

Early Learning Coalition



of Pinellas County, Inc.

Policy: ELCPC-20.3	Title: Board Member Recruitment Policy	
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References: OEL-PG-0002-10
Early Learning Coalition Board Membership- Program Guidance
Section 411.01(5)(a)4.-13., Florida Statute
ELCP Bylaws

Purpose: To define procedures for recruitment of Board Members.

Background: Membership of the Early Learning Coalition board is established in Section 411.01(5)(a)4.-13., Florida Statute.

Policy: The Board Development Committee of the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County will recruit and nominate members of the Board of Directors in accordance with Florida Statute.

Procedures:

I. Required Members

- A. Private sector business representatives
Recruitment efforts for private sector business members is ongoing. It is recommended recruitment begin 12 months in advance of expiration of final terms of existing members. As allowed by statute, appointments may overlap allowing an opportunity for training and staggering of terms.
- B. Representative of programs for children with disabilities under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
The Coalition will consider representatives of West Central Early Steps (IDEA Part C) and Gulf Coast Florida Diagnostic Learning Resources Services (IDEA Part B).
- C. Representative of private for profit child care providers
An invitation to apply will be sent to all for-profit child care centers based providers in Pinellas who offer School Readiness or VPK programs. Applications will be reviewed for qualifying criteria. Nominations will also be requested from local professional associations. Applications will be reviewed for qualifying criteria by Coalition staff. An additional application page will be added to include a short bio of the nominee along with their plan to disseminate information and

gather input from their peers. The Board Development Committee will make final recommendation for Board appointment.

D. Representative of faith-based child care providers

An invitation to apply will be sent to all faith based providers in Pinellas who offer School Readiness or VPK programs. Applications will be reviewed for qualifying criteria. Nominations will also be requested from the Early Childhood Association. Applications to be reviewed for qualifying criteria by Coalition staff. An additional application page will be added to include a short bio of the nominee along with their plan to disseminate information and gather input from their peers. The Board Development Committee will make final recommendation for Board appointment.

E. Family Child Care Home Provider

An invitation to apply will be sent to all Family Child Care Home providers in Pinellas who offer School Readiness or VPK programs. Nominations will also be requested from the Heart to Heart Association, Pinellas Providers Association and the Southside Partnership. Applications will be reviewed for qualifying criteria. An additional application page will be added to include a short bio of the nominee along with their plan to disseminate information and gather input from their peers. The Board Development Committee will make final recommendation for Board appointment.

II. Optional Members

- A. Representative of a non-profit child care provider
- B. Parent representative

Exhibits: Board Member Application