Polk County Schools
Head Start Policy Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Stearns Education Center & Virtual

The regular meeting of the Polk County Head Start Policy Council was called to order at 12:06 pm by Margit Nelson. There was not a quorum present so it was an informational meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Margit Nelson, Cindy Allen, Karen Parton
Staff in attendance: Lori Byars, Jan Crump, Debbie Lovelace, Shelley Upton, Renee Souther, and Amy Scott

Review of September 9, 2026 Minutes

Potential new members to be voted on in November - Kelci Hampton, Jessica McEntyre, and Karen Parton

Reports/Information

The Program Summary Report for September was reviewed and each of the County Office Staff spoke to their section and answered any questions that arose.

Debbie Lovelace explained the budget report.
The credit card statements were not available so we will review this in November.

New Business

The following documents were reviewed by Lori Byars, Preschool Director:
Annual Report 2025-2026, Health and Safety Screening/Certification, and Governance and Leadership Capacity Screening/Certification

2026-2027 Meeting Calendar

November 10, 2026
December 9, 2026
January 13, 2027
February 10, 2027
March 10, 2027
April 14, 2027
May 12, 2027

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 pm.