



ELC Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2023; 9 A.M.
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MINUTES

Board Attendees: Matthew Bruno; Rick Beasley; Dr. Daniel Armstrong; Loreen Chant; Jenni Roig; Richie Tandoc; Denisse Barrera; Sandi Bisceglia; Dr. Eileen Fluney; James Haj; Chuck Mohr; Iris Strachan; Gilda Ferradaz; Chereen Coile; Lisa Taylor; Marisol Diaz; Aaron Slavens; Suzette Frazier

Board Absentees: Alex Soto; Alfred Sanchez

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Mercy Castiglione; Pam Hollingsworth; Sandra Gonzalez; Michelle Meilan; Jacqueline Dominguez; Ahmed Mitwalli; Miguel Alfonso; Paloma Lopez-Barcena; Anabel Espinosa; Ana Sejeck; Belkis Torres; Ana Rodriguez; Aileen Suazo; Lisney Badillo; Casie Haines; Larisa Salerno; Laurie Dunn; Vanessa; Aguilera-Viera; Lissandra Curbelo; Matthew Zaldivar; Lucy Schrack; Isabel Afanador; Thalia Daumy; Vernise Casimir; Dialina Quintanal; Jose Hernandez; Kristine Gregory; Jessica Parra; Laurie Bravo; Pamela Malval; Marisleydis Briguez

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente; Priscila Hazrun; Lorena Suarez

I. Welcome & Introductions

Matthew Bruno

- A. M. Bruno called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. Quorum was established with 19 voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Matthew Bruno

- A. Motion to approve the November 7, 2022 Board of Directors Annual meeting minutes.
 - o R. Beasley moved to approve the minutes.
 - o Dr. Armstrong seconded the motion.
 - o Motion passed unanimously

III. Chairman's Report

Matthew Bruno

M. Bruno reported that Evelio Torres has been named the 2023 David Lawrence Jr. Champion for Children Award honoree. Your impact on children and families, colleagues and staff are immeasurable. This year's ceremony will be held Thursday April 27, 2023.

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.



M. Bruno reported that we have 3 board members listed on the South Florida Power 100 as reported by CityandStateFlorida.com:

75. Loreen Chant

President and CEO, Health Foundation of South Florida

Since becoming the first woman to lead the Health Foundation of South Florida in 2021, Loreen Chant has overseen \$4 million in annual grantmaking. She recently announced partnerships with five South Florida collaboratives to reduce health inequities, along with a \$1 million investment to address the region's health labor shortage. She also hosted the foundation's inaugural Black Health Summit. Ms. Chant previously headed Easterseals South Florida and spent two decades guiding expansion at Johnson & Wales University's North Miami campus, where she left as president.

79. Alfred Sanchez

President and CEO, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

After decades of involvement with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Alfred Sanchez took over as CEO in 2016, guiding nearly a half-million member-company employees through a period of explosive regional growth. Under his leadership, the Chamber has bolstered Miami-Dade businesses through the pandemic through grants and loan initiatives, small business mentorships, and layoff prevention in collaboration with CareerSource Florida. Sanchez previously headed the American Red Cross of South Florida, the Miami YMCA and the American Red Cross of Greater Miami and the Keys.

97. Rick Beasley

Executive Director, South Florida Workforce Investment Board

Greater Miami's burgeoning economy owes a debt to Rick Beasley, who since 2005 has headed the South Florida Workforce Investment Board. Working closely with state policymakers, Beasley administers a \$75 million operating budget that funds employment programs throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe counties, including career education oriented toward the region's booming tech scene. With Beasley's guidance, the SFWIB recently launched mobile workforce assistance centers and created an employed worker training program.



IV. Chairman's Distinguished Service Award

Matthew Bruno

M. Bruno presented Loreen Chant with the Chairman's Distinguished Service Award. Mrs. Chant is the Finance Committee Chair, a member of the Executive Committee and also Chairs the Strategic Planning Committee. I could not be more appreciative of Loreen's service to this board and the children and families of our community. She dedicates countless hours to this organization on committee work, by working in partnership and in support of staff and our mission. M. Bruno stated that we could not ask for a more dedicated Finance Committee chair who serves with distinction and excellence and who is always willing to do whatever it takes to support the organization's mission.

V. Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Fly-in Update

Matthew D. Monica

Matthew D. Monica, Vice President of Community affairs presented valuable information relating to Legislative action and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Fly-in activities.

VI. Making a Difference

Pamela Hollingsworth

- Pamela Hollingsworth provided information on Shayla Ashley, Registered Apprentice placed at Kids for Kids Academy.

VII. Executive Committee Report

Matthew Bruno

Resolutions from Executive Committee Meeting to vote on

- **01092023-01** RFP Grassroots Outreach
Authorize the President and CEO to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Grassroots Outreach Services. This resolution also requests authorization and approval for the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected vendor.
- **01092023-02** PS CLASS Training and Materials
Action Requested: Authorize the President and CEO to release a Public Solicitation to secure a vendor to provide educational online and/or in-person training and materials directly related to the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) for the ARPA Round II Workforce Initiatives. This resolution also requests authorization and approval for the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected vendor.

- o M. Bruno asked for a motion to approve the resolutions in a block vote.
 - o Motion to approve by R. Beasley
 - o Motion seconded by A. Slavens
 - o Motion passed unanimously.



VIII. Finance Committee Report

Loreen Chant

- **02062023-01** ITN Office Furniture
Authorize the President and CEO to release an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for Office Furniture. This resolution also requests authorization and approval for the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected vendor.
- **02062023-02** EHS Non-Federal Share Waiver
Authorize the President and CEO to request a Non-Federal Share Waiver for the Early Head Start Grant, for Program Year 2021-2022.
- **02062023-03** Amended Budget Fiscal Year 2022-2023
Approval of the Early Learning Coalition's Fourth Amendment to the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.
- **02062023-04** Lastinger Teacher Stipends
Authorize the President and CEO to negotiate, execute, and receive funds from the University of Florida, Lastinger Center for Learning.
- **02062023-05** Self-Assessment Report Improvement Plan
Authorize the President and CEO to submit the 2022-2023 Early Head Start Self-Assessment Report and Action Plan with the Early Head Start grant application and implement the Action Plan.
- **02062023-06** Recruitment and Selection Plan
Authorize the President and CEO to implement the Early Head Start 2023-2024 Recruitment and Selection Plan.

- L. Chant asked for a motion to approve the resolutions in a block vote.
 - o Motion to approve by Dr. Armstrong
 - o Motion seconded by C. Mohr
 - o Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Legislative Committee Report 1/11/23

Alex Soto

The Legislative Updates were provided by Victor Caballero. The Legislative Committee met January 11, 2023 where Evelio Torres and Victor Caballero updated the committee on the latest Advocacy and Legislative Priorities.

- A. Important Legislative dates were Session Dates were provided by E. Torres. 2023 Florida Legislative session dates are March 7, 2023 – May 5, 2023.



- B. Miami-Dade/Monroe Delegation list was shared with the committee.
- C. Legislative Visits Priorities were discussed. The Early Learning Coalition remains very involved and tracks committees very closely. We will plan a visit to Tallahassee, send the week there and visit key Legislators. We have partnered with Corcoran Partners. Senator
- D. Tallahassee Fly-In with GMCC- the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce will convene business and community leaders during the 2023 Tallahassee Fly-in. Participants will present the Chamber's list of legislative priorities to elected officials leading up to the beginning of Florida's 2023 Regular Legislative Session.
- E. The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe's Provider Site Visits with Legislators were discussed. It was a great success!

Legislative Priorities

- F. Updated 2023 Coalition Advocacy Priorities were provided by V. Caballero.
- G. Miami-Dade County Resolution was provided by V. Caballero.
- H. Updated 2023 GMCC State Legislative Priority List was provided by A. Sanchez.
 - Transportation
 - Workforce Housing
 - Workforce Development and Education
 - Resiliency
 - Economic Development
- I. Erin Grall has been working closely with us.

B. Monroe Advisory Committee Report 1/19/23

Sandi Bisceglia

Sandi Bisceglia reported that the S. Bisceglia shared a positive reflection about children to start the new year off. She reported that she had recently attended a Chamber meeting in the Middle Keys.

Ms. Bisceglia shared a recap on the Future's Project Summit in Orlando spearheaded by the Children's Movement. It was well attended by participants from all over the state of Florida including P. Hollingsworth from the Early Learning Coalition. Participants had their resumes posted on the walls in order to get to know each other. They were then divided into 5 sub committees to work for the next year to year and a half to establish a framework to advocate care for our earliest learners and create a 5-year strategic plan.

On December 2nd several members of the Board of Directors and ELC staff visited Dolphin Montessori North in Key Largo. They met with the Director and got to see the teachers and children in action.



January 20, 2023, there was a successful visit to the University of Miami Linda Ray Intervention Center to learn more about the services they offer.

C. Program Committee Report 1/23/23

Chereen Coile

Chereen Coile reported that the Program Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting was held Monday January 23, 2023 where Early Head Start statistics were given. CLASS® Assessment information was provided. ARPA American Rescue Plan Act updates were discussed.

Early Head Start Resolutions were discussed and approved. These resolutions were discussed earlier today. Professional Development Institute (PDI) reported that Super CLASS® Saturday 2! Was a great success.

The Office of Head Start issued Program Instruction on January 6, 2023. The Program Instruction confirms the implementation of the final rule on Mitigating the Spread of COVID-19 in Head Start Program.

In consultation with the Health Advisory Committee, programs must develop an evidence-based COVID-19 mitigation policy. The Information Memorandum outlines seven (7) areas for programs to consider in their policy:

- Mitigation Strategies
- COVID-19 Community Levels data
- COVID-19 Vaccination
- Prioritizing Strategies
- Responsive to Changing Conditions
- Communication Plan
- Additional Precautions

Congress signed the Consolidated Appropriation Act 2023 (H.R. 2617) on Dec. 23, 2022 and is currently with President Biden. If approved, Head Start will receive \$11.99 billion dollars which is a \$960 million increase from last year. Funds are expected to be allocated as follows:

- \$596 million increase for Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA; roughly a 5.4% increase)
- \$262 million increase for Quality Improvement Funding (QIF)
- \$100 million increase for expansion of prenatal-to-five Head Start and Early Head Start
- \$8 million increase for the Tribal Colleges and Universities Head Start Partnership Program



D. Community Report

Evelio Torres

Evelio Torres provided Communication updates such as outreach efforts made by the Coalition. Michelle Meilan provided photos of the Coalition's advertising campaign. Ana Sejeck provided updates on the progress of the Professional Development Institute. Training response to Florida Mandates, training sessions and attendance as well as PDI events were discussed.

E. Public Comments

Matthew Bruno

No Public comments were made.

F. Adjourn

Matthew Bruno