NEW ORLEANS EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK (NOEEN) STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 18, 2023

NOEEN | NEW ORLEANS EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MEMBER	ENTITY REPRESENTED
Jen Roberts	NOEEN Board of Directors
VACANT	**New Orleans City Council**
Asya Howlette	City of New Orleans Mayor's Office
Dr. Fateama Fulmore	NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS)
Anna Williamson	Orleans Parish Child Care Resource & Referral Agency
Rebecca Latham	Orleans Parish Lead Agency
Derrick Toups	Orleans Parish Ready Start Network
Dr. Holly Bell	Louisiana Department of Health Early Steps System Point of Entry
Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire	NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS) Exceptional Children Services (Child Find)
Joy Mitchell	Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
Kate Mehok	Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program (LA4)
Vanessa Chavis	Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development Program (NSECD)
Maria Blanco	Early Head Start
Dr. Keith Liederman	Head Start
Kristi Givens	City Seats
Rochelle Wilcox	B-3
Thelma French	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Dr. Maureen Nicol	Early Care & Education Parent/Caregiver (At Large)
VACANT	**Early Care & Education Parent/Caregiver (At Large)**
Melanie Richardson	Family Child Care Providers (At Large)

III. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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- Motion is to adopt the minutes from the November 9, 2022 Steering Committee Meeting.
  - Discussion
  - Public Comment
  - Vote

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Motion is to adopt the minutes from the November 30, 2022 Coordinated Enrollment & Coordinated Funding Request Subcommittee Meeting.
  - Discussion
  - Public Comment
  - Vote

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Motion is to adopt the minutes from the December 7, 2022 Special Steering Committee Meeting.
  - Discussion
  - Public Comment
  - Vote

IV. LEAD AGENCY & READY START UPDATES

NOEEN PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Child Count Overview**
  - Child count is intended to count every publicly-funded child birth through age four in the state.
    - LA4, NSECD, CCAP, EHS, HS, B-3, City Seats, Title I, IDEA, FCC with Academic Approval
  - As established in Bulletin 140, community network lead agencies and publicly-funded early learning sites are required to work together to submit a count of all publicly-funded classrooms and children on October 1 and February 1 of each academic year. Data collected during Child Count is critical and used by different stakeholders.

NOEEN PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Child Count Overview**
  - Child Count is intended to be an unduplicated count of every publicly-funded child birth through age four in the state. Methodology:
    - Determine which funding source is the primary funding source for the majority of the child's instructional day, and count the child only once in that funding source.
    - Only count publicly-funded children who are enrolled during the regular school day.
    - Only count full-time children; do not count part-time children.
  - Audit of October 1 Count Data is currently in progress and will be completed by the end of January
  - Results of the audit will be shared during the next steering committee meeting.

NOEEN PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Child Count - Timeline for February 1 Count**
  - 1/16 - Notice of February Count included in NOEEN newsletter
  - 1/18 - Brief timeline overview provided during Director's Collab.
  - 1/26 - Child Count Office Hours/Webinar offered to all sites via Zoom
  - Week of 1/30 - Initial contact for survey completion sent to all sites
  - 2/1 - Enrollment on this date will be used to complete survey
  - 2/3 - Survey launches
  - 2/10 Survey due for all sites

MILLAGE + CAPACITY BUILDING UPDATES

- Workforce
  - **Updates**: Workforce Task Force Playbook draft complete, New Orleans Workforce Development Board recognized Early Childhood as an in-demand profession, Nearing completion of career pathways mapping (YouthForce NOLA)
  - **Next Steps/Exploring**: media campaign highlighting importance of early childhood and quality educators
- Expansion
  - **Updates**: Millage collection begins January 2023, Facilities Grant underway, nontraditional hour care work underway
- Enrollment
  - **Updates**: Unified CFR, enrollment platform redesign in process, communication campaign launches in February
  - **Next Steps/Exploring**: work with subcommittee to review and improve CFR application process
- Wraparounds
  - **Update**: Special Needs seat augmentation complete, LASARD partnership, wraparound survey, exploring community partnerships
  - **Next Steps/Exploring**: engaging consultant to create family- and provider-facing resource maps for serving children with disabilities
- Accountability
  - **Update**: expanded Access team at Agenda for Children, NOEEN strategic plan nearing completion
  - **Next Steps/Exploring**: millage update meeting, open meetings law training (spring)

FACILITIES EXPANSION UPDATE

- The ECHO Facilities Fund Pilot Grant is made possible through a partnership with Nola C.A.R.E.S. and generous contributions from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, J.P Morgan Chase, and individual donors.
- $600K to support SEED and GROW grants for Family Child Care providers and Type III early learning programs in Orleans Parish.

FACILITIES EXPANSION UPDATE

- GROW Grants
  - Grow Grants will be awarded up to $50,000 to Type III Centers that
    - currently serve fewer than 50 children and that demonstrate a plan to expand to at least 50 seats
    - are currently licensed to serve 50 or more children
  - Uses: physical improvements to expand seat capacity, provide construction gap financing and collateralization for loans, reimburse construction costs incurred by the center owner for new site construction
  - 23 GROW applications
  - $250,000 available, 5 grants to be awarded

FACILITIES EXPANSION UPDATE

- SEED Grant
  - Seed Grants will be awarded up to $20,000 to support FCCs and Type III Centers licensed to serve fewer than 50 children.
  - Uses: Cosmetic and minor structural improvements, accessibility and safety improvements, furniture and fixtures to support non-traditional hours, play equipment
  - 30 SEED applications
  - ~$250,000 available, 15 - 20 grants to be awarded

FACILITIES EXPANSION UPDATE

- Review Team + Process
  - Review teams of 2-3 people each from Agenda for Children, NOEEN Steering Committee, Nola CARES, and policy specialists
  - SEED grants reviewed and then determinations made
  - GROW grants reviewed, semifinalists determined, interviews conducted, then determinations made
- Timeline
  - Interviews currently being conducted for GROW grant semifinalists
  - Review ongoing for SEED grant applications
  - Determinations sent January 31

FUNDING UPDATES

- City Seats
  - Millage collection begins January 2023.
  - Seat expansion reflected in CFR.
  - 400 current City Seats seats shift to millage.
  - Millage to fund up to 1,000 total City Seats (+600).
  - State match amount currently undetermined.

V. COORDINATED OBSERVATION UPDATES

COORDINATED OBSERVATION UPDATES

Fall 2022 Observations = 591 Total Classrooms

- Completed Classrooms = 572
- Uncompleted Classrooms = 12
  - Reasons: French classrooms, observer turnover and change in availability, weather
- FCCs Who Opted Out = 7

Spring 2023 Observations = 600 Total Classrooms

- Seeing slight increase in classrooms
- CLASS configurations and non-typical days are past due *(missing 41 / 166 submissions)*
- Hoping to start observations week of January 30
- Current Observer Corps = 16

VI. COORDINATED ENROLLMENT UPDATES

COORDINATED ENROLLMENT UPDATES

Funding Source	Total Allocation	Percentage of Seats Filled	Infant		1Yr		2Yr		3Yr		PK-4	
			Total Seats	Available Seats	Total Seats	Available Seats	Total Seats	Available Seats	Total Seats	Available Seats	Total Seats	Available Seats
LA4	1,394	97%								3	1,394	42
NSECD	379	85%							1	0	379	56
B3	420	99%	58		111	2	114	1	137	0		
City Seats	400	99%	40	0	85	1	127	1	147	0		
EHS	739	80%	79	17	270	59	389	74				
HS	1,481	68%							757	186	702	270
PK-4 Tuition	159	93%							10	0	149	9
Totals	4,972	85%	177	17	467	62	650	97	1,083	189	2,595	377
Total Active	4,230		(90%)		(87%)		(85%)		(83%)		(85%)	

COORDINATED ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN

Orleans Parish School Board recently approved a contract to work with Octagon Media for the next 18 months on an Early Childhood Enrollment Campaign.

The campaign will kickoff in the coming weeks as we engage families for the upcoming Early Childhood unified enrollment application launch on February 1.

Centers and schools will be provided with social media graphics/captions to help us drive enrollment in early childhood.

There is a press conference being planned for February 1.

VII. COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST UPDATES

23-24 COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST (CFR) PROCESS OVERVIEW

NOEEN annually facilitates a Coordinated Funding Request (CFR) process that provides early learning centers an opportunity to request publicly-funded seats. Programs requests are evaluated and recommendations are voted on by the NOEEN Steering Committee.

The goal of NOEEN's CFR is to ensure that the limited number of publicly-funded early childhood seats are allocated to those programs that meet families' needs, are high quality, and are in high demand.

CFR TIMELINE AND PROCESS UPDATES

October 2022: Announce and launch CFR process

October 2022: Programs submit applications; interview and/or site visits begin

November 2022: CFR Evaluation Team scores applications
January 2023: CFR Evaluation Team proposes allocation recommendations to Steering Committee

January: Steering Committee approves allocation recommendations (LA4, NSECD, B-3) for Super App

January 2023: NOEEN Steering Committee approves allocation of City Seats

February/March 2023: LDOE determines final allocations (LA4, NSECD, B-3) and sends to BESE

April 2023: BESE approves final allocations (LA4, NSECD, B-3)

April 2023: NOEEN Steering Committee approves allocation of City Seats with state matching funds

CFR APPLICATION OVERVIEW

- The CFR application launched on October 3, 2022 and closed on October 28, 2022.
- This year's evaluation rubric and application were updated to unify requests for all funding sources into one application submission for programs.
- We received 101 completed applications.
- Applications were disseminated to evaluation teams, individually scored using a comprehensive rubric, and then consensus scored by the evaluation teams, which included NOLA-PS and Agenda for Children staff.
- Site visits were scheduled for all LA4, NSECD, and new programs. The site visit consisted of an interview with leadership and a tour of the site. Majority of site evaluations were conducted in pairs and consensus scored to maintain inter-rater reliability.

2023-2024 COORDINATED FUNDING REQUESTS

2023-2024 CFR FUNDING REQUESTS		
Program (101 Applications)	**Age Band**	**Total Seats Requested**
City Seats/B-3	**Infants** **Ones** **Twos** **Threes** *Total*	**299** **437** **484** **765** *1,985*
LA4/NSECD	**PK4**	**2,065**

2022-2023 CURRENT SEAT ALLOCATIONS BY FUNDING SOURCE

Funding Sources	Age Band	Current Allocations
LA4	PK4	1,402
NSECD	PK3/PK4	379
B-3	Infant to 3 years old	420
City Seats	Infant to 3 years old	200
State Match to Local Investment	Infant to 3 years old (match local funding approach)	200

2023-24 CFR FUNDING SOURCE UPDATES

LA4, NSECD, & B-3 funding allocation requests must be determined prior to the Super App Submission due date of January 27, 2023.

B-3 state-funded three year pilot program is ending. It is unclear if B-3 seats will continue to be funded by the State and/or at what level. Funding requests for B-3 seats must be included in the Super App to be considered when/if funding becomes available.

Millage-funded City Seats are locally-funded and only require Steering Committee approval. NOEEN's top priority is continuity of care for existing students.

State matching funds for local millage (City Seats) investment have not yet been decided by the State. It is unclear if the State will match our full local investment.

IMPLICATIONS OF FUNDING STATUS ON CFR RECOMMENDATIONS

As a result of the current status of funding sources:

- NOEEN should ensure that all seats allocated can be funded through currently-known funding sources and amounts
    - Seat recommendations made for City Seats may need to be converted to B-3 or state match funding, if it becomes available, based on student eligibility to maximize family access, minimize vacancies across the system, and remain sensitive to program sustainability.
- Seat and funding allocations for children ages birth to three must ensure existing children can continue to the next age level classroom, when available
- Since B-3 and state match funds have not yet been determined, more than one round of seat and funding allocations will likely be necessary

IMPLICATIONS OF FUNDING STATUS ON CFR RECOMMENDATIONS

- Addition of 600 City Seats and potential B-3 and state match funds requires NOEEN to consider expansion of seat allocation to new programs, whether
  - currently operating and new to City Seats, or
  - a new site that is in process of opening but is currently unlicensed
- Including new sites today ensures they are included in Feb. 1 early childhood NCAP launch
- Steering Committee will need to determine if seats can/should be allocated in this round to new sites that are in process of opening but are currently unlicensed
- Recommendations reflect prioritizing underserved geographic areas as identified in the Fall 2022 Data Center report. These areas include the following zip codes:
  - New Orleans East (70126, 70127, 70128, 70129)
  - West Bank (70114, 70131)
- The exact funding source for each seat will need to be finalized once all funding sources and amounts are determined; and
- LA4, NSECD, and B-3 requests must be included on NOEEN's Super App submission which is due January 27, 2023.

LA4 COORDINATED FUNDING REQUESTS

2023-24 LA4 FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

See **BLUE** handout.

2022-23 LA4 CURRENT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

School Name	Total Seats	Open Seats	SchoolName	TotalSeats	OpenSeats
Akili Academy of New Orleans	40	1	KIPP Believe	20	0
Alice M. Harte Charter School	40	0	KIPP Central City	40	0
Andrew H. Wilson Charter School	40	0	KIPP East	60	0
Audubon Charter School French	22	0	KIPP Leadership	20	0
Audubon Charter School - Gentilly	13	0	KIPP Morial	60	2
Audubon Charter School Montessori	11	0	Lafayette Academy Charter School	20	0
Bricolage Academy	37	1	Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans	63	0
Dorothy Height Charter School	60	2	Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary	40	0
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School	40	0	McDonogh 42 Elementary Charter	20	0
Dwight D. Eisenhower Charter School	40	0	Morris Jeff Community School	55	0
Einstein Charter School at Sherwood Forest	20	1	Pierre A. Capdau @ Avery Alexander	20	0
Einstein Charter School at Village de l'Est	20	0	ReNEW Dolores T. Aaron Academy	40	0
Encore Academy	35	1	ReNEW Laurel (SciTech) Elementary	40	0
Fannie C. Williams Charter School	40	0	ReNEW Schaumburg Elementary	80	35
FirstLine Schools: Langston Hughes	38	1	Robert Russa Moton Charter School	40	1
FirstLine Schools: Phillis Wheatley	38	0	Success at Thurgood Marshall	20	0
FirstLine Schools: Samuel J. Green	17	1	YACS at Lawrence D. Crocker	20	0
Harriet Tubman Charter School	32	0	NOLA-PS	110	NA
Homer A. Plessy Community School	22	1			

2023-2024 LA4 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

The CFR evaluation team applied the following considerations to determine the LA4 recommended allocations:

- **All existing programs requesting seats will be recommended to receive seats.**
  - Family demand is there for existing programs.
  - Existing sites requesting same number or fewer seats will have full request recommended if they were mostly able to fill seats this year (determined in increments of 20).
  - Increases/decreases in recommendations compared to current allocations were based on a review of enrollment & waitlist data, geographic area, impact of reduction in capacity at existing sites, facility capacity, application responses/scores and anticipated additional K seats available for families at the school.
- **Ensure flexibility to convert seats or increase allocations** based on enrollment and family needs.
  - NOLA-PS recommendations will remain the same as last year.
- **Increase diversity of programming available and increase family program choices**.
  - Addition of new two-way immersion PK4 site.

2023-24 LA4 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

LA4 Requests are due to the State as part of Super App on January 27, 2023. Funding for LA4 seats is expected to be aligned with current year's allocations.

Recommendation: Request from the State a total of 1,434 LA4 funded seats distributed to schools as presented on the previous slide and aligned to program requests, current enrollment data, current allocations, family demand and family needs.

VOTE ON 2023-24 CFR ALLOCATIONS - LA4

- Motion is to approve the proposed LA4 seat allocations for the 2023-24 school year.
  - Discussion
  - Public Comment
  - Vote

NSECD COORDINATED FUNDING REQUESTS

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2023-24 NSECD FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

See **GREEN** handout.

2022-23 NSECD CURRENT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

School Name	Grade	Total Seats	Open Seats
Children's Palace Learning Academy (NSECD)	PK4	20	1
Good Shepherd Nativity Mission School	PK4	40	0
McMillian's First Steps CCDC	PK4	60	5
Resurrection of Our Lord School	PK4	67	25
Royal Castle Child Development	**PK3**	1	0
Royal Castle Child Development	PK4	15	0
St. Alphonsus School	PK4	20	0
St. Benedict the Moor	PK4	15	0
St. Joan of Arc School	PK4	25	9
St. Leo the Great	PK4	36	2
St. Mary's Academy	PK4	60	15
St. Stephen School	PK4	20	0

2023-2024 NSECD FUNDING RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

The CFR evaluation team applied the following priorities to determine the LA4 recommended allocations:

- **All existing programs** requesting seats are recommended to receive seats.
  - There is current demand for existing programs.
  - Existing sites requesting same number or fewer seats will have full request recommended if they were mostly able to fill seats this year (in increments of 20).
- **Additional program recommendations** prioritized the following:
  - Sites in underserved geographic areas were recommended full request if score was 65% or higher
  - Sites with a score of 80% or higher were recommended full request regardless of geographic area
  - Allows families to age up to a seat at the same quality center, if possible
  - Increase diversity of center/school options offered for families
  - Potential to increase PK3 seats across the system meeting families' needs (PK3 waitlists are long)
- **Increases/decreases in recommendations** compared to requests were based on a review of enrollment & waitlist data, geographic area, impact of reduction in capacity at existing sites, facility capacity, licensing status and application responses/scores.

2023-24 NSECD FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

NSECD requests are due to the State as part of Super App on January 27, 2023.

It is recommended that the Steering Committee vote to request from the State NSECD funded seats distributed to schools as presented on the previous slide and aligned to current enrollment data and final seat allocations for the current year.

Recommendation 1: Request 493 NSECD seats if the Committee votes to allocate seats to sites in the processing of securing a site license.

Recommendation 2: Request 466 NSECD seats if the Committee votes **not** to allocate seats to sites in the processing of securing a site license.

VOTE ON 2023-24 CFR ALLOCATIONS - NSECD

- Motion is to approve the proposed NSECD seat allocations, including sites in the processing of securing a site license, for the 2023-24 school year.
  - Discussion
  - Public Comment
  - Vote

B-3 COORDINATED FUNDING REQUESTS

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2023-24 B-3 FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

See **PURPLE** handout.

2022-23 B-3 Current Funding Allocations

B-3 Provider	TotalSeats	OpenSeats	B3 Provider	TotalSeats	Open Seats
Children's Palace North	24	2	McMillians	18	0
Children's Palace South	8	0	Open Mind Open Hearts	6	0
Clara's Federal City	13	0	Preschool Learning Center	35	1
Creative Kids East	21	0	Sentino 3	11	1
Cuddly Bears	20	0	Sentino Too	28	0
Dryades	6	0	Shelia's Kiddie Cottage	10	3
Early Partners	10	0	Shiloh Gardens	25	0
Hoffman	32	1	Preschool Learning Center 2	10	0
It Takes a Village	13	0	Toddler University	3	0
Kid's Kingdom	11	0	Toddler University 2	16	0
Kids of Excellence (KOE) St. Claude	27	0	Trinity	20	2
KOE Higgins	5	0	Wilcox Academy Central City	7	0
Little Scholars	19	0	Wilcox Academy of Early Learning	3	0
Little Steps	17	0	Wilcox Academy Too	2	2

2023-2024 B-3 FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

The CFR evaluation team considered the following to determine the B-3 recommended allocations:

- If B-3 funding becomes available only requests submitted via Super App will be considered by LDOE.
- NOEEN should make a request to the State to protect current B-3 allocation number (420) and ensure continuity of care for existing students.
- If B-3 funding does not come through, we recommend 420 B-3 seats are protected by City Seats or state match funds.
- When B-3 funding is determined by the state, NOEEN will likely need to revisit funding and seat allocations to ensure we maximize family access, minimize vacancies across the system, and remain sensitive to program sustainability.

2023-24 B-3 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

B-3 Requests are due to the State as part of Super App on January 27, 2023.

Funding for B-3 has not yet been determined by the State. Orleans Parish does not anticipate an increase to current B-3 seats (420).

Recommendation: Request from the State the same number of B-3 seats for the 2023-24 SY that are currently allocated to existing programs for the 2022-23 SY (420).

VOTE ON 2023-24 CFR ALLOCATIONS - B-3

- Motion is to approve the proposed B-3 seat allocations for the 2023-24 school year.
  - Discussion
  - Public Comment
  - Vote

CITY SEATS FUNDING REQUESTS

2023-24 CITY SEATS ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

See **ORANGE** handout.

2022-23 CITY SEATS CURRENT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

City Seats (CS) Providers	Total CS	Open CS	CS Providerse	TotalCS	OpenCS
Children Palace North	44	0	Preschool Learning	32	0
Creative Kids East	7	1	Toddler University	12	0
Cuddly Bears	31	0	Wilcox Academy CC	17	0
Hoffman	19	0	Clara's Little Lambs	14	0
Kid's Kingdom	12	0	KOE Higgins	9	0
Little Scholars	7	0	KOE Franklin	17	0
McMillians	18	0	Renew	15	0
Open Mind Open Hearts	27	1	Royal Castle	27	0
Sentino TOO	29	0	Wilcox Academy	26	0
Sentino 3	11	0	Wilcox Academy TOO	16	0
Shiloh Gardens	10	0			

2022-23 B-3 CURRENT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

B-3 Provider	TotalSeats	OpenSeats	B3 Provider	TotalSeats	Open Seats
Children's Palace North	24	2	McMillians	18	0
Children's Palace South	8	0	Open Mind Open Hearts	6	0
Clara's Federal City	13	0	Preschool Learning Center	35	1
Creative Kids East	21	0	Sentino 3	11	1
Cuddly Bears	20	0	Sentino Too	28	0
Dryades	6	0	Shelia's Kiddie Cottage	10	3
Early Partners	10	0	Shiloh Gardens	25	0
Hoffman	32	1	Preschool Learning Center 2	10	0
It Takes a Village	13	0	Toddler University	3	0
Kid's Kingdom	11	0	Toddler University 2	16	0
Kids of Excellence (KOE) St. Claude	27	0	Trinity	20	2
KOE Higgins	5	0	Wilcox Academy Central City	7	0
Little Scholars	19	0	Wilcox Academy of Early Learning	3	0
Little Steps	17	0	Wilcox Academy Too	2	2

2022-23 CITY SEATS + B-3 ALLOCATIONS

Early Learning Center Name	Total CS+ B3	EarlyLearningCenterName	TotalCS+ B3
Children's Palace	76	Sentino Early Childhood Academy Toc	79
Clara's Little Lambs at Federal City	13	Shelia's Kiddie Cottage	10
Creative Kidz East	28	Shiloh Gardens	35
Cuddly Bear	51	The Preschool Learning Center, Inc. 2	10
Dryades YMCA Day Care	6	The Preschool Learning Center	67
Early Partners	10	Toddler's University 2	16
It Takes A Village	13	Toddler's University	15
John Hoffman Early Learning Center	51	Trinity Learning Academy	20
Kid's Kingdom Academy and Daycare	23	Wilcox Academy Central City	24
Kids of Excellence Academy St. Claude	27	Wilcox Academy of Early Learning	29
Kids of Excellence Higgins	14	Wilcox Academy TOO	18
Little Scholars Academy	26	Clara's Little Lambs	14
Little Steps Learning Center	17	Royal Castle	27
McMillian's First Steps CDC	36	ReNew	15
Open Minds Open Hearts	33	Kids of Excellence Franklin	17

2023-2024 CITY SEATS FUNDING RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

The CFR evaluation team considered the following to determine the City Seats recommended allocations:

- City Seats is currently the only guaranteed funding source at this time for children aged birth-3.
- Recommendations ensure students currently served by City Seats and B-3 funding can receive continuity of care agnostic of current funding source.
- NOEEN will likely need to revisit funding allocations before the 2023-2024 SY pending final determination of B-3 and state match funding, program sustainability, student eligibility, and family access.
- Addition of 600 City Seats and potential B-3 and state match funds requires NOEEN to consider expansion of seat allocation to new programs, whether
    - currently operating and new to City Seats, or
    - a new site that is in process of opening but is currently unlicensed
- Including new sites today ensures they are included in Feb. 1 early childhood NCAP launch
- Steering Committee will need to determine if seats can/should be allocated in this round to new sites that are in process of opening but are currently unlicensed

2023-2024 CITY SEATS FUNDING PRIORITIES

Priority 1: Continuity of Care

- Existing sites receive birth to three-year-old allocations to ensure currently funded students aging up at their site are served regardless of current funding source (B-3, City Seats - City, City Seats - State Match).

Implications

- All existing sites are allocated seats for currently enrolled students moving from Infant to 1s, 1s to 2s, and 2s to 3s so children can remain at the same site.
  - One existing site is ineligible due to low performance score but is recommended to be allocated continuity of care seats only.
- No infant seats are allocated in this priority.

Available City Seats for the 2023-2024 SY: 1,000
Priority 1 Seat Allocation: 527
Remaining Seats: 473

2023-2024 CITY SEATS FUNDING PRIORITIES

Priority 2: Infant Care at Existing Sites

- Existing eligible sites are allocated infant seats. Sites are recommended to receive infant allocations equal to the current number of actively enrolled infants at the site or equal to the site's infant seat request, whichever number is less.

Implications

- If the site has no currently active infants and failed to request infant seats, the site will be allocated one infant seat because sites accepting City Seats funds must serve infants.
- Some sites met their total CFR ask after this priority.
- One existing site is ineligible due to low performance score.

Seat Allocations at Priority 2: 90
Total Seat Allocations (Priority 1 and 2): 617
Available Seats: 383

2023-2024 CITY SEATS FUNDING PRIORITIES

Priority 3: Meet 22-23 Allocations for Existing Providers, If Requested

- Existing sites do not receive fewer seats in 2023-24 than are currently allocated, if requested.

Implications

- All existing eligible sites receive the full number of seats requested up to the same number of seats they are currently allocated, but not to exceed their 2022-23 total allocation.
- Some sites met their total CFR request after the first three priorities.

Seat Allocations at Priority 3: 167
Total Seat Allocations (Priority 1, 2, and 3): 784
Available Seats: 216

2023-2024 CITY SEATS FUNDING PRIORITIES

Priority 4: Add New City Seats Providers

- Increase family access and choice to quality seats by allocating seats to new sites that do not currently receive B-3, City Seats - City, or City Seats - State funds by prioritizing underserved geographic areas and/or high CFR evaluation scoring sites.
- Sites in underserved geographic areas with a score of 65% or higher and any site in any zip code with a score of 75% or higher were recommended seats.
- Recommendations reflect 25% of the site's remaining unallocated seat request after priority 3 or up to full ask, whichever is less.
- Available seats after this priority will be saved to provide Continuity of Care for any newly-enrolled student between now and the end of the school year or can be included for allocation in future rounds.

Implications

- Increased family access to sites and seats; seats are added, not just converted from one funding source to another

Seat Allocations at Priority 4 (WITH Sites with License in Progress): 195
Total Seat Allocations: 979 (rounded down at 25% of remaining ask)
Available Seats: 21

Seat Allocations at Priority 4 (WITHOUT Sites without License in Progress): 182
Total Seat Allocations: 966 (rounded up at 25% of remaining ask)
Available Seats: 34

VOTE ON 2023-24 CFR ALLOCATIONS - CITY SEATS

- Motion is to approve the proposed City Seats seat allocations for the 2023-24 school year with sites with a license in progress.
  - Discussion
  - Public Comment
  - Vote

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

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- Composition
  - **Chair** - T. French
  - **Vice Chair** - Vacant
  - **Past Chair** - K. Liederman
  - **NOEEN Board of Directors** - J. Roberts
  - **Lead Agency** - R. Latham
  - **Ready Start Network** - D. Toups

EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- Spring Meeting Date
  - May 10, 2023
  - 10-11 a.m.
- Steering Committee members please check-in with Allison Cohen before leaving today to confirm that you have signed your assurance and updated your contact information.

ACTION ITEM: VICE CHAIR NOMINATION

Role

- The Vice Chair shall, at the request of the Chair and/or in the Chair's absence, perform the duties of the Chair.
- The Vice Chair shall serve on the Executive Subcommittee.
- The Vice Chair shall serve a term of one (1) year, which can be renewed a maximum of two (2) times at the recommendation of the Executive Subcommittee and a majority vote of the Steering Committee.
- Upon completion of the Chair's term, the Vice Chair shall become the Chair, pending a recommendation of the Executive Subcommittee and a majority vote of the Steering Committee at a meeting with quorum.

ACTION ITEM: VICE CHAIR NOMINATION

Rochelle Wilcox

- Executive Director, Wilcox Academy of Early Learning
- Co-Founder, For Providers by Providers
- Managing Partner, Elite Teachers Institute
- Inaugural Louisiana Early Childhood Leader of the Year
- B-3 Representative
- Appointed to Steering Committee in October 2023

ACTION ITEM: VICE CHAIR NOMINATION

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote
  - Motion is to approve the nomination of **Rochelle Wilcox** as the **Vice Chair** of the NOEEN Steering Committee.

COORDINATED ENROLLMENT & COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

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COORDINATED ENROLLMENT & COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- Composition
  - R. Latham (Chair)
  - J. Mitchell
  - K. Mehok
  - T. French
  - F. Fulmore
  - M. Richardson
  - D. Toups
  - R. Wilcox

COORDINATED ENROLLMENT & COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- Spring Meeting Date
  - March 8, 2023
  - 10-11 a.m.
- Task
  - Review feedback, timeliness, process, and application from Fall 2022 CFR (by May 10, 2023 meeting).
  - Generate timeline and revisions to application or process for Fall 2023 CFR (by May 10, 2023 meeting).

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

- Composition
  - A. Howlette (Chair)
  - H. Bell
  - M. Blanco
  - V. Chavis
  - K. Givens
  - S. Guidry Hilaire
  - K. Liederman
  - K. Mehok
  - J. Mitchell
  - M. Nicoll
  - D. Toups
  - R. Wilcox
  - A. Williamson

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

- Spring Meeting Date
  - January 18, 2023
  - 10-11 a.m.
- Tasks
  - Develop plan outlining meaningful ways to engage and represent the voices of the children and families served by publicly-funded early care and education programs in Orleans Parish (by May 10, 2023 meeting).
  - Develop plan to collect input from families on NOEEN-related activities (by May 10, 2023).
  - Synthesize input and share relevant recommendations to the Steering Committee (by Fall 2023 or at May 10, 2023 meeting).

IX. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP REPORT

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Strategic Planning Process & Timeline

Months	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023
Key Activities	Launch Working Group	Plan for Data Collection & Review Crosswalk	Review of SWOT Analysis, Retreat Design Prep	Strategic Planning Retreat	Review Draft Plan and Begin Ground-truthing	Finalize Plan for Steering Committee Approval
Deliverables	Working Group, Non-negotiables, Stakeholder Grid	Crosswalk of existing plans, plans for ~30 interviews, focus groups, survey	Completed SWOT Analysis	Outline of Draft Plan	Ground-truthing Plan	Final Written Plan for Adoption
Committee Meeting Dates	Thu., 9/22/22 12:30 – 2 pm	Thu., 10/27/22 12:30 – 2 pm	Mon., 11/14/22 12:00 – 2 pm	Wed., 12/7/22 8:30 am – 4 pm	Tue., 1/10/23 11 am - 12:30 pm	Thu., 3/2/23 12 – 1:30 pm

ResourceFull Consulting

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATES

- Strategic Planning Retreat held on Dec. 7.
- Initial draft shared with Working Group on Jan. 10.
- Additional meetings in February and March before finalizing.

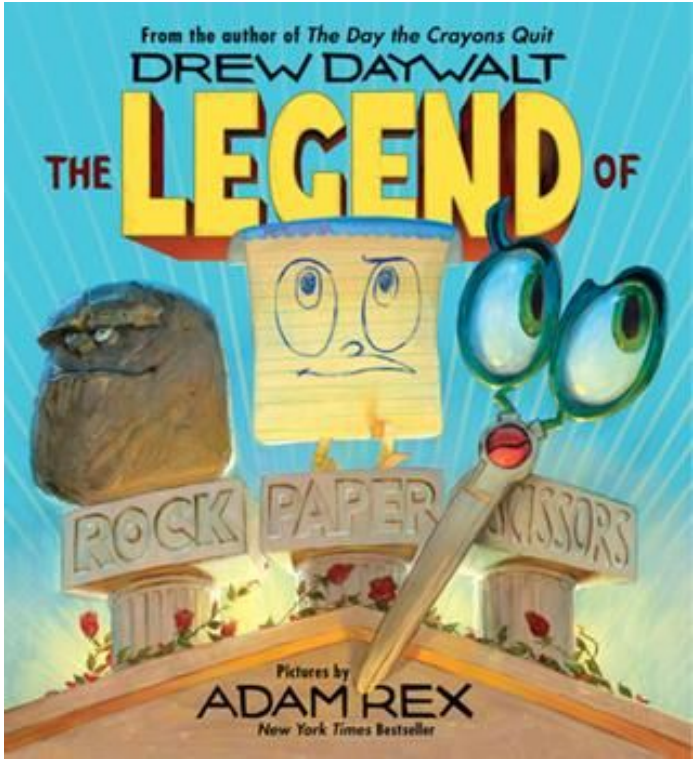
EXIT
STANDING OUT

EXIT

ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS AWARD

Kristi Givens

2022 Champion



XIII. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MEMBER	ENTITY REPRESENTED
Jen Roberts	NOEEN Board of Directors
VACANT	**New Orleans City Council**
Asya Howlette	City of New Orleans Mayor's Office
Dr. Fateama Fulmore	NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS)
Anna Williamson	Orleans Parish Child Care Resource & Referral Agency
Rebecca Latham	Orleans Parish Lead Agency
Derrick Toups	Orleans Parish Ready Start Network
Dr. Holly Bell	Louisiana Department of Health Early Steps System Point of Entry
Dr. Shayla Guidry Hilaire	NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS) Exceptional Children Services (Child Find)
Joy Mitchell	Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
Kate Mehok	Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program (LA4)
Vanessa Chavis	Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development Program (NSECD)
Maria Blanco	Early Head Start
Dr. Keith Liederman	Head Start
Kristi Givens	City Seats
Rochelle Wilcox	B-3
Thelma French	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Dr. Maureen Nicol	Early Care & Education Parent/Caregiver (At Large)
VACANT	**Early Care & Education Parent/Caregiver (At Large)**
Melanie Richardson	Family Child Care Providers (At Large)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

- New Orleans City Council Vacancy
- Early Care & Education Parent/Caregiver (At Large) Vacancy

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PARENT/CAREGIVER (AT LARGE) NOMINATION

- **Stacey Barquet**
- **Parent and Early Head Start Teacher, Clover**

Stacey Barquet has a 4 year old in the Clover Head Start program and is a Clover Early Head Start teacher. Stacey started her work at Clover as a parent volunteer in 2018, and in August 2020 she was hired as a center aide floater. After five months of working as a center aide floater, Stacey enrolled in the CDA program at Delgado Community College. In May 2021 she was then promoted to Early Head Start Teacher. After receiving her CDA, Stacey continued to further her education at Delgado where in December 2022 she received an Associate of Science degree in Early Education. Stacey's goal is to gain as much knowledge as she can so she can elevate the education field.

ACTION ITEM: NEW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote
  - Motion is to approve the nomination of **Stacey Barquet** to the **Early Care & Education Parent/Caregiver (At Large)** seat on the NOEEN Steering Committee.

UPCOMING NOEEN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The next NOEEN Steering Committee meeting is **March 8, 2023**.

2022-2023 NOEEN Steering Committee Meetings (11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)

- ~~August 24, 2022~~
- ~~September 15, 2022~~
- ~~October 12, 2022~~
- ~~November 9, 2022~~
- ~~January 18, 2023*~~ ~~*Family Engagement Subcommittee Meeting (10-11 a.m.)~~
- March 8, 2023* *Coordinated Enrollment & Coordinated Funding Request Subcommittee Meeting (10-11 a.m.)
- May 10, 2023* *Executive Subcommittee Meeting (10-11 a.m.)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT