

Early Childhood Hub of Lane County Governance Council Notes

Meeting Commenced	1 pm, March 13, 2026 Virtual Meeting
Facilitator	Kellie DeVore, Joshua Bates
Scribe	Lisa Milton, Education Data Coordinator
Version	
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						

Others Present	Assitan Sylla-Traore, Hayley Van Horne, Holly Mar Conte, Kris Coomes, Lisa Milton, Pamela Nevin, Rodrigo Rivas Aguilar, Vanessa Ries
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Consent Agenda Vote				January Notes & Written Updates								
The Board was asked to approve the consent agenda as presented.												
Motion: Tony												
2 nd : Sara												
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Joshua Bates	☒	☐	☐	Kelly Jones	☒	☐	☐	Kraig Sproles	☐	☐	☐	
Heather Brey	☒	☐	☐	John Lively	☐	☐	☐	John Stapleton	☒	☐	☐	
Heidi Brown	☒	☐	☐	Sara Loveless	☒	☐	☐	Charleen Strauch	☒	☐	☐	
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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								

Consent Agenda Vote				February Notes & Written Updates								
The Board was asked to approve the consent agenda as presented.												
Motion: Heather												

2 nd : Tony											
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				Tony Scurto	☒	☐	☐				

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Abstentions: none	
Approved	
Consent Agenda Discussion	n/a

Agenda topics

Discussion Item	Family Leadership Council Report – Megan Miller
The Family Leadership Council is seeking Lane County parents with children under 8 to join, with a focus on building leadership and advocacy skills. Megan reported on recent interviews and plans for future meetings, including potential guest speakers like Judy to discuss school funding concerns.	
Discussion Item	Early Learning Stakeholders Report – Sara Loveless
Nothing to report.	
Discussion Item	Child Care Sector Strategist Report – Holly Mar-Conte
Holly presented data showing that while the number of childcare slots has increased, families are being priced out of care, leading to a shift in focus from expanding slots to ensuring sustainability and accessibility. She	

discussed changes to the Child Care Business Accelerator program and the potential for a new resource packet combining childcare availability reports with business support information. The group asked questions about regional childcare needs, age group access statistics, and technical assistance systems, which Holly addressed by explaining data collection methods and the different levels of support provided by Quality Care Connections.

Discussion Item	Quality Care Connection – Kristen Helton
Kristen presented quarterly childcare data, highlighting a 23% vacancy rate in licensed programs and 448 programs approved for ERDC subsidies. She also noted that while Preschool Promise has made progress with only one unfilled slot, Lane County remains a childcare desert for infants and toddlers.	

Discussion Item	Preschool Promise/Coordinated Enrollment Presentation – Assa Sylla-Traore & Rodrigo Rivas Aguilar
Assa and Rodrigo presented on Preschool Promise, outlining the program’s eligibility criteria, application process, and lottery system for placing children in participating preschools. They also addressed the current waitlist situation and plans for the upcoming application cycle.	

Discussion Item	Cards for Connection – Hayley Van Horn
Hayley promoted an upcoming training opportunity called Cards for Connection, a free two-year resiliency certification program aimed at professionals working with children and families. https://doctoramylc.com/cards-for-connection	

Next Meeting	1 pm Friday, April 10, 2026 Hybrid via Zoom
Meeting Adjourned	2:26 pm