

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

WebEx Meeting  
January 27, 2022

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Dwane Chappelle called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**II. Attendees**

Members Present: James Bush (on behalf of Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Brent Jones), Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Stephanie Gardner, Marques Gittens, Susan Lee, Jennifer Matter, Councilmember Tammy Morales, Erin Okuno, Shouan Pan, Manuela Slye, Vivian Song-Maritz, Kimberly Walker

Others Present: Chris Alejano (DEEL), Lori Baxter (DEEL), Ivory D. Brooks (Guest), Luis Briseno (DEEL), Imani Carey (on behalf of Councilmember Tammy Morales), Deana Fanning (DEEL), Lisa Gaccione (City Budget Office), Dwight Goodman (Guest), Brian Goodnight (CoS), Sonja Griffin (DEEL), Jamal Hussein (DEEL), Sage Leibenson (DEEL), Monica Liang-Aguirre (DEEL), Michelle Mitchell-Brannon (Guest), Tiffany Preston (DEEL), Isis Randolph-McCree (DEEL), Marissa Rousselle (DEEL), Keisha Scarlett (SPS), Nick Terrones (Guest), Mei-Li Thomas (DEEL), Tiffany Victory (Guest), Renee Willette (Guest)

**III. Business Items**

Welcome

The meeting began with a welcome and introduction by Dwane Chappelle, Director of the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL). The meeting continued with a review of Color Brave Space norms, LOC member roles and responsibilities.

2021 Accomplishments and Appreciation

Dwane Chappelle, DEEL Director

**Review & Advise**

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- Director Chappelle shared words of appreciation regarding the department's accomplishments in 2021 including the completion of the FEPP Levy Year 1 Report.
- The advocacy efforts of the LOC to expand Seattle Promise even during the challenges of COVID-19 were applauded.
- Director Chappelle also highlighted the creation of a supported transfer pathway to the University of Washington for Promise Scholars, as well as celebrated the Promise 3-year college completion rate being higher than the national average.

- Outgoing Levy Oversight Committee members were recognized and thanked for their service:
  - Former City Council President, Lorena Gonzales
  - Trish Dziko
  - Dr. Constance Rice
  - Princess Sharif

DEEL 2022 Priorities and LOC Year At-a-Glance

Dwane Chappelle, DEEL Director  
 Marissa Rousselle, DEEL Policy Director

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- Director Chappelle gave a high-level description of the LOC calendar and described Office Hours as a forum for continued and deeper discussion on LOC topics. Office Hours will occur the Monday following Thursday LOC meetings.
- DEEL’s 2022 priorities were also shared:
  - COVID-19 Response
  - Child Care Investment Alignment
  - Preschool to Postsecondary Continuum Alignment
  - Differentiated Supports and Focus on Math for Black and Brown Boys
  - Seattle Promise Scholar Outcomes
  - Internal DEEL Operational Excellence
- Marissa reviewed the LOC member roles and responsibilities and 2022 workplan items:
  - FEPP report and annual budget
  - Uses for FEPP undesignated fund balance
  - FEPP flexibility legislation and other technical changes

*Discussion Summary*

<b>Speaker Initials</b>	<b>Question/Comment</b>
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MS	Transportation difficulties experienced by families as barriers to participation in programs like SPP and Promise and HB 1153 regarding language access were identified as policy areas of interest.
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COVID-19 Impact Discussion

James Bush, Seattle Public Schools Chief Equity Partnership and Engagement  
 Ivory Brooks & Rene Willette, Rainer Beach Highschool  
 Michelle Mitchell-Brannon and Youth Representatives of Atlantic Street Center  
 Nick Terrones, United Indians of All Tribes Daybreak Star Preschool

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- DEEL leadership facilitated a discussion with LOC members regarding impacts of COVID-19 to DEEL’s program execution, funding allocation, and policy priorities.
- Early Learning speakers highlighted efforts to mitigate COVID-19 transmission, increase family and student supports, and stabilize early childhood education businesses. DEEL supported vaccination and booster outreach and distributed personal protective equipment (PPE) and Antigen test kits to community-based organizations (CBOs), childcare, and preschool providers. DEEL also established COVID-19 contingency plans to provide remote services and distributed home learning kits to families.

**IV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

**V. DEEL Follow-up to LOC Member Questions**

Topic	Member Initials	Question
SPP Summer Extension	NT	What is DEELs plan, capability, and interest in continuity of expanded summer funding for early learning programs?
		<b>DEEL Response:</b> DEEL intends to offer the SPP Summer Extension program for the remainder of the FEPP Levy (through summer 2026). Legislation was submitted to City Council in summer 2022 to formalize DEEL's authority to extend preschool programming into summer.