



Policy Council Special Call Meeting
May 1, 2024 (English and Spanish)
5:30 p.m.
Minutes

I. Call to Order

Mr. Randy Grice presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The following participated in the meeting:

Members	Representing Centers
Monica Symonette	B&G Preschool
Shakira Lambert	It's a Small World Academy II
Sacory Butts	It's a Small World Learning Center II
Verliz Cedeño	Kids Small World Learning Center
Melissa Spencer	Kinderkids Academy III
Ashley Herring	Lincoln Marti 102
Karyna Kelly	Little Red School House
Ashley De Fran Nunez	My Little Angels
Jennifer Li Moya	New Aladdin
Jennifer Ortega	Rainbow Intergenerational
Kimberly Dacius	Shores School
Anielka Coke	Springview Academy
Yvena Robert	Step Above
Jeannie Leconte	The Carter Academy II
Randy Grice (Chair 23-24)	Community Representative
Polo Coronado	Community Representative
EHS Staff	Position
Alexander Sanchez	Controller
Belkis Torres	Vice President for EHS
Bob De La Fonte	Legal Counsel
Cecilia Nariznis	Mental Health Manager
Elicenia Del Rio	Interim Finance Manager
Ferjoline Darcelin	Family Advocate
Kimii Robinson	EHS Director of Family and Community Engagement
Maggie Casanova	Sr. Accountant
Mariamanda Borge	HR Deputy Director
Otilia Gonzalez-Varese	Disability Manager
Salvatore Martorano	EHS Compliance Manager
Sarahi Rivera	Director of Child Development and Education Support Services
Sheyla Perez	Contract Manager
Pamela Hollingsworth	Sr. VP for Strategic Initiatives and Program Development
Valeria Perez Sarabia	Nutrition Manager
Yissel Morales	Contract Manager

III. Action Item

A. April 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Grice asked for a motion to approve the April 17, 2024 meeting minutes.

- Motion made by Jennifer Li Moya
- Motion seconded by Jennifer Ortega

- No discussion
- Motion passed in 16 favor and 0 opposed.

B. Resolutions

Resolution 05012024-01: Grant Budget

Ms. Torres informed the members that on Saturday the program received a communication from the Office of Head Start stating that the program would receive a permanent cost of living adjustment. The additional funds would increase the program's budget. The communication from the Office of Head Start also stated that programs that had not submitted their grant application must include the cost-of-living adjustment in their application. The program's application is due today (May 1) and for this reason, the special meeting was called to order by the chair. Ms. Torres shared the new budget amount and reviewed the breakdown of the additional funds in the background portion of the resolution. Also included in the background was the new budget of how the funds would be dispersed across line items. The grant application and how services would be provided would remain the same. Ms. Torres asked the member if there were any questions or comments concerning the budget being submitted.

Mr. Grice asked for a motion to approve Resolution 05012024-01: Grant Budget

- Motion made by Polo Coronado
- Motion seconded by Jennifer Ortega
- No discussion
- Motion passed in 16 favor and 0 opposed.

IV. Reminders

Next Policy Council meeting will be on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

V. Public Comments

No public comments were shared.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Grice asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Motion made by Ashley Nuñez
- Motion seconded by Polo Coronado

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.