New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN)
Steering Committee Meeting
NOLA-PS, 2401 Westbend Parkway
November 12, 2025 | 9am - 11am

Minutes

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Steering Committee of the New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN) was held on November 12th, 2025, at 9:08am at NOLA-PS. Jen Roberts presided over the meeting.

Attendees

Steering Committee Members in Attendance
Tomorrow Fondal, Thelma French (Proxy - Kisha Davis), Amy Hook-Poirier, Asya Howlette, Sheraé Hunter, Jonika Julian-Harris, Tonia Loria, Joy Mitchell, Angelique Morris Francois, Yolanda Motley, Emmy O'Dwyer, Melanie Richardson, Jen Roberts, Monique B. Rouege, Rochelle Wilcox (Proxy - Sonija Joseph)

Guests in Attendance
Nicholas Kindel

Steering Committee Members Not in Attendance
Stacey Barquet, Dr. Fateama Fulmore, Thelma French, Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire, Kate Mehok (Parliamentarian), Amanda Peek, Benita Plaisance, Rochelle Wilcox

Approval of Minutes

Asya Howlette moved to unanimously approve the minutes of the October 15, 2025 Steering Committee Meeting, which Emmy O'Dwyer seconded.

Steering Committee Member Reports

Jonika Julian-Harris and Amy Hook-Poirier presented the Coordinated Enrollment report, including the Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee report, 2025-26 enrollment updates, and in-person events

- Steering Committee members discussed the additional 36 LA4 seats received for the 2025-2026 program year.

Amy Hook-Poirier presented the Ready Start Network and Mileage Capacity Building Report.

- Steering Committee members discussed the details and updated timeline of the Coordinated Funding Request (CFR) Seat Application process.

Other Reports

Caitlin Boley presented the Community Network Lead Agency Report.

Nicholas Kindel presented the Facilities Fund Working Group Report.

Jen Roberts presented a report on the Millage Budget updates

- Steering Committee members discussed potential cuts due to funding and the priorities of those decisions

Motions

On the motion of Jen Roberts, the NOEEN Steering Committee received the Community Network Lead Agency Report.

On the motion of Jen Roberts, the NOEEN Steering Committee received the Coordinated Enrollment and Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Report.

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

On the motion of Jen Roberts, the NOEEN Steering Committee received the NOEEN Executive Subcommittee and Facilities Fund Working Group Reports.

Announcements

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

Adjournment

Asya Howlette moved to adjourn the meeting, which was agreed upon at 9:47am.