New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN)
Steering Committee Meeting
NOLA-PS, 2401 Westbend Parkway
April 15, 2026 | 10am - 12pm

Minutes

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Steering Committee of the New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN) was held on April 15, 2026, at 10am at NOLA-PS. Rochelle Wilcox, Chair, presided over the meeting.

Attendees

Steering Committee Members in Attendance
Thelma French (Past Chair), Dr. Fateama Fulmore (Prisca Washington), Amy Hook-Poirier, Jonika Julian-Harris, Tonia Loria, Kate Mehok (Parliamentarian), Joy Mitchell, Angelique Morris Francois, Yolanda Motley, Emmy O'Dwyer, Melanie Richardson, Jen Roberts, Monique B. Rouege, Meshawn Siddiq, Rochelle Wilcox (Chair)

Steering Committee Members Not in Attendance
Stacey Barquet, Tomorrow Fondal, Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire, Sheraé Hunter, Amanda Peek, Benita Plaisance

Approval of Minutes

Kate Mehok moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026 Steering Committee Meeting, which was seconded by Jen Roberts. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Steering Committee Member Reports

Jonika Julian-Harris presented the Coordinated Enrollment Report.

- Steering Committee members discussed LA4 enrollment timelines, verification attempts, LA4 and NSECD allocations, and family enrollment events.

Amy Hook-Poirier presented the Ready Start Network Report.

Amy Hook-Poirier and Jen Roberts presented the Millage Capacity Building Report.

- Steering Committee members discussed professional development, wraparound supports, special education and dietary need supports, and policy and advocacy.

Amy Hook-Poirier presented the NOEEN Executive Subcommittee Report.

Jonika-Julian Harris presented the Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Report.

Motions

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

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

On the motion of Kate Mehok, seconded by Thelma French, the NOEEN Steering Committee unanimously ratified the amended Millage Budget as presented. Jen Roberts and Tonia Loria abstained.

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

Announcements

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

Adjournment

Rochelle Wilcox moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was agreed upon at 11:15am.