



**Nominating Committee Meeting**  
**February 7, 2010, 7:30 a.m.**  
**ELC**

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| I.   | Welcome & Introductions   | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |
| II.  | Approval of Minutes   | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |
|      | A. Motion to approve February 2nd, 2010 Nominating Committee Meeting minutes. |                         |
| III. | Dr. Howard Piper Interview  | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |
| IV.  | Public Comments   | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |
| V.   | Adjourn   | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |

Mission: To promote high-quality school readiness, voluntary pre-kindergarten and after school programs, thus increasing all children's chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society. The Coalition seeks to further the physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs of Miami-Dade and Monroe County children with a priority toward the ages before birth through age 5.



# Minutes

Nominating Committee Meeting  
 February 2, 2011; 9:00 am  
 Early Learning Coalition Conference Call

**Committee Attendees:** Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. (Chair); Cindy Lederman; Dave Lawrence, Jr.

**Committee Absentees:** Jane McQueen

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres; Leeana Pena; Angelo Parrino

<b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.</b>
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- Chairman, Yvonne Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

<b>II. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.</b>
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- Motion to approve September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Nominating Committee Meeting minutes.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the minutes.
  - Motion seconded by D. Lawrence.
  - Motion unanimously passed.

<b>III. Dr. Howard Piper Designation</b>	<b>Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.</b>
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- Y. Johnson stated that Miami-Dade County Manager, George M. Burgess, submitted a letter of designation for Dr. Howard Piper. Dr. Piper would be filling the seat previously filled by Irene Taylor-Wooten.
- C. Lederman stated she wants to know more about Dr. Howard Piper and his experience in early child care.
- D. Lawrence stated that although he may not have experience in early child care, Dr. Piper is the choice of Mr. Burgess.
- E. Torres stated that this seat only has a year left in its term. The term ends in April 2012.
- C. Lederman stated she wouldn't feel comfortable accepting this designation without an interview.
- E. Torres stated that this should take place before the February Board meeting.
- Y. Johnson stated the interview should be scheduled for late afternoon on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- C. Lederman stated she would be available after 4:00 p.m.



- E. Torres asked for an alternative date in case Dr. Piper was not available.
- C. Lederman stated that the morning of Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. before the Board meeting would work for her.
- Y. Johnson stated this would also work for her.
- D. Lawrence stated if done on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> he wouldn't be able to attend but was comfortable with the rest of the Committee making the decision.
- C. Lederman asked that E. Torres find out more about Dr. Piper. She would like to know his knowledge of early child care and his interest in School Readiness.

<b>IV. Public Comments</b>	<b>Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.</b>
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<b>V. Adjourn</b>	<b>Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.</b>
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Carlos Alvarez, Mayor

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January 4, 2011

Mr. Evelio C. Torres  
President / CEO  
Early Learning Coalition  
2555 Ponce De Leon Boulevard  
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Dear Mr. Torres: *Evelio*

As you know, I am committed to maintaining the productive relationship that currently exists between the County and the Early Learning Coalition. However, after 36 years of public service Irene Taylor Wooten, Special Assistant for Social Services, retired from Miami-Dade County and by necessity, has also relinquished her position as the County's representative on the Coalition's Board of Directors.

Please accept this correspondence as formal notification that I am appointing Howard Piper, Special Assistant for Social Services to serve as the County's representative for the Central Agency. Howard has served in various capacities within Miami-Dade County over the past thirteen years and has now assumed Irene's Social Service portfolio.

In Howard's absence, Ms. Phyllis Tynes-Saunders, Director, Department of Human Services will attend the meetings on his behalf. If you have any questions, please contact me at (305) 375-1880.

Sincerely,

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
George M. Burgess  
County Manager

- c: Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor  
Howard Piper, Special Assistant to the County Manager  
Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr. Chair, ELC Board of Directors  
Dr. Yvonne T. Johnson, Vice Chair, ELC Board of Directors  
Phyllis Tynes –Saunders, Director, Department of Human Services

**Dr. Howard Piper**  
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### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **MIAMI- DADE COUNTY**

***2005 - Present***

Since 2006 Mr. Piper has served as a Special Assistant to the County Manager responsible for the County's Social Services portfolio, Information Technology Services, Finance and Human Resources.

Dr. Piper is charged with providing management oversight and leadership to twelve County departments including the Human Services, Homeless Trust, Community Action Agency, Housing, Housing and Community Development. He is responsible to ensure that Departments, through their Directors, provide and maintain a high level of service to residents and businesses. In addition to overseeing the County's personnel, finance and central information technology operations, Mr. Piper is also the County's liaison with South Florida Workforce, the Children's Trust and the Property Appraiser. He provides staff support to the County's 13-member Board and associated Board Committees.

During his tenure as the Special Assistant for Management and Performance, Dr. Piper was responsible for reviewing operations and business practices in County departments to identify and implement solutions to address significant business issues, mitigate business risks, and improve staff performance and due diligence to reduce costs. This includes assessment of service levels, activity costs, decision-making, performance against expectations, and implementation of cross-cutting business practices and strategic initiatives that are consistent with modern and innovative business and leadership practices. These assessments encompassed all areas of the County including construction, engineering, technology management, general services, and social services programs.

Dr. Piper has also served as the interim Human Resources Director in 2007 responsible for personnel services, payroll and recruitment. Earlier, in 2006, He served as deputy Director for the Department of Procurement Management with a procurement staff of 109 procuring goods and services for 45 County Departments.

***2003-2005***

In 2003 Mr. Piper was appointed Assistant to the County Manager for Strategic Management Initiatives. His work supported the County's initiative to meet the public's expectations for efficient, responsive and quality County service delivery. This included a focus on strategic and business planning, finance, performance measures and performance improvement initiatives. He provided staff support to the Internal Management and Fiscal Responsibility Committee of the Board of County Commissioners and the Mayor's Efficiency and Competition Commission. He was a member of the Management Team that spearheaded development of the \$2.9 billion Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program and the promotional campaign for its passage by voters.

**1998 -2003**

As the Manager for Performance Improvement until 2003, Mr. Piper completed numerous internal consulting projects, including management and efficiency improvements, managed competition initiatives, and best practices reviews, implemented innovative programs and other improvement initiatives countywide. He was instrumental in working with the management team to complete the first Countywide Strategic Plan, developed employee gain sharing programs and standards for countywide employee participation programs.

**EDUCATION**

- Doctor of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering