New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN)
Steering Committee Meeting
NOLA-PS, 2401 Westbend Parkway
May 13, 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 May 13, 2026, at 10am at NOLA-PS. Rochelle Wilcox, Chair, presided over the meeting.

Attendees

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

Guests in Attendance
Caitlin Boley, Nick Kindel, Teresa Falgoust

Steering Committee Members Not in Attendance
Stacey Barquet, Thelma French (Past Chair), Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire, Sheraé Hunter, Yolanda Motley,, Amanda Peek, Benita Plaisance

Approval of Minutes

Jen Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Steering Committee Meeting, which was seconded by Emmy O'Dwyer. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Steering Committee Member Reports

Prisca Washington presented the Coordinated Enrollment Report. Steering Committee members discussed family communication attempts.

Amy Hook-Poirier presented the Ready Start Network and Millage Capacity Building Report. Steering Committee members discussed upcoming workforce grants.

Amy Hook-Poirier presented the NOEEN Executive Subcommittee Report.

Amy-Hook Poirier presented the Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Report.

Other Reports

Caitlin Boley presented the Community Network Lead Agency Report.

Nicholas Kindel presented the Facilities Fund Working Group Report.

Teresa Falgoust presented the State of the Sector presentation.

- Steering Committee members discussed identified disabilities and/or delays, public perception, director capacity, impact of inflation on level funding, current legislation, vacancies, LA4 seat distribution, and

public sharing of this report.

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 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 Rochelle Wilcox, the NOEEN Steering Committee received the NOEEN Executive Subcommittee, Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee, and Facilities Fund Working Group Reports.

On the motion of Rochelle Wilcox, the NOEEN Steering Committee received the State of the Sector presentation.

On the motion of Jen Roberts, seconded by Emmy O'Dwyer, the NOEEN Steering Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Kate Mehok to the role of Vice Chair.

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 11:43am.