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Emergency Board Meeting  
September 2, 2003  
9:30 a.m.  
United Way of Miami-Dade – Ansin Building  
3250 SW Third Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33129

**Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition board members present:**

Imran Ali	Vickie Burley	Marisel Elias-Miranda	Chuck Hood
Willie Ivory	Patricia G. Johnson	Shirley Johnson	Betsy Kaplan
Robert H. Kelly	Silvia La Villa	David Lawrence Jr.	Dabney Park
Natacha Seijas	Dean Taylor	Lucia Vicencio	

**Others in attendance:**

Ana Alfonso	Linda Alvarez	Ivonne Anton	Paula S. Bender
Lisa Blair	Wil Blechman	Chuck Bleiker	Carmen Cabrerias
Christina Clowdus	Ann de las Pozas	Yesenia Diaz	Warren Eldridge
Manuel Fermin	Donald Manning	Yvette Medina	Elena Morell
Mercy Nyman	Ivonne Ramirez	Tangayika P. Rudolph	Morgan P. Smith
Timothy Weeks			

Willie Ivory welcomed everyone and asked for self-introductions.

Dave Lawrence once again announced to the board of Warren Eldridge's resignation. Warren has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Palm Beach School Readiness Coalition. Warren's last day with the Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition will be Thursday, Sept. 11. We shall miss Warren, and all that he has helped the coalition accomplish, and wish him great success.

**CEO/PRESIDENT SELECTION**

Dave Lawrence, Chair of the CEO Search Committee presented to the board Paula S. Bender as their selection for the position of CEO/President of the Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition.

Paula Bender made a presentation to the board along with a copy of her resume and bio.

Willie Ivory requested a motion to accept Paula S. Bender as the Coalition's new CEO/President.

**Motion:** Dave Lawrence  
**Second:** Natacha Seijas  
Motion was unanimously approved.

**NEW MEMBER BETSY KAPLAN**

Dave Lawrence introduced Betsy Kaplan as the newest member to the board. Betsy Kaplan will be replacing Marta Perez as the board member appointed by the Miami-Dade County Public School Board.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.**