NEW ORLEANS EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK (NOEEN)

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 18, 2026

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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
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)
Meshawn Siddiq	City of New Orleans
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:

- *January 21, 2026 NOEEN Steering Committee Meeting*

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

IV. COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATES + CONSIDERATIONS

COMMUNITY NETWORK LEAD AGENCY (CNLA) UPDATES

January 21, 2026 to Present

COORDINATED ENROLLMENT UPDATES

January 21, 2026 to Present

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2025–2026 UPDATES

NOLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

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 verification placements

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

TBD: Open Enrollment begins (City Seats, ECEF)

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

Wednesdays in July

25-26 ENROLLMENT UPDATE AS OF MARCH 11, 2026

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	999	0	1000	99%	110	0	223	1	328	0	339	0		
*ECEF	796	0	810	98%	95	0	175	3	221	5	319	6		
EHS	646	0	647	99%	83	0	237	0	326	1				
HS	919	1	933	99%							514	7	419	6
**LA4	1,273	1	1,276	99%									1,276	2
NSECD	372	0	374	99%							81	0	293	2
Total Seats	5,005	2	5,040	99%	290	0	636	4	873	6	1,255	13	1,986	10
*reduction in seat allocation 10/12/25 ** increase in seat allocation by Total of 36 seats *** available HS seats @ 1 grantee					*100% Filled*		*99% Filled*		*99% Filled*		*99% Filled*		*99% Filled*	

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2026–2027 UPDATES

SY 26-27 Main Round Application

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SY 2026-2027 MAIN ROUND LAUNCH

On January 5, 2026 the SY 26-27 Main Round Application opened at 10:30 am.

MR total of

- 10,155 Applications
- 4,438 Applicants
- 796 incomplete applications
- 3624 successfully verified (including guarantees)
- 14,285 SCA/SEC verification attempts

Submitted = answered all questions, Uploaded documents
Incomplete = never submitted **OR** Placed back into incomplete from submission **OR** Moved from Guarantee Locked for Lottery

Verified Applicants by Age

INF	1YR	2YR	3YR	4YR	Total
82	399	734	1,013	1,396	3,624

Incomplete Applicants Received by Age

INF	1YR	2YR	3YR	4YR	Total
17	51	49	98	254	469

Applicants by language
Spanish - 88
Other languages - 18

2026- 2027 Enrollment Strategies

Guarantee Applicants

Entered before MR application launched

Main Round Communication

By Week of March 9, 2025

In Progress Submitted by February 20th

Open Enrollment Kickoff - May 2026 - Bethune Elementary

Open Enrollment Verification Events

- June and July 2026
- Ongoing verification and individualized support

No Rank applicants

Contacted to assist with verifying before MR closed

READY START NETWORK + MILLAGE CAPACITY BUILDING

READY START NETWORK (RSN) UPDATES

January 21, 2026 to Present

Ready Start Network Updates

- Agenda's Managing Director of Network Strategy, Chief Program Officer, and Chief Data and Impact Officer met with the Louisiana Department of Education in March to review progress made related to the NOEEN Strategic Plan
- Agenda for Children was again selected as 2026 -2028 Ready Start Network. Agenda for Children and NOLA-PS were collectively chosen as the 2026 - 2028 Community Network Lead Agency.
- Upcoming NOEEN activities include the following:
    - NOEEN Executive Committee By-Law Review Meeting 2 - March
    - BESE Lead Agency Approval - April
    - NOEEN Steering Committee Retreat - June

CFR Updates

2026-2027 CFR Seat Application Scores were released to new providers in late February.

- Preliminary data show that new providers scores ranged from 1.50 - 2.50.
- New providers were able to submit appeal and feedback requests
  - Appeal responses will be released March 23
  - Feedback meetings will be held March 30 - April 10

Additional CFR score data for returning and new will be presented at the April Coordinated Enrollment and Steering Committee meetings.

MILEAGE CAPACITY BUILDING UPDATES

January 21, 2026 to Present

Millage Updates

• All 1,000 City Seats are filled across 38 centers citywide, with state match funding supporting 802 additional seats.

• Wraparound supports continue at scale: all 38 centers received hearing and vision screenings, and Agenda has delivered 1,000+ hours of coaching and technical assistance this year.

• Workforce and quality investments continued in February, including training for 40 educators and directors and leadership support for 10 center leaders.

• Wage enhancements are back on track, with another round of educator stipends anticipated in May 2026 after 1,059 educators received payments in December.

• Budget pressure remains: $1.37 million is still outstanding from the City, with an estimated $2 million total program impact when related state match losses are included. **2026-27 Budget anticipated to be at least $2M less, likely more.**

V. SUBCOMMITTEE + WORKING GROUP REPORTS

VI. OPEN FORUM

FUTURE MEETINGS

Steering Committee Meetings

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- **April 15** @ NOLA-PS
- **May 13** @ NOLA-PS
- **June 10** @ NOLA-PS

Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Meetings

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- **April 7** @ NOLA-PS
- **May 5** @ NOLA-PS
- **June 2** @ NOLA-PS

VII. ADJOURNMENT