gretta Sagolla	☒	☐	☐				
				Tony Scurto	☒	☐	☐				

VOTING RESULTS	Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)
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Abstentions: none

approved

Consent Agenda Discussion	n/a
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Agenda topics

Discussion Item	Child Care Sector Strategist Report – Holly Mar-Conte
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Holly provided an overview of the Child Care Sector Strategist position, which launched in October 2022 as part of a pilot to test a new model in the childcare industry. She explained that the position focuses on increasing access to quality, affordable childcare as an economic development strategy, working with various partners including Quality Care Connections, Early Childhood Hub, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, and Lane Workforce Partnership. Holly highlighted that childcare is now embedded in Elevate 28, the strategic economic development plan, with a focus on retaining and growing childcare slots. She also mentioned the Early Child Care Business Accelerator Program, led by Quality Care Connections and the Small Business Development

Center, as a successful initiative to support individuals interested in starting in-home childcare programs. Holly also presented updates on various childcare initiatives, including over 400 childcare slots generated and the development of an early learning registered apprenticeship program.

Discussion Item	Family Leadership Council Report – Megan Miller
Brittany Kramer presented overview of Hub work to the growing group of new FLC members at the 2/12 meeting. Megan discussed challenges in FLC participation and plans to send out a survey to potential new members. She highlighted the group’s potential for fostering leadership and advocacy skills among parents.	

Discussion Item	Stakeholders Report – Gretta Sagolla and Sara Loveless
The Stakeholders met on 1/22 and discussed the CCO transition in Lane County. They also workshopped EC committees to increase collaboration between agencies/organizations.	

Discussion Item	Upstream Initiative (First 1000 days) Where are we now? – Chelsea King
Slides will be sent by request and with the April meeting packet	
Chelsea King provided an update on the Upstream Initiative, announcing its closure as a 501c3 nonprofit in 2026. She highlighted the initiative’s work in creating local child success models across Oregon, including Lane County’s focus on flexible cash assistance for pregnant women and caregivers, along with ergonomic baby carriers. Chelsea emphasized that Lane County is well-positioned to continue implementing upstream initiatives, building on existing cross-sector research and partnerships. The group discussed the potential for continuing the initiative’s work. Participants will review materials and consider next steps at the next meeting in March with a focus on cross-sector engagement and messaging. Stay tuned for potential workgroups.	

Next Meeting	1 pm Friday, March 13, 2026 Hybrid via Zoom
Meeting Adjourned	2:20 pm