

**FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE
LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Director Chappelle called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

II. Attendees

Members Present: Dr. Lakeya Afolalu, Lori Baxter (on behalf of Mayor Bruce Harrell), Sarah Clark, Marques Gittens, Dr. Donald Felder, Susan Lee, Melody McMillan (on behalf of Chancellor Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap), Stephanie Morris, Manuela Slye, Evan Smith

Members Absent: Natalie Beauregard, Janet Ceballos, Dr. Ted Howard (on behalf of Superintendent Jones), Girard Montejo-Thompson, Erin Okuno, Councilmember Maritza Rivera, Linda Thompson-Black

Others Present: Dr. Chris Alejano (DEEL), Cathie Knox-Browning, Dr. Sarah Burtner (CBO), Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Theresa D'Agostino (DEEL), Jemini Davis (DEEL), Leilani Dela Cruz (DEEL), Dr. Ismael Fajardo (DEEL), Dr. Ciera Graham (DEEL), Sara Mirabueno (SPS), Marissa Rousselle (DEEL), Jonathan Swift (DEEL), Mei-Li Thomas (DEEL),

III. Public Comment

No public comments were announced at this meeting

IV. Business Items

Summer Investments Across FEPP

Presenters:

- Leilani Dela Cruz, DEEL Early Learning Division Director
- Dr. Chris Alejano, DEEL K-12 and Postsecondary Division Director

Review & Advise	Recommend	Vote	Advocate
Speaker Initials	Question/Comment		
DF	Transition from SPP to SPS, issues associated with reading, is this an opportunity to begin to look at the baseline presented so that next year there is a comparison as children are progressing		

	Are we tracking students from preschool to post-secondary and the impact of what is happening to those students k-3rd grade (k and 1 are the foundational years children are learning to read – Black students going into sps and the support being given and that progress continues when they go into sps in the middle of this coming year to say whether or not the efforts today are continuing in the future) Q2 – what are they offering during the summer that supports children as they move into the new school year (ie First Place CBO) and why are we so proud to give these organizations funding to do the work if we are not plugging the holes A1 – SPP gets school idea with SPS we are able to track them as they matriculate over time A2 – preschool into K transition, require our SPP participants providers to provide K-readiness activities to prepare them for K
SL	From the perspective of a provider: The students have gained academic and Socio-emotional skills over the summer while providing much needed care for families that need additional support. It has been essential and critical to all the families [ReWa] has been privileged to serve.
IF	Invitation from the chat to talk data: We can follow-up with Seattle Preschool Program evaluations to date (there are many!) and any additional questions you may have on SPP summer impact in elem. If there are other LOC members that would like to join me, please let me know!
ES	How are CBO grantees identified? As we consider renewal, how much of the operational costs the levy is footing for the CBOs? A: there is a formal RQI released to the public by DEEL with an internal DEEL scoring panel and recommendation process. DEEL is committed to a low-barrier equitable funding process for the community.
DF	What would I say to principals of schools interested in pursuing to DEEL summer learning investments? Dr. Alejano with circle back with Dr. Felder
SL	Can you speak to how the expansion of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) may impact the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP), particularly from the perspective of community-based providers who are concerned about the potential implications for enrollment and sustainability of their programs A: WA State has decided to pause with transitional k due to budget constraints. (For additional information please refer to SB 5769 Washington State Legislature which caps Transition to K at School Year 24-25 levels.)

- Dir. Chappelle overviewed the updated 2025 Meeting Schedule

Summer Site visit Options

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FEPP Levy Renewal Updates

Presenters:

- Marissa Rousselle, DEEL Impact and External Affairs Deputy Director

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V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

VI. DEEL Follow-up to LOC Member Questions

- Dr. Fajardo will connect with select LOC members on how SPP Summer programs impact the outcomes of matriculating elementary students.
 - Interested members include:
 - Dr. Donald Felder
 - Director Sara Clark
 - Stephanie Mills
 - Evan Smith
- Dr. Alejano will connect with Dr. Felder on his inquiry regarding what to communicate to principals interested in DEEL summer learning programs/funding.