New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN)
Steering Committee Meeting
NOLA-PS, 2401 Westbend Parkway
July 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 July 15, 2026, at 10:00am at NOLA-PS. Rochelle Wilcox, Chair, presided over the meeting.

Attendees

Steering Committee Members in Attendance
Tomorrow Fondal, Thelma French (Past Chair), Dr. Fateama Fulmore, Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire (Dionne Parker-George), Amy Hook-Poirier, Sheraé Hunter (Razan Badr), Jonika Julian-Harris, Tonia Loria, Kate Mehok (Vice Chair) (Sonjia Joseph), Joy Mitchell (Jodi Joseph), Yolanda Motley, Emmy O'Dwyer (Asya Howlette), Amanda Peek, Melanie Richardson, Jen Roberts, Monique B. Rouege, Meshawn Siddiq (Sheneda Jackson), Rochelle Wilcox (Chair)

Guests in Attendance
Ariann Sentino

Steering Committee Members Not in Attendance
Stacey Barquet, Angelique Morris Francois, Benita Plaisance

Approval of Minutes

Sonjia Joseph moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2026 Steering Committee Meeting, which was seconded by Thelma French. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Steering Committee Member Reports

Jen Roberts presented the Millage Capacity Building Report.

- Steering Committee members discussed potential additional adjustments.

Amy Hook-Poirier presented the Ready Start Network Report.

- Steering Committee members discussed seats at providers who are newly ineligible, CFR scores for providers, and funding priorities as adopted by the NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee.

Public Comment

Ariann Sentino provided public comment on community needs and recognition of the Steering Committee.

Motions

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

On the motion of Thelma French, seconded by Tomorrow Fondal, the NOEEN Steering Committee voted to

approve the 2026-2027 revised NOEEN Budget.

Yes: Tomorrow Fondal, Thelma French, Yolanda Motley, Emmy O'Dwyer (Asya Howlette), Melanie Richardson, Meshawn Siddiq (Sheneda Jackson)
No: None
Abstentions: Dr. Fateama Fulmore, Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire (Dionne Parker-George), Tonia Loria, Kate Mehok (Sonjia Joseph), Joy Mitchell (Jodi Joseph), Jen Roberts, Monique B. Rouege, Rochelle Wilcox

On the motion of Thelma French, seconded by Asya Howlette, the NOEEN Steering Committee voted to approve sites to receive ECEF and/or City Seats for the 2026-2027 program year as recommended.

Yes: Tomorrow Fondal, Thelma French, Dr. Fateama Fulmore, Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire (Dionne Parker-George), Sherae Hunter (Razan Badr), Yolanda Motley, Emmy O'Dwyer (Asya Howlette), Amanda Peek, Melanie Richardson, Meshawn Siddiq (Sheneda Jackson)
No: None
Abstentions: Tonia Loria, Kate Mehok (Sonjia Joseph), Joy Mitchell (Jodi Joseph), Jen Roberts, Monique B. Rouege, Rochelle Wilcox

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 10:55am.