

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

Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 21, 2024

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Attendees**

Members Present: Veronica Alvarez (on behalf of Mayor Bruce Harrell), Natalie Beauregard, Dr. Donald Felder, Marques Gittens, Kateri Joe, Melody McMillan (on behalf of Chancellor Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap), Councilmember Maritza Rivera, Manuela Slye, Evan Smith, Gina Topp,

Members Absent:

Dr. Stephanie Gardner, Dr. Ted Howard, Susan Lee, Jennifer Matter, Erin Okuno, Linda Thompson-Black

Others Present: Dr. Chris Alejano (DEEL), Dr. Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Jemini Davis (DEEL), Leilani Dela Cruz (DEEL), Sonja Griffin (DEEL), Dr. Daniel Perez (DEEL), Marissa Rousselle (DEEL), Jonathan Swift (DEEL), Christina Nguyen (Guest)

**III. Public Comment**

No public comments were announced at this meeting

**IV. Business Items**

2025 Proposed Budget

**Presenters:**

- Dr. Dwane Chappelle, DEEL Department Director
- Jonathan Swift, DEEL Finance Director

Review & Advise	Recommend	Vote	Advocate
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- Dir. Chappell provided information to the Committee on items in the proposed budget for 2025

*Discussion Summary\**

Speaker Initials	Question/Comment
MS	Requests clarification of what "waitlist" the proposed item is referring to.

	LDC - DEEL provides subsidized childcare to caregivers in school or working – mirroring the WA state’s program had a waitlist and now are able to slowly reevaluate resources to support more families.
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## FEPP Levy History and Renewal Updates

### **Presenters:**

- Marissa Rousselle, DEEL Impact and External Affairs Deputy Director

<b>Review &amp; Advise</b>	<b>Recommend</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Advocate</b>
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- Marissa provided updated information on the proposed Seattle Public School levies and the relevance to its possible relationship to the upcoming FEPP Renewal

### *Discussion Summary\**

<b>Speaker Initials</b>	<b>Question/Comment</b>
<b>DF</b>	All Renewal questions can be directed to Dir. Chappelle or Marissa directly
<b>EO</b>	What is the role of the LOC in the levy renewal process?  MR: The LOC is in an advisory role for the [renewal] proposal that goes to council. [Currently the LOC] provides an oversight in the existing levy. For the 2018 levy, the loc reviewed the mayor’s proposal, submitted an endorsement letter, and provided public comment regarding council amendments.
<b>SG</b>	Q1 2025 – cohosting events  MR: New activity crafted from LOC desire to be more forefront with community education efforts that will need to be built collaboratively with LOC members as an additional opportunity to be more involved and visible in your role on the Committee.

## 2024 Year in Review

### **Presenters:**

- Dir. Dwane Chappelle, DEEL Department Director

<b>Review &amp; Advise</b>	<b>Recommend</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Advocate</b>
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Members respond to the following question: What topics do you want to learn more about in 2025?

*Discussion Summary\**

<b>Speaker Initials</b>	<b>Question/Comment</b>
<b>DF</b>	Know more about the challenges that exists between SPS and DEEL. Particularly in the area of reading, especially for AA Males
<b>MG</b>	Site visits and presentations continue to be a highlight. Would like to enhance agency and effectiveness as a member in their role. How can members personally leverage their skill sets through renewal efforts.
<b>EO &amp; SG</b>	2025 Edu is going to change how the City will respond and protect gains made. Specifically for LGBTQIA and students of color.
<b>MS</b>	Coalition or alignment between DEEL and SPS and DL advocacy.
<b>SG</b>	How the City is thinking of engaging federal and state partners in being proactive to potential changes to the proposed federal DoE changes.
<b>SL</b>	Would like to hear from providers on success and challenges [of the levy]

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

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