



**ELC Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2023; 9 A.M.
2555 Ponce De Leon Blvd.
Coral Gables Florida, 33134
Meeting ID: 882 3461 6597
Passcode: 463195**

MINUTES

Board Attendees: Matthew Bruno; Dr. Daniel Armstrong; Loreen Chant; Jenni Roig; Dr. Lawrence Richie Tandoc; Denisse Barrera; Sandi Bisceglia; Dr. Eileen Fluney; Chuck Mohr; Iris Strachan; Gilda Ferradaz; Chereen Coile; Lisa Taylor; Marisol Diaz; Aaron Slavens; Alfred Sanchez; Holly Raschein; Dr. Riestra

Board Absentees: Rick Beasley; James Haj

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; Alex Sanchez; Larisa Salerno; Laurie Dunn; Vanessa; Aguilera-Viera; Lissandra Curbelo; Matthew Zaldivar; Isabel Afanador; Thalia Daumy; Vernise Casimir; Dialina Quintanal; Jose Hernandez; Kristine Gregory; Jessica Parra; Laurie Bravo; Pamela Malval; Marisleydis Briguez; Iliana Vallejo; Ahmed Mitwalli; Cindy Cabrera; Jose Hernandez; Silvana Diaz

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente; Priscila Hazrun; Lorena Suarez; Sonia Grice; Mayor Daniella Levin Cava; Molly Grant; Sarah Brazier; Chanel Pough; Beatriz Hentschel' Shawna Pointville; April Graham; Dan Villa; Sheyes of Miami; Shawna Pointville Devonne Covington; Shawntrell Hudson

I. Welcome & Introductions

Matthew Bruno

- A. M. Bruno called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. Quorum was established with 20 voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Matthew Bruno

- A. Motion to approve the April 3, 2023 Board of Directors Annual meeting minutes.
 - o C. Coile moved to approve the minutes.
 - o Dr. Armstrong seconded the motion.
 - o Motion passed unanimously

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.



III. Chairman's Report

Matthew Bruno

M. Bruno reported the following announcements:

- On behalf of our entire board and staff I would like to congratulate Dr. Daniel Armstrong for being honored with the Health Care Heroes Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. Needless to say, Dr. Armstrong is very deserving of the award for all he has accomplished in his career and will continue to accomplish. We have a snippet of the award video that we will now play.
- I would also like to congratulate Evelio who was presented with the **Breastfeed Miami** Advocate Award. This award is in recognition of the contributions and advocacy for breastfeeding support for Miami-Dade County families. The ELC continues to establish areas in each location that provides privacy for lactating mothers and, in partnership with Breastfeed Miami, is ramping up efforts to better inform families of the many benefits of breastfeeding.
- We want to recognize Fiorella. Fiorella Altare Christi who received the following from Beth Davis at Kids For Kids Academy

Fio,

I can't thank you enough for all your do for providers. Please accept this 5 Star Service Award as a small token of appreciation for all you do. Evelio, we are so very grateful for Fio and her service to our community. She is always available and makes sure all our concerns are addressed and our needs are taken care of. I get so excited when I see her emails as I know something great will always follow. Please print this certificate and display it proudly and think of us when you see it.

Beth Rosenthal Davis, Ed.S, NBCT
Kids For Kids Academy

- Last Friday the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce held its annual Goals Conference. As you may know, the chamber is involved in everything that will improve the quality of life of Miami-Dade residents, including education and workforce development, housing, healthcare, real estate, technology and innovation, global trade, military affairs, sports and so much more. We are fortunate to count the chamber's CEO Alfred Sanchez as a member of this board and as a strong advocate for early learning. Alfred Sanchez provided a recap of the Goals Conference.



- **Guest Speakers**

- Molly Grant and Jessica Fowler from the Association of Early Learning Coalitions provided valuable information on the Legislative Session Wrap Up.
- Pam Hollingsworth partners from Florida Reading Corps.

- **Provider Site Visits**

As a reminder, we encourage all board members to attend our provider visits. It's nice to see firsthand the great work taking place in the classrooms and the progress we continue to make to elevate the quality of early education in our two counties.

We recently had an opportunity to take Senator Alexis Calatayud to three programs where she got to interact directly with teachers and directors. The Senator was very encouraged with what she saw and stated that she would like to visit additional programs in the near future. The three programs were:

- True North Early Learning Academy I
- Children's Learning Center of Richmond Heights, Inc.
- ABF Learning Center

- **Chairman's Partner Spotlight**

Fiorella A. Christie introduced Mrs. Amaury Amarante of Kayleens Learning Center.

- Serves School Readiness and VPK
- Rated on 6/20/22 for School Readiness with a composite score of 5.75 and rated on 1/24/23 for VPK with a composite score 5.68
- National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA) expiration and Gold Seal Accredited until August 2024
- Capacity 108
- License since 11/07/2000
- Offers after-school care and serves children up to 4th grade



IV. **Finance Committee Report 6/1/2023**

Loreen Chant

A. **Resolutions**

- 06052023-01 Amended Budget FY 2022-2023
Approval of the Early Learning Coalition’s Fifth Amendment to the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.
 - L. Chant asked for a motion to approve the resolution.
 - o Motion to approve by A. Sanchez
 - o Motion seconded by Dr. Armstrong
 - o Motion passed unanimously.
- 06052023-02 CLASS Assessments RFP
Authorize the President and CEO to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select qualified proposers to facilitate and provide assessment services using the Classroom Assessment Scoring System® (CLASS) for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.
 - L. Chant asked for a motion to approve the resolution.
 - o Motion to approve by Dr. Armstrong
 - o Motion seconded by G. Ferradaz
 - o Motion passed unanimously.

V. **Committee Reports**

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| A. Monroe Advisory Committee Report 5/24/2023 | Sandi Bisceglia |
| B. B. Provider Services Committee Report 5/25/2023 | Rick Beasley |
| C. C. Program Committee Report 5/30/2023 | Chereen Coile |

05302023-01 COVID Policy and Procedures Authorize the President and CEO to implement the Early Head Start COVID-19 Mitigation Policy as required by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration for Children and Families Program Instruction ACF-PI-HS-23-01.

- C. Coile asked for a motion to approve the resolution.
 - o Motion to approve by L. Chant
 - o Motion seconded by Dr. Armstrong
 - o Motion passed unanimously.



VI. **Communications**

Sandra Gonzalez

S. Gonzalez provided updates on outreach initiatives by the following companies.

- A. Armstrong Creative Outreach
- B. Get the Attention Media
- C. M Network

VII. **Community Report**

Evelio Torres

- Legislative Session Update
- CLASS® Assessments
- ARPA Grants

Evelio Torres

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VIII. **Public Comments**

Matthew Bruno

No Public Comments

Adjourn

Matthew Bruno

Meeting Dates:

ELC Executive Committee Meeting: August 7, 2023; 9 A.M. ELC via Zoom

ELC Board of Directors Meeting: September 11, 2023; 9 A.M. ELC Headquarters and via Zoom