

Professional Learning Committee (PLC)

MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2025

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Zoom

Present: Steve Carrera, Stacey Lince, Mary Kesler, Alyssa Graff, Meba Admassu, Shawna Callahan, Holley Shafer, Allyson Martinez, Teresa Perales

Guest Visitors: Nico Chen, Yashica Crawford, Colleen Mihal

Absent: Nikki Harris, Cari Torres-Benavides, Lauren Servais,

Agenda - Agenda approved

Minutes – 9/9/25 minutes approved

Appreciative Inquiry:

- Umoja Equity Institute visitors: Yashica Crawford and Colleen Mihal presentation to PLC: Seeking stronger collaboration with PLC on events, professional development offerings
- UEI Events coming up:
 - Equity is Not a Phases Prof. Learning Series
 - Equity in Mental Health – Umoja + Psych Services (April 2026)
 - Don Barksdale Homecoming
 - Emory Douglas
 - UEI meetings – Mon. 1:45

Funding Requests: none today

Classified Professional Learning Day – September 24

- Final updates
 - Keynote speaker: empowering your voice, conflict management
 - Invitation for PLC to join

Professional Learning Website Update

- New layout features 6 "pathway" categories aligned with learning plan goals
- Aims to be more visually engaging and easier to navigate than current text-heavy site
- Will house resources, conference info, and potentially user-generated content
- Committee provided feedback on layout and suggested adding manager-specific section.

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Professional Learning Plan

- Reviewed draft mission statement and 6 core focus areas
- Began detailed discussion of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion section:
 - Added goals around accessibility, leveraging partnerships (UEI, IDEA committee)
 - Emphasized need for equity framework across all trainings
- Started Technology & Innovation section:
 - Broadened focus beyond just AI to "emerging technologies"
 - Discussed digital equity needs, especially for ESL students
 - Considered adding needs assessment questions to upcoming technology survey

Next meeting is October 14, 2025

Meeting adjourned