

EARLY LEARNING COALITION BOARD MEETING MINUTES 6/22/05
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Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe
 Board of Directors Meeting
 June 22, 2005 (8:00 a.m.)

1900 Biscayne Blvd. (The Children’s Trust conference room)

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Octavio A. Verdeja (Chair), Gerald K. Schwartz , Dabney Park, Silvia LaVilla, Patricia Johnson, Daniel Armstrong, Yvonne Johnson, Gale Killion, Jessie Perkins, P. Morgan Hill, Jane Robinson, David Lawrence, Edith Humes-Newbold, Chuck Hood, Leslie Ann Roberts, Ava Byrne, David Lawrence, Ann-Karen Weller

STAFF ATTENDANCE:

Paula Bender, Karen Egozi, Phyllis Ditlow, Patrick Dolan, Mary Williams, Ivonne Anton, Steve Rios, J. Henry Neyra, Ana Alfonso, Mina Prado, Guimel Martinez, Yvette Medina, Juanita Armbrister, Jennifer Fouraker-Parsons, Erin Charlton,

GENERAL ATTENDANCE:

Gloria Simms, Marie Woodson, Ginette Rigaud, Modesto Abety, Ardene Bachoo, Laura Luder, Ian Abrams, Everly Valladares, Ramiro Moreno, Jennifer Bonnet, Lourdes Rodriguez-Rivera, Linda Carmona-Sanchez, Barbara Biggart, Ana Sejeck, , Rick Signori, Gladys Montes, Evelio Torres, Tony Lima, Angela McKinney, Walter Harvey, Reinier Potts, Barbara Weinstein, Dorothy Thomas, Rosalyn Berry, Alex Trujillo, Lisa Blair

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Octavio A. Verdeja, Chair of the Coalition, welcomed all in attendance. All attendees introduced themselves at the start of the meeting. 	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Octavio A. Verdeja called for the approval of minutes from the last Coalition Board meeting, held on June 2, 2005. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES BY CHARLES HOOD SECOND: GERALD K. SCHWARTZ MINUTES FROM 4/21/05 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
2004-2006 BUDGET OVERVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> O. Verdeja detailed the budget that was based on last year’s grant in the amount of \$125 million. The temporary budget is based on 80% of that amount—the total amount awarded by the State to date—and a revised total grant award will be finalized by August, 2005. The temporary budget needs Board Approval, based on the recommendation of the Finance, Audit, and Personnel (F.A.P.) Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY BUDGET BY SARA HERALD. SECOND: GERALD K. SCHWARTZ TEMPORARY BUDGET UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
SLIDING FEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Egozi explained the sliding fee scale, which is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION TO APPROVE THE

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<p>SCALE</p>	<p>adopted annually. The scales were presented to the board in Resolution 62205-03. Scales for both Miami-Dade (schedule B) and Monroe Counties (schedule C) require Board Approval. The scales, based on the federal poverty level, are developed to assess fees for parents enrolling children in child care. Rick Signori, of Child Development Services, explained the actual scale format and the statistics are incorporated into the scale. The F.A.P. Committee has reviewed both scales and approved.</p>	<p>RESOLUTION 62205-03 BY SARA HERALD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SECOND: GALE KILLION • RESOLUTION 62205-03 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
<p>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O. Verdeja (in the place of Nominating Committee Chair, Margie Zeskind) presented the selection of officers from the Committee. • Resolution 62205-08 lists the selection of officers to serve the Coalition Board of Directors. They are as follows <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yvonne T. Johnson (Vice Chair) 2. Jessie Perkins (Treasurer) 3. Sara Herald (Secretary) • Paula Bender explained to the Board that an issue that the Coalition and local community providers has always felt a need to rectify is the selection of Provider Representative members of the Board. The Committee then began the process of advertising available positions as Representative Members of the Board through the Chamber of Commerce and provider associations and organizations in the community. The decision was made that organizations should submit their selection to the Committee for consideration to become Representative members of the Board. Resolution 62205-01 is a formal request for Board approval of the attached policy on the nomination and selection process for the representative board member positions. • O. Verdeja introduced Resolution 62205-02 to assign terms to Coalition Board members as mandated by the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 62205-08 BY GERALD K. SCHWARTZ. • SECOND: DAVID LAWRENCE • RESOLUTION 62205-08 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED • MOTION TO APPROVE MOTION 62205-01 BY SARA HERALD • SECOND: YVONNE JOHNSON • MOTION 62205-01 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (the policy was amended to incorporate changes indicated by Sara Herald) • MOTION TO APPROVE MOTION 62205-02 BY SARA HERALD

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	<p>VPK legislation. The Board Member terms, as selected during the course of this meeting are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gale Killion-4 YEAR TERM 2. Jessie Perkins-3 YEAR TERM 3. Silvia LaVilla-4 YEAR TERM 4. Daniel Armstrong-3 YEAR TERM 5. MONROE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE (TBD)-2 YEAR TERM 6. Mae Bryant-3 YEAR TERM 7. Ava Byrne-2 YEAR TERM 8. Sara Herald-2 YEAR TERM 9. Patricia Johnson-2 YEAR TERM 10. Yvonne Johnson-4 YEAR TERM 11. Bud Park-2 YEAR TERM 12. Leslie Ann Roberts-3 YEAR TERM 13. Jane Robinson-4 YEAR TERM 14. Natacha Seijas-3 YEAR TERM 15. Ann Karen Weller-4 YEAR TERM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SECOND: PATRICIA JOHNSON • MOTION 62205-02 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
<p>COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O. Verdeja announced the selected members of the various committees of the Coalition Board. • EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Octavio Verdeja-Chair 2. Yvonne Johnson 3. Jessie Perkins 4. Sara Herald 5. Gerald K. Schwarz • FINANCE COMMITTEE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jessie Perkins-Chair 2. Daniel Armstrong 3. Dabney “Bud” Park 4. Gerald K. Schwarz 5. Edith Humes-Newbold • AUDIT COMMITTEE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sara Herald-Chair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE SELECTIONS BY GERALD K. SCHWARTZ • SECOND: DAVID LAWRENCE • COMMITTEE SELECTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Jessie Perkins 3. Daniel Armstrong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LITIGATION COMMITTEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gerald K. Schwartz-Chair 2. Yvonne Johnson 3. Patricia Johnson 4. David Lawrence 	
<p>CEO UPDATE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. Bender explained that the Coalition had completed its implementation phase of the contract with The Children’s Trust and was now in the discussion phase to implement the program. Therefore, Board approval of Resolution 62205-07 to begin negotiations on a contract with The Trust is required. Several members of the Coalition Board also serve as members of the Board of The Trust. As a result, they must abstain from voting on this resolution. These members are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David Lawrence 2. Sara Herald 3. Charles Hood 4. Gerald K. Schwartz • P. Bender introduced Resolution 62205-04 to replace the amended by-laws that must be filed the State of Florida. The by-laws were prepared by Coalition lawyers and approved by the By-Laws Committee. • P. Bender introduced Resolution 62205-05 to replace the amended Articles of Incorporation that must be submitted to the State of Florida. The Articles of Incorporation were prepared by Coalition lawyers and approved by the By-Laws Committee. The change of the Articles was to replace the name of the Registered Agent with PAULA S. BENDER. • P. Bender discussed the revisions to the Plan that is submitted to the Office of Early Learning. The Plan that was approved during the last meeting of the Coalition Board was amended. Those changes require Board approval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOTION TO APPROVE MOTION 62205-07 BY NATACHA SEIJAS • SECOND: GALE KILLION • MOTION 62205-07 BY ALL VOTING MEMBERS • MOTION TO APPROVE MOTION 62205-04 BY SARA HERALD • SECOND: PATRICIA JOHNSON • MOTION 62205-04 WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED • MOTION TO APPROVE MOTION 62205-05 BY SARA HERALD • SECOND: DAVID LAWRENCE • MOTION 62205-05 WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED • MOTION TO APPROVE 62205-06 BY DAVID LAWRENCE

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P. Bender provided the Coalition Board an update on the recently implemented Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program (VPK). Bender met with local representative Ralph Arza, chair of the State of Florida Select Committee, and a decision was made to hold a meeting to discuss the issues across the state on the complications and difficulties of registration for parents and providers, and the processing of payments. The meeting will be held in Miami-Dade County, tentatively set for July 6, 2005 in the City of Hialeah City Hall. Bender encouraged providers and parents to voice their concerns to state legislators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SECOND: GALE KILLION MOTION 62205-06 WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
FUTURE MEETINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future meetings of the Coalition Board will be set for the following dates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> AUGUST 25, 2005 OCTOBER 6, 2005 DECEMBER 1, 2005 FEBRUARY 2, 2005 APRIL 6, 2005 	
ELC LOGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> O. Verdeja called for a selection of the newly-designed logo. David Lawrence discussed the designing of the logo, which was made by the firm of GolinHarris. Tony Lima, of GolinHarris, explained the decision process of the logo design. Three options were developed and presented to the Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The logo design, labeled “CHILDREN” by the members of the Board, was voted on and approved. The logo will be redesigned slightly but will be incorporated as soon as possible.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:11 A.M.		

HANDOUTS: *Meeting Agenda, 2005-2006 Budget, Sliding Fee Scale, Amended Articles of Incorporation, Amended By-Laws, Logo, Slate of Officers, Revised Coalition Board Member Chart, Resolutions #62205-01, 62205-02, 62205-03, 62205-04, 62205-05, 62205-06, 62205-07, 62205-08*