NEW ORLEANS EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK (NOEEN)

SUPPLEMENTARY COORDINATED ENROLLMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

September 24, 2026

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MEMBER	ENTITY REPRESENTED
Thelma French	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Dr. Fateama Fulmore	NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS)
Amy Hook-Poirier	Orleans Parish Lead Agency
Jonika Julian-Harris	Orleans Parish Lead Agency
Kate Mehok	Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program (LA 4)
Joy Mitchell	Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
Emmy O'Dwyer	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Melanie Richardson	Family Child Care Providers
Jen Roberts	NOEEN Nonprofit Corporation Board of Directors
Monique B. Rouege	Early Childhood Education Fund (ECEF)
Rochelle Wilcox	City Seats

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ACTION ITEM: ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion is to adopt the draft minutes from the September 8, 2026 NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Meeting

- **Discussion**
- **Public Comment***
- **Vote**

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2026-2027 SEAT ALLOCATION UPDATES

SEPTEMBER 2026 ECEF ACTIVITIES

The Department of Education has been delayed in providing updated guidance for the 2026-2027 ECEF program. Additionally, the approval of ECEF budgets throughout the state were delayed and networks were required to update the budget and submit additional documentation.

- Despite these delays, Agenda for Children did not pause new enrollment, and instead maintained its commitment to children and centers by continuing to pay providers despite not receiving reimbursement from the state.
- As of September 15, the LDOE provided new guidance stating that enrollment can continue beyond the original September 15 enrollment deadline for ECEF seats.
- As part of the updated ECEF budget, Agenda was able to increase a portion of ECEF funding dedicated to seats. This was due to the agency's ability to garner private funding for operational and compliance requirements.

MEETING PURPOSE

This Supplemental NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Meeting was scheduled to determine allocation priorities for ~35 additional ECEF seats.
Given that new ECEF seats need to be allocated THIS LATE in the program year, the NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee is being tasked with developing supplementary 2026-2027 allocation strategies and priorities.

The following items must be completed by the subcommittee during today's meeting.

1. **Site Participation -** Determining if new or current sites should be considered for these additional ECEF seats
2. **Updated Timeline -** Approval of 2026-2027 Updated Enrollment and Allocation Timeline

To assist the subcommittee in these tasks, the NOEEN Access Team will share proposed recommendations and strategies based on the overall allocation and enrollment process and current access and enrollment data.

SITE PARTICIPATION

There are ~35 ECEF Seats that must be allocated this program year.

The subcommittee is tasked with determining if qualified new providers or currently participating providers should receive the additional ECEF seats.

SITE PARTICIPATION CONSIDERATIONS

New Sites Sites that completed a 26/27 CFR Seat Application but did not receive City Seats or ECEF seats in the 25/26 program year.	Current Sites Sites that completed a 26/27 CFR Seat Application and received City Seats or ECEF seats in the 26/27 program year.
6 new sites had 26/27 CFR seat application scores of 2.0* or higher**	27 current sites had a 26/27 CFR seat application scores of 2.0* or higher**
If the additional seats are allocated to new sites, each of these 6 sites could receive ~4-6 ECEF seats	If the additional seats are allocated to current sites, each of the 27 current sites could receive ~1 additional ECEF seat***
Many new sites previously received CCAP B-3 seats through the network but have recently lost these seats due to changes in the CCAP B-3 program now that it is administered by the LDOE	9 of the 27 current sites still have vacant 26/27 ECEF seats
	9 of the 27 current sites have no children on their waitlist

**2.0 is the median 2026-2027 CFR Seat Application score*
***The number does not include new providers do not include the three new providers who already received an allocation for the 26/27 program year.*
****Current providers would need to have unduplicated waitlisted children in Avela and filled all 26/27 initial allocations as of 10/1/2026 to receive an additional allocation .*

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ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF SITE TYPES FOR THE RECEIPT OF THE ADDITIONAL 2026-2027 ECEF SEATS

Motion is to approve the following site type <new sites or current sites> to receive the additional 2026-2027 ECEF Seats.

- **Discussion**
- **Public Comment***
- **Vote**

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2026-2027 UPDATED ENROLLMENT AND ALLOCATION TIMELINE

This following is a proposed Updated Enrollment and Allocation Timeline for the 2026-2027 program year.

July 21, 2026	Initial Allocations Released (ECEF and City Seats)*
September 23, 2026	Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee sets and approves priorities for additional ECEF seat allocations.
Date TBD	NOEEN Steering Committee Meeting approves sites to receive additional ECEF allocations
October 1, 2026	Additional ECEF Seat Allocations Released
October 30, 2026	2026/2027 Enrollment Period Ends

**Does not reflect the initial allocation release date for the three new sites added after the August 2026 NOEEN Steering Committee meeting.*

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ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2027 UPDATED ENROLLMENT AND ALLOCATION TIMELINE

Motion is to approve the 2026-2027 Updated Enrollment and Allocation Timeline.

- **Discussion**
- **Public Comment***
- **Vote**

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NEXT STEPS

A Supplemental NOEEN Steering Committee Meeting will be held to review the decisions made by the Subcommittee and to vote on the sites recommended for receipt of the additional 2026-2027 ECEF seats.

The date of this meeting will be set and shared via email and other standard communications by EOD Monday, September 28.

OPEN FORUM

FUTURE MEETINGS

Steering Committee Meetings

(Every Third Wednesday of the Month)

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- October 21
- November 18
- December 16
- January 20
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19
- June 16

Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Meetings (Moved to Every Second Wednesday of the Month)

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. @ NOLA-PS

- October 14
- November 11
- December 9
- January 13
- March 10
- April 14
- May 12
- June 9

Note: No meetings scheduled for July 2026 and February 2027

ADJOURNMENT