

Kids First Communities Board Meeting
Hybrid Meeting
In-Person Meeting: The Village - Osceola
Electronic Meeting: VIA Zoom
August 14, 2025 • 5:00 PM

Mary DeLong, Board Chair called the board meeting to order at 5:03 PM with a declaration of a quorum.

Board Members Present:

Mary DeLong, Clarke (required human services); Ron Schlichte, Clarke (required business); Athena Porter, Decatur (required consumer); Marvin McCann, Clarke (required education); Kathy Lerma, Decatur (required health);

Board Members Absent: Linda Prunty, Wayne (public/elected official)

Director Present: Jenny Robinson

Guests: Jen Mitchell (SCICAP/Headstart); Crystal Hansen (The Village)

No additions or corrections to agenda.

Motion to approve agenda with corrections: Athena Porter

Second: Marvin McCann

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing minutes from the 6/19/2025 Board Meeting, motion to approve minutes as presented.

Motion to approve: Kathy Lerma

Second: Ron Schlichte

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously.

Agency Updates:

Crystal Hansen with The Village updated the board on the upcoming 3-Year-old Preschool year. All families who are of need of tuition assistance will first complete a CCA application and then if they are denied, they will then apply for a KFC Preschool Scholarship. Currently have 21 enrolled with 5 pending, where 24 can be accepted for max numbers.

Jen Mitchell from SCICAP Headstart updated the board that their 3 & 4 year old Headstart preschool program has room for 40 students and currently have 28 children enrolled.

Discussion on preschool options in Osceola include preschool options not only at The Village and SCICAP Headstart, but also Preschools are available at the School and Over the Rainbow.

Reports:

Financial Reports

- **FY2025 Financial Reports**

- Early Childhood: FY2025 Financial Report and Ledger distributed for review.

Total spent YTD of \$82,110.94 or 89% of funds spent YTD, with a carry over balance of \$9,964.35 or 13%.

School Ready: FY2025 Financial Report and Ledger distributed for review.

Total spent YTD of \$365,576.88 or 85% of funds, with a carry over balance of \$63,662.56 or 18%.

After review of the FY2025 financial reports, a motion was made to approve the FY2025 financial reports and claims as presented.

Motion to approve: Marvin McCann

Second: Kathy Lerma

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously

- **FY2026 Financial Reports**

- FY2026 Financial Report and Ledger distributed for review.

Total spent YTD of \$30,017.38 or 7%.

After review of the FY2026 financial report and ledger, a motion was made to approve the FY2026 financial reports and claims as presented.

Motion to approve: Marvin McCann

Second: Kathy Lerma

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously

Director Report

Copies of the Director report was distributed for Board member review and discussion. Meetings attended since our last meeting were recapped on the report. The following items were highlighted:

- Continuum of Care Grant Intent to Award was released.
- Preschool scholarships will be offered if CCA is denied up to 200% FPL. State is reviewing other funding sources such as Title IV-E funds for Home Visitation programs.
- Other Family Resources were discussed and community partners to assist families in need of programs. HHS website is a good resource.
- Updates on Decatur County PH PAT staff changes. Recruiting for a supervisor and a PAT educator.

New Business

- Board Members reviewed the 2025 KFC Financial Report. Motion was made to approve the Financial Report.

Motion to approve: Ron Schlichte

Second: Athena Porter

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously.

- FY2025 Annual Performance measurements were reviewed by the board. This report data is due on August 30, 2025 in a new state Qualtrics data system.
- FY2026 AECIABA Designation Representative will be the KFC Board Chair, Mary DeLong.

Old Business:

- No updates on the FY2023 Audit Summary or FY2024 Audit.

Board Development

Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics Statement have been completed by all board members.

Meeting dates

Next board meeting will be October 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM at The Village in Osceola. Future meetings include January 15, 2026.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Ron Schlichte, seconded by Marvin McCann, followed by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Submitted Jenny Robinson, KFC Director

Recorded by Athena Porter, KFC Secretary