

New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN) Steering Committee
8300 Earhart Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70118
Meeting Minutes for October 4th, 2019

Committee Members in Attendance: Maria Blanco, Carole Elliot, Thelma French, Kristi Givens, Keith Liederman, Thomas Lambert, Kate Mehok, Joy Mitchell, Jen Roberts, Rhonda Taylor, Emily Wolff

Committee Members Absent: Kunjan Narechania, Joyce Ridgeway

Community Members in Attendance: Jammie Albert, Teresa Falgoust, Kenneth Francis, Lamar Gardere, Aimee Grainer, Gabby Izzo, Emily Madeira, Sean Perkins, Anthony Recasner, Anna White

- I. Opening Remarks & Icebreakers
 - a. The meeting began at 9 AM with a presentation of an achievement award to Dr. Anthony Recasner.
 - b. Meeting norms were established.
 - c. An icebreaker was conducted, wherein members discussed their experience working in early education in New Orleans.

- II. Reflecting on the Past of NOEEN
 - a. Members created a timeline of NOEEN's establishment and historical achievements.
 - b. Lamar Gardere of the Data Center presented on the "Prosperity Index," key data points regarding race, equity, and education in New Orleans.

- III. Break

- IV. Engaging with the Present
 - a. Jammie Albert and Anna White of the National League of Cities led a session regarding where NOEEN should best lead, support, or monitor in respect to early education policy and advocacy.
 - b. Members reflected on local challenges and the ideal role of NOEEN in the early education community. There was shared sentiment that NOEEN should lead on advocacy issues, rather than respond to policies and processes from third party stakeholders.

- V. Working Lunch w/ Sub-Committees
 - a. Members divided into Sub-Committee groups. Groups discussed what they would like their working group agenda to look like, who should chair groups, and when the first meeting would occur.

- VI. Break

- VII. Looking Towards the Future
 - a. Sub-Committees shared their agendas and vision for the year. Discussion followed.
 - b. A closing exercise was conducted, wherein members reflected on their experience at the retreat and hope for the future.
 - c. The meeting formally adjourned. An optional museum tour followed.

- VIII. Our Children, Our Future: LCM Tour