

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

Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 22, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Director Chappelle called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

II. Attendees

Members Present: Veronica Alvarez (on behalf of Mayor Bruce Harrell), Natalie Beauregard, Councilmember Maritza Rivera, Dr. Donald Felder, Marques Gittens, Dr. Stephanie Gardner, Susan Lee, Manuela Slye, Evan Smith, Dr. Ted Howard, Linda Thompson-Black, Gina Topp, Chancellor Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap

Members Absent:

Kateri Joe, Erin Okuno, Jennifer Matter,

Others Present: Dr. Chris Alejano (DEEL), Sarah Burtner (City Budget Office), Dr. Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Jemini Davis (DEEL), Leilani Dela Cruz (DEEL), Dr. Ismael Fajardo (DEEL), Gavin Hayes (CoS), Rebecca Lawrence (DEEL), Melody McMillan (Seattle Colleges), Marissa Rousselle (DEEL), Jonathan Swift (DEEL),

III. Public Comment

No public comments were submitted

IV. Business Items

Quorum Establishment, Bylaw Update, Meeting Minutes Approval

Presenters:

- Dr. Dwane Chappelle, DEEL Department Director

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Motion 1: DEEL Director proposes formal quorum standard of 50% + 1 of active membership effective as of this meeting. The LOC Bylaws will be updated as such: Section V: Conduct of Business; 5.2 – Decision Making, 5.2a - Voting

- Dir. Chappelle orchestrated the vote; Jemini Davis called role
- Manuela Slye made the motion, Dr. Stephanie Gardner provided the second
- Passed: Yes - 11, No – 0, Abstain - 1
- Motion 2: March – July Meeting minutes approved

- Linda Thompson-Black made the motion, Evan Smith provided the second
- Passes by consensus

Underspend Proposal and Vote

Presenters:

- Jonathan Swift, DEEL Finance Director

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- The LOC was presented with proposed allocation options for the current FEPP Underspend balance
- Members voted in support of or against the proposed allocation
- Mei-Li Thomas, DEEL Legislative Coordinator orchestrated the vote
- Motion 1: To endorse DEEL's recommendation to allocate FEPP underspend toward \$2M toward K-12 summer learning.
- Dir. Chappelle orchestrated the vote; Jemini Davis called role
- Evan Smith made the motion; Dr. Donald Felder provided the second
- Passed: Yes - 9, No – 2, Abstain - 1
- Motion 2: To endorse DEEL's recommendation to allocate FEPP underspend toward \$0.7M to Path to UW.
- Dir. Chappelle orchestrated the vote; Jemini Davis called role
- Manuela Slye made the motion, Dr. Stephanie Gardner provided the second
- Passed: Yes - 11, No – 0, Abstain - 1
- Motion 3: To endorse DEEL's recommendation to allocate FEPP underspend toward \$2M in reserves in DEEL's 2025 budget.
- Dir. Chappelle orchestrated the vote; Jemini Davis called role
- No motion nor second were made; vote is unratified
- Unratified: Yes - 10, No – 0, Abstain - 2

*Discussion Summary**

Speaker Initials	Question/Comment
DF	JS provided clarification request on underspend reserve offsetting costs or reducing property tax levy required.
ES	Question to the order of procession of budget acceptance. JS – DEEL proposes to the MO who proposes to CC
LTB	Is a funding opportunity available? JS – 1-additional underspend is anticipated at the end of 2024.
MS	Clarity on the cause for facility grants underspend in Early Learning

	<p>JS-The spending did not happen within the time period, spending in this case was dependent upon demand.</p> <p>LDC – Organizational capacity grants (pre-pandemic a NGO orchestrated the process for DEEL) Post-pandemic it was identified as an underutilized resource that may benefit from reallocation.</p>
DF	<p>Can the proposed \$2M for summer learning be earmarked for literacy development?</p> <p>DC-Yes, literacy development is within the scope of a variety of eligible program offerings of organizations applying for these resources.</p>
SL	<p>Concerning the \$2M proposed to be allocated to K-12 will any be going to EL? Was the original source of the underspend the EL division?</p> <p>JS - Confirming the vast majority of the underspend is coming from the EL division; none of it will go back to the EL division as it is proposed, hence the reason of the need for the vote.</p> <p>SL – Concerns expression on the ratio of children with special needs to teachers and expressing support of financially supporting this matter.</p> <p>LDC – In 2025 DEEL will be doubling its Comprehensive Supports</p>
LTB	<p>Would like to see a broader shift of underspend allocations to not just Early Learning.</p>
SG	<p>Is the \$2M equally spread through K-12</p> <p>Does 12 mean rising seniors or matriculating postsecondary?</p> <p>JS-This allocation will go to a specific, currently funded, program that DEEL is currently funding. It is typically rising high school seniors.</p>
ES	<p>Why these two programs in particular? Summer learning had been budgeting to run out so why was it not funded to go that long and why are we funding it now?</p> <p>JS -Summer Learning was not originally included in FEPP and through the course of the levy the department has been locating funds to provide an opportunity that has proven successful.</p> <p>ES-What is the criteria for success?</p> <p>JS-Are they doing well? Are they proving impact? If we were to end the program would it cause harm? Is it consistent with the impacts detailed in the IE Plan? We have not been using solely underspend to fund summer learning.</p>
TH	<p>How many students are served in the summer learning program?</p> <p>Slide 13 confirms the information needed</p>
DF	<p>How does DEEL fund interventions that does prevents regression between K to matriculating 4th graders?</p>

Early Learning Childcare Investments

Presenters:

- Leilani Dela Cruz, DEEL Department Director

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- Leilani Dela Cruz provided a detail informational on the childcare investments within FEPP
No discussion occurred during the segment

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

VI. DEEL Follow-up to LOC Member Questions

- a. Leilani and Manuela to connect on free preschool
- b. Director Chappelle to connect with Dr. Gardner on the Summer Learning programming and rising seniors' question