



**Policy Council Meeting**  
**January 18, 2023 (English and Spanish)**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

Maria Cristina Nunez presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

The following participated in the meeting:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Representing Centers</b>
Jezmyn Brown (Alternate)	B&G Preschool
Dominique Reardon (Vice Chair)	It's a Small World II
Maria Aponte (Alternate)	It's a Small World Academy II
Naomie Morency (Secretary)	Jitta Bug
Yudislay Escalona	Kids Small World Learning Center
Andrea Gibbons (Alternate)	Kinderkids Academy III
Susan Leal	Lincoln Marti - 450
Maria Cristina Nunez (Chair)	My Little Angels
Velva Mayweather (Alternate)	Naranja Prep Academy Annex
Ivvet Gonzalez	Rainbow Intergenerational
Betty Pierre (Parliamentarian)	Shores School
Arletis Gonzalez Perez	Springview Academy
Oyesha Lamons	Thy Kingdom Kids
Denise Fernandez	Tiny Tikes
Randy Grice	Community Representative
Polo Coronado	Community Representative
Iris Strachan	Board Representative
<b>EHS Staff</b>	<b>Position</b>
Belkis Torres	Vice President for Early Head Start
Bob De La Fonte	Legal Counsel
Casie Haines	Deputy Director of Finance
Cecilia Nariznis	Early Head Start Mental Health Manager
Elicenia Del Rio	Early Head Start Fiscal Analyst
Jacqueline Dominguez	Human Resources Director
Jessica Dittmar	Early Head Start Administrative Coordinator
Jose Arrojo	Miami Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust Director
Maggie Casanova	Sr. Accountant
Otilia Gonzalez-Varese	Early Head Start Disability Manager
Pamela Hollingsworth	Sr. Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Program
Roseleen Hurtado Rodriguez	Early Head Start Health Manager
Salvatore Martorano	Early Head Start Compliance Manager
Sandrina Seraphin	Director of Family and Community Engagement
Sarahi Rivera	Director of Child Development and Education Support Services
Vanessa Aguilera-Viera	Deputy Director of Contracts
Yissel Morales	Contract Manager

**III. Action Item**

**A. November 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Nunez asked for a motion to approve the November 16, 2022 meeting minutes.

- Motion made by Randy Grice
- Motion seconded by Maria Aponte
- No discussion
- Motion passed in 11 favor and 0 opposed

**B. Resolution**

**i. 01182023-01 Request for Non-Federal Share Waiver**

Mrs. Haines shared that this resolution is to authorize the President and CEO to request a Non-Federal Share Waiver in the amount of \$1,785,287.00 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Early Head Start Grant, for Program Year 8/1/2021-7/31/2022. Ms. Haines explained the regulation that requires program to obtain a non-federal share, how non-federal share are calculated by the federal government, and what programs can claim as a non-federal share.

Ms. Nunez asked for a motion to approve Resolution 01182023-01: Request for Non-Federal Share Waiver.

- Motion made by Dominique Reardon
- Motion seconded by Randy Grice
- No discussion
- Motion passed 13 in favor and 0 opposed.

**IV. Ethics and Sunshine Law Training**

Mr. Jose Arrojo from Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust was introduced to the members. Mr. Arrojo conducted the training for Ethics and Sunshine Law (see attached).

**V. Reminders**

The next Policy Council meeting is Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**VI. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**VII. Adjournment**

Mrs. Maria Cristina Nunez adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.