NEW ORLEANS EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK (NOEEN)

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 12, 2025

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MEMBER	ENTITY REPRESENTED
Stacey Barquet	Early Care & Education Parent/Caregiver
Tomorow Fondal	Louisiana Department of Health Early Steps System Point of Entry
Thelma French	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Dr. Fateama Fulmore	NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS)
Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire	Child Find
Amy Hook-Poirier	Orleans Parish Ready Start Network
Asya Howlette	City of New Orleans Mayor's Office
Sheraé Hunter	New Orleans City Council
Jonika Julian-Harris	Orleans Parish Lead Agency
VACANT	Head Start
Tonia Loria	Orleans Parish Child Care Resource & Referral Agency
Kate Mehok	Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program (LA 4)
Joy Mitchell	Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
Angelique Morris Francois	CCAP B-3
Yolanda Motley	Early Head Start
Emmy O'Dwyer	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Amanda Peek	Early Care & Education Parent/Caregiver
Benita Plaisance	Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development Program (NSECD)
Melanie Richardson	Family Child Care Providers
Jen Roberts	NOEEN Nonprofit Corporation Board of Directors
Monique B. Rouege	Early Childhood Education Fund (ECEF)
Rochelle Wilcox	City Seats

NOEEN'S MISSION

To ensure an excellent start for every child in New Orleans by strengthening early childhood education and providing families access to high-quality early learning programs that help them realize their dreams for their children.

III. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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Motion is to adopt the draft minutes from the:

- *October 15, 2025 NOEEN Steering Committee Meeting*

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

IV. COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATES + CONSIDERATIONS

COMMUNITY NETWORK LEAD AGENCY (CNLA) UPDATES

October 15, 2025 to Present; Can be found in Lead Agency Memo

COORDINATED ENROLLMENT UPDATES

October 15, 2025 to Present

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2025-2026 UPDATES

25-26 ENROLLMENT UPDATE AS OF NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Funding Source	Total Filled	Seats Offered	Total Allocation	Percentage of Seats Filled	Infants		1 Year Olds		2 Year Olds		3 Year Olds		4 Year Olds	
					Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats
CS	1000	0	1000	100%	100	0	224	0	323	0	354	0		
*ECEF	809	1	810	100%	94	0	173	0	221	0	322	0		
EHS	641	0	641	100%	79	0	231	0	331	0				
HS	920	1	939	98%							502	7	437	11
**LA4	1,276	0	1,276	100%									1,276	0
NSECD	373	1	374	100%							81	0	293	0
Total Seats	5,019	2	5,040	99%	273	0	627	0	877	0	1,256	7	2,006	11
*reduction in seat allocation 10/12/25 ** increase in seat allocation by Total of 36 seats *** available HS seats @ 1 grantee					*100% Filled*		*100% Filled*		*100% Filled*		*99% Filled*		*99% Filled*	

NOLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

2025-2026 Timeline

Sept 2025

Open Enrollment Fall Edition

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Sept 1: *Begin Avela discussion*

Sept 4: *LA4 audit*

Sept 15: *EC School Exploration prep begins*

Sept 15: *Review LA4 open seats for decisions*

Oct 2025

26-27 Application Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Oct 15: *Review EC priorities*

Avela changes finalized

Oct 15: *EC School Exploration meetings begin*

Nov 2025

Main Round Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Media Campaign begins

Nov 5, 12 & 19: *EC Mighty Minutes for Families of Tiny Tots*

EC Mighty Minutes for Providers of Tiny Tots

Dec 2025

Main Round Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Staff refresher training

Dec 3: *EC Mighty Minutes for Families of Tiny Tots*

EC Mighty Minutes for Providers of Tiny Tots

Jan 2026

Main Round Launch

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Jan 5: *Main Round Application Opens*

Verifications begin

Jan 9: *In person verifications begin*

EC Mighty Minutes for Providers of Tiny Tots

Jan 31: *EC School Exploration Fair*

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2025-2026 Timeline

Feb 2026
Main Round Closes

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Feb 20: *Main round app closes for new applications*

Feb 23 - Feb 27: *Document Submission Period for incomplete applications 5pm*

Document review period begins

Mar 2026
Main Round Match Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

Mar 6: *Document Review period ends 5pm*
Main Round Application closed

Mar 9-10: *Incomplete Family Messages (Getting Ready for Open Enrollment)*

By Mar 13: *Priorities sent to providers*

Office Hours will be held

Mar 20: *Priorities due from providers*

Mar 27: *Preliminary Waitlist Feedback due*

Apr 2026
Main Round Results Released

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

BESE Allocations

Week of April 27 *- Match results released* ***(EHS, HS, LA4, NSECD)***

May 2026
Open Enrollment Prep

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

May 4: *Deactivation Requests begin for declined seats*

May 22: *Registration Deadline*

Deactivation Requests begin families who missed registration deadline

May 30: *2025-2026 Open Enrollment Ends*

2025-2026 *application closes*

June 2026
Open Enrollment

Ongoing 25-26 verifications placements

June 1: *Open Enrollment begins (Early Head Start, Head Start, LA4, NSECD)*

TBD: Open Enrollment begins (City Seats, ECEF)

June 3,10, 17 &24: *Summer In-person verifications*

Wednesdays in July

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EVENTS

NOLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

2nd Annual Early Childhood School Exploration Fair

🌟 **Save The Date!** 🌟

🗓️ **Date:** Saturday, January 31, 2026

🕙 **Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

📍 **Location:** McDonogh 35 Senior High School Gymnasium
4000 Cadillac Street, New Orleans, LA 70122

✨ Come join us for a day of
connection, exploration, and collaboration! ✨

🎯 **Be Part of the Action!** Sign up to table from
October 20, 2025 to Friday November 21, 2025! 🚀

https://forms.office.com/r/6RNTy9jubn

READY START NETWORK + MILLAGE CAPACITY BUILDING

READY START NETWORK (RSN) & MILEAGE CAPACITY BUILDING UPDATES

October 15, 2025 to Present

2026-2027 CFR Seat Applications

As part of the 2026-2027 CFR Process, NOEEN received a total of 76 CFR Seat Applications for ECEF and City Seats programs.

Returning Sites: 47 applications*
New Sites: 29 applications

CFR Seat Application scores will be used to determine which sites are eligible to participate in publicly funded seat programs (ECEF and City Seats) in the 2026-2027 program year.

- Returning sites: eligibility includes allocation based on continuity of care with re-enrollment and possible allocation of additional seats if funding is available**
- New Sites: eligibility includes allocation of seats if funding is available for seats at new sites***

Questions about the CFR process can be directed to apoirier@agendaforchildren.org

**Inclusive of 2026-2027 CFR Seat Applications for all KOE facilities.*
***Based on allocation priorities*
****Based on allocation priorities and the provider's ability to successfully pass the additional new provider criteria.*

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2026-2027 CFR Seat Application Scoring Updates

The CFR Working Group Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee approved an ambitious timeline, inclusive of an appeals process, to complete the review process.

In alignment with this timeline, the CFR Review Team is currently working to review the 2026-2027 CFR Seat Applications.

Additionally, based on provider and stakeholder feedback, the 2026-2027 review process includes the following elements to ensure that the scoring process accurately reflects the programmatic and quality requirements for all applicants:

- 2 reviewers for each application
- Scoring consensus meetings
- The use of the same reviewers for multiples sites, and
- The use of detailed scoring justification notes

2026-2027 CFR Seat Application Scoring Updates

After conducting the initial round of reviews, the CFR Review Team determined that additional time is required to conduct the review process.

Additional time is needed for a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the

- amount of applications received,
- implementation of the newly recommended review process elements,
- request for detailed scoring feedback,
- requested appeals process, and
- the delay in the LDOE's release of Site Performance Profiles

An updated timeline will be emailed to all applicants by the end of this week and posted on the NOEEN website.

- It is anticipated that the review process for returning sites will be completed and scores will be released by December 8, 2025
- The appeals process will follow and is tentatively scheduled for December 10-19, 2025

Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee

The Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee used the October and November meetings to draft a set of allocation priorities for the 2026-2027 Program Year considering the following funding realities:

- ❑ **2026-2027 Reduction in Funding**
- ❑ **2026-2027 Stable Funding**
- ❑ **2026-2027 Increase in Funding**

The subcommittee will finalize these recommendations during the December 2nd meeting and these priorities will be brought to the December Steering Committee meeting for review.

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V. SUBCOMMITTEE + WORKING GROUP REPORTS

EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

October 15, 2025 to Present

NOEEN Executive Subcommittee Meeting

The Executive Subcommittee will meet virtually on Monday, November 17 to conduct the annual review of the NOEEN bylaws.

Meeting Date: November 17, 2025
Meeting Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Zoom Link: Join Here

Recommended updates to the bylaws will be brought to the December Steering Committee Meeting.

Questions about this meeting can be directed to apoirier@agendaforchildren.org

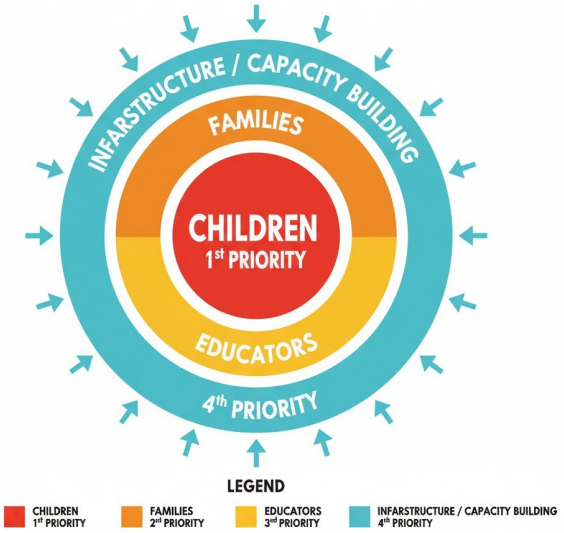
Millage Budget Updates

- On August 27, 2025, the City of New Orleans' Revenue Estimating Committee reduced the City's 2025 overall revenue forecast. The State's Legislative Auditor also identified a ~$160M deficit for the year.
- We are working closely with the Office of Youth and Families to assess total revenue impact, make program adjustments for the current program year, and plan for future program years.
- **As state matching funds and local dollars must be spent in commensurate amounts, any dollars not paid by the City are INELIGIBLE for state match funds.**
- Potential total impact (State + City) could be up to $4.8M for this program year.

Millage Budget Updates

To prepare, **non essential millage spending has been paused**. Investment priorities will be made in this order:

1. Seat payments
2. Wraparound support partner contracts - current
3. Enrollment supports
4. Current **executed** contracts re: all areas
5. Wage Enhancement (Round 9 - TBD)
6. Capacity Building efforts - current
7. Capacity Building efforts - new/proposed



FACILITIES WORKING GROUP

October 15, 2025 to Present

Facilities Grants

Last month, NORA made conditional awards to **20 projects totaling $1.4 million**. These awards were between $25,000 and $100,000 to mostly improve existing facilities with a couple of awards for small expansion projects. There was another readiness assessment deadline this week, so NORA will announce another round of awards soon!

- Abeona House
- Blessed Academy
- Carbo's Learning Express East Too
- Carolyn Green Ford Early Learning Center
- Changing Stages
- Clover
- Cream of the Crop
- Cuddly Bear
- JumpStart Child development
- Kaleidoscope Kidz Academy
- Kids of Excellence
- Little Peoples Workshop
- Magical Moments Learning Center
- McMillian's First Steps CDC
- Motherly Love
- Sentino Academy Too
- St. John Berchmans
- Tigerland Daycare & Preschool Academy
- Future Scholars Academy
- Open Minds Open Hearts Daycare

VII. OPEN FORUM

FUTURE MEETINGS

NOEEN Executive Subcommittee Meeting

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- **November 17** Virtual

Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Meetings

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- **December 2** @ NOLA-PS
- **January 13** @ NOLA-PS
- **March 10** @ NOLA-PS

Steering Committee Meetings

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- **December 10** @ NOLA-PS
- **January 21** @ NOLA-PS
- **March 18** @ NOLA-PS
- **April 15** @ NOLA-PS
- **May 13** @ TBD
- **June 10** @ TBD

VIII. ADJOURNMENT