

**Every Child Ready-Families, Education, Preschool and Promise
Levy Oversight Committee**
Annual Retreat
Thursday, October 1, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Director Chappelle called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. Attendees

Fourteen Every Child Ready-Families, Education, Preschool and Promise Levy Oversight Committee (ECR-FEPP LOC) members, or their proxies, were present.

Appointee Name	Present	Absent
Amruta Mane	x	
Fathima Garcia	x	
Leon Garnett	x	
Erica Johnson		x
Gabriel de los Angeles	x	
Sofia Michelakis	x	
James Williams	x	
Jessica Tollenaar Cafferty		x
Girard Montejo-Thompson	x	
Lizbet Huizar	x	
Lakeya Afolalu	x	
Zamzam Mohamed	x	
Katie Wilson	x - Proxy	
Maritza Rivera	X	
Benjamin Shuldiner	x	
Joe Mizrahi		x
Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap	x- Proxy	

Others Present: Dr. Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Jemini Davis (DEEL), Holly Campbell (DEEL), Dr. Ismael Fajardo (DEEL), Ted Howard-as proxy (SPS), Melody McMillan – as proxy (Seattle Colleges), Marissa Rousselle (DEEL), Mei-Li Thomas (DEEL), Annia Yoshizumi (DEEL), Wendy Sykes (City Council)

III. Public Comment

No public comments were announced at this meeting

IV. Business Items

2025 Levy Legislative Review

Presenters:

- Marissa Rousselle, DEEL Impact and External Affairs Director

Review & Advise	Recommend	Vote	Advocate
Speaker Initials	Question/Comment		
TH	What are the health interventions? A: There are developmental, physical, and/or mental health investments defined in both Ready to Start and Ready to Learn domains. In Ready to Start, this includes home visiting programs—Nurse Family Partnership and ParentChild+ as well as Developmental Bridge and the Childcare Health Program. In Ready to Learn, this includes School Based Health Centers, community-based and virtual mental healthcare providers, behavioral health, and multisystem therapy supports.		
AM	What is the functionality of underspend? A: Underspend functions as additional revenue that can be leveraged to support “programmatic course corrections, program modifications/expansions, or new programs. Unspent funds will be prioritized for evidence-based services supporting positive impacts on levy goals. Underspend may only be used to fund new or expanded programming if it can be sustained for the remaining life of the levy. The DEEL Department Director will prepare a recommendation for the LOC and Council on how to reallocate resources. Final determination of fund allocation will be made by Council as part of the annual City budget process or other legislation.” (ECR-FEPP Implementation and Evaluation Plan, page 8)		
LA	How are free school meals administered? A: Free school meals are currently funded by the City of Seattle’s General Fund, and administered through a contract between the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) and Seattle Public Schools (SPS).		

Year 1 Implementation of the Levy**Presenters:**

- Dr. Dwane Chappelle, DEEL Department Director

No questions were asked by Committee members.

Evaluation and Reporting**Presenters:**

- Marissa Rousselle, DEEL Impact and External Affairs Division Director

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LA	What other assessments occur outside of planned Levy reporting? A: DEEL staff provided examples of pre- and post- surveys as well as mid-year assessments that occur in Seattle Preschool Programs.		

Following the meeting, the below resource was shared by Ted Howard, Seattle Public schools

2026–27 SPS assessment calendar: the frequency varies by assessment and grade level:

Assessment	How often each year
Teaching Strategies GOLD (PreK)	3 times
WaKIDS (Kindergarten)	1 time
DIBELS	2 times in Kindergarten; 3 times in grades 1–2
MAP Reading	2 times
MAP Math	2 times
WIDA Annual	1 time for eligible multilingual learners; screeners also occur upon enrollment as needed
SBA ELA	1 time
SBA Math	1 time
WCAS Science	1 time
WA-AIM	Twice-annually administered performance tasks for eligible students

LOC Bylaws Review

Presenters:

- Mei-Li Thomas, DEEL Boards and Commissions Liaison

No questions were asked by Committee members.

Closing Remarks and Group Photo

V. Adjournment

The retreat was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

VI. DEEL Follow-up to LOC Member Questions