New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN)
Steering Committee Meeting
NOLA-PS, 2401 Westbend Parkway
October 15, 2025 | 10am - 12pm

Minutes

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Steering Committee of the New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN) was held on October 15, 2025 , at 10:13am at NOLA-PS. Rochelle Wilcox, Chair, presided over the meeting.

Attendees

Steering Committee Members in Attendance
Stacey Barquet, Tomorrow Fondal, Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire (Proxy - Dionne Parker-George), Amy Hook-Poirier, Asya Howlette, Jonika Julian-Harris (Proxy - Erin Marrero-Savoie), Tonia Loria, Kate Mehok (Parliamentarian), Joy Mitchell, Angelique Morris Francois, Yolanda Motley (Proxy - Sharlene Adams), Emmy O'Dwyer, Melanie Richardson, Jen Roberts, Monique B. Rouege, Rochelle Wilcox (Chair)

Guests in Attendance
Nick Kindel, Claire Thomas

Steering Committee Members Not in Attendance
Thelma French (Chair), Dr. Fateama Fulmore, Sheraé Hunter, Amanda Peek, Benita Plaisance

Approval of Minutes

Melanie Richardson moved to unanimously approve the minutes of the September 17,2025 Steering Committee Meeting, which was seconded by Jen Roberts.

Steering Committee Member Reports

Prisca Washington presented the Coordinated Enrollment Updates, including the 2025-2026 - presented the Coordinated Enrollment Report, including the Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Report.

- Steering Committee members discussed the discrepancies between the number of applicants and placed seats (eligibility), and the impact of in-person events on enrollment.

Amy Hook-Poirier presented the Ready Start Network and Mileage Capacity Building Report; including the 2026-2027 Coordinated Funding Request Process, the NOEEN Child Care Materials Disbursement Event, the NOEEN Executive Subcommittee, and CFR Working Group Reports.

Other Reports
Caitlin Boley presented the Community Network Lead Agency Report.

Nicholas Kindel and Claire Thomas presented the Facilities Fund Working Group Report.

- Steering Committee members discussed terms and conditions of the grant agreements, timeline updates, and the impact of development projects on funding due to extended closures, and how to avoid the disruption of care.

Motions

On the motion of Rochelle Wilcox, the NOEEN Steering Committee received the Community Network Lead Agency Report.

On the motion of Rochelle Wilcox , the NOEEN Steering Committee received the Coordinated Enrollment and Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Report.

On the motion of Rochelle Wilcox, the NOEEN Steering Committee received the Ready Start Network and Mileage Capacity Building Report.

On the motion of Rochelle Wilcox, the NOEEN Steering Committee received the NOEEN Executive Subcommittee, Workforce Task Force, and CFR and Facilities Fund Working Group Reports.

Announcements

Dates and times of upcoming NOEEN Steering Committee, Subcommittee, and Working Group Meetings were announced.

Adjournment

Emmy O'Dwyer moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was agreed upon at 11:30.