



**EARLY LEARNING
MULTNOMAH**

Early Learning Multnomah Governance Council Meeting

Date: Monday, April 20, 2026

Time: 4:00–5:30 pm

Location: Virtual

Purpose:

The purpose of the meeting is to develop a shared understanding of how early learning hubs, including ELM work, and what the Council's role is to help us start to think together about priorities. No critical decisions will be made during this meeting, instead the meeting is designed to align our understanding and build a strong foundation for our work together.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Community Building (10 minutes)
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Icebreaker: What's something big or small that brought you joy this week?

2. Overview of Meeting Goals (5 minutes)
 - a. Build a shared understanding of how the early learning system and funding work
 - b. Clarify the role of the Governance Council (strategy, alignment, and accountability)
 - c. Begin thinking together about community needs and priorities
 - d. Explore what it means to create public access to and center family voice across our work
 - e. Lay the foundation for future decision-making as a Council

3. How the Hub Works: Funding and Systems (15 minutes)
 - a. Short presentation about funding streams and examples of work
 - b. Key ideas related to budget and systems
 - c. Discussion questions:
 - What stands out to you about these funding streams or how they connect?
 - What feels important for us to keep in mind as a Council?
 - As we move forward, what would help you feel prepared to make decisions about funding and priorities as a Council?

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4. Centering Family Voice and Including Public Access (20-25 minutes)
 - a. Exploring how family voice can meaningfully shape decisions
 - b. Reflect on what meaningful family voice looks like in this space and how community members can engage with Council and meetings
 - c. Consider multiple strategies for incorporating family voice (e.g., PAC, Council representation, other approaches)
 - d. Open discussion to brainstorm ideas and capture themes
 - e. Identify next steps—prioritizing and selecting strategies from our brainstorm in a future meeting
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5. Understanding Community Needs and Priority Populations (20-25 minutes)
 - a. Explore different approaches to needs assessment and how organizations define and understand community needs
 - b. Share experiences and perspectives from across sectors
 - c. Identify what information feels most critical to inform decisions
 - d. Review examples of data and insights previously gathered by ELM
 - e. Set up next steps—continue gathering input and begin shaping decisions in the next meeting
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6. Updates from DELC's initial review of bylaws and roster (5 minutes)
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7. Next Steps (5-10 minutes)
 - a. Identify next steps to support continued thinking on family voice, public access, and community needs.
 - b. Share access to a folder with meeting notes and resources
 - c. Revisit meeting schedule for May and June