New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN)
Steering Committee Meeting
NOLA-PS, 2401 Westbend Parkway
August 19, 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 August 19, 2026, at 10:00am at NOLA-PS. Rochelle Wilcox, Chair, presided over the meeting.

Attendees

Steering Committee Members in Attendance
Stacey Barquet, Tomorrow Fondal, Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire (Dionne Parker-George), Amy Hook-Poirier, Sheraé Hunter (Razan Badr), Jonika Julian-Harris, Tonia Loria, Kate Mehok, Joy Mitchell, Yolanda Motley, Melanie Richardson, Jen Roberts, Monique B. Rouege, Meshawn Siddiq (Sheneda Jackson), Rochelle Wilcox

Guests in Attendance
Sonjia Joseph, Xiomara Smith, Nniki Guyton

Steering Committee Members Not in Attendance
Thelma French, Dr. Fateama Fulmore, Angelique Morris Francois, Emmy O'Dwyer, Amanda Peek, Benita Plaisance

Approval of Minutes

Kate Mehok moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2026, Steering Committee Meeting, which was seconded by Melanie Richardson. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Steering Committee Member Reports

Jonika Julian-Harris presented the Coordinated Enrollment Report.

- Steering Committee members discussed offer acceptance rates, communication, and cadence.

Amy Hook-Poirier presented the Ready Start Network.

- Steering Committee members discussed the process for priority seats, enrollment process, reallocation process for new and returning providers.

Jen Roberts presented the Millage Capacity Building Report.

Jonika-Julian Harris presented the Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Report.

Public Comment

Sonjia Joseph provided public comment on the Ready Start Network and Millage Capacity Building Report.

Xiomara Smith provided public comment on the Ready Start Network and Millage Capacity Building Report.

Nniki Guyton provided public comment on the Ready Start Network and Millage Capacity Building 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 Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Working Group Reports.

On the motion of Kate Mehok, seconded by Melanie Richardson, the Steering Committee voted to approve the recommended sites for reallocation of ECEF and City Seats unfilled seats for the 2026-2027 program year as presented.

Yes: Stacey Barquet, Tomorrow Fondal, Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire (Dionne Parker-George) Melanie Richardson, Sheraé Hunter (Razan Badr), Kate Mehok, Yolanda Motley, Meshawn Siddiq (Shaneda Jackson)
No: None
Abstain: Tonia Loria, Joy Mitchell, 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 11:24 a.m.