New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN)
Steering Committee Meeting
NOLA-PS, 2401 Westbend Parkway
December 10, 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 December 10th, 2025 at 10:02 at NOLA-PS. [Rochelle Wilcox, Chair, presided over the meeting.

Attendees
Steering Committee Members in Attendance
Tomorrow Fondal, Thelma French (Past Chair; Proxy - Kisha Davis), Dr. Fateama Fulmore (Proxy - Prisca Washington) , Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire (Proxy - Dionne Parker-George), Amy Hook-Poirier, Asya Howlette, Jonika Julian-Harris, Tonia Loria, Kate Mehok (Parliamentarian), Joy Mitchell (Proxy - Kimberly Mitchell), Angelique Morris Francois, Yolanda Motley, Emmy O'Dwyer, Melanie Richardson, Jen Roberts, Monique B. Rouege, Rochelle Wilcox (Chair)

Guests in Attendance
Caitlin Boley, Teresa Falgoust, Tanya Bryant

Steering Committee Members Not in Attendance
Stacey Barquet, Sheraé Hunter, Angelique Morris Francois, Yolanda Motley, Amanda Peek, Benita Plaisance

Approval of Minutes
Kate Mehok moved to approve the minutes of the November 12th Steering Committee Meeting, seconded by Melanie Richardson, which was unanimously approved.

Steering Committee Member Reports
Jonika Julian-Harris presented the Coordinated Enrollment Report, including 2025-2026 Updates and winter application support events.

Jonika Julian-Harris, Amy Hook-Poirier, and Jen Roberts presented the Ready Start Network and Mileage Capacity Building Report. This included the 2026-2027 NSECD and LA4 Allocation Recommendations, Millage budget updates

- Steering Committee members discussed requests and unallocated seats,
- For NSECD, fulfillment of the requests by the state, historical fulfillment rates
- For LA4, potential adjustments for seat allocations due to fulfillment, impact of IEPs on overall requests by site, and over the income threshold, seats allocated to sites directly from NOLA-PS, the reduction in seat requests from last year to this year.
- Tanya Bryant - accountability for seats that are allocated by NOLA-PS rather than the LDOE, as well as communication to families about availability regarding these "other" seats.
- Millage Budget Updates - the pause of non essential millage spending, impacts on professional development, impacts of future years budgets.

Amy Hook-Poirier presented the 2026-2027 Coordinated Funding Request Updates, NOEEN Executive Subcommittee and Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Report,

- Steering Committee members discussed population decline

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

Teresa Falgoust presented a report on 2024-2025 Performance Profiles and the kindergarten literacy screening results brief.

- Steering Committee members discussed availability of data for comparably sized parishes and the achievement of kindergarten readiness in New Orleans vs. statewide metrics.

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 Performance Profiles and Kindergarten Literacy Screening Results Brief 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, Family Engagement Subcommittee, Workforce Task Force, and CFR and Facilities Fund Working Group Reports.

On the motion Kate Mehok, the NOEEN Steering Committee voted to approve the 2026-2027 NSECD Allocation Recommendations for the 2026-2027 LDOE Super App, seconded by Emmy O'Dwyer
Abstentions: Yolanda Motley (NSECD).

On the motion of Emmy O'Dwyer , the NOEEN Steering Committee voted to approve the 2026-2027 LA4 Allocation Recommendations for the 2026-2027 LDOE Super App, seconded by Melanie Richardson
Abstentions: Kate Mehok (LA4).

On the motion of Yolanda Motley, the NOEEN Steering Committee unanimously approved the recommended sites for inclusion on the 2026-2027 NOLA-PS enrollment application, seconded by Emmy O'Dwyer.

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

Adjournment
Kate Mehok moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was agreed upon at 11:53am.