



**ELC Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, September 11, 2023; 9 A.M.**  
**2555 Ponce de Leon Blvd.**  
**Coral Gables, Florida 33134**  
**Meeting ID: 890 4506 2482**  
**Passcode: 931738**

## 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; Aaron Slavens; Alfred Sanchez; Holly Raschein; Dr. Riestra; Rick Beasley; James Haj

**Board Absentees:** NA

**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; Jessica Parra; Laurie Bravo; Pamela Malval; Marisleidis Bruguez; Iliana Vallejo; Ahmed Mitwalli; Cindy Cabrera; Jose Hernandez; Silvana Diaz

**General Attendees:** Bob de la Fuente; Priscila Hazrun; Lorena Suarez; Laurie Joasil; Lynn Maceyras; Raymond Rodriguez-Torres; Dr. Dotres

### 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 June 5, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
  - o C. Mohr moved to approve the minutes.
  - o J. Haj 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 introduced two new board members that were appointed by the heads of their organizations to required board positions.

**Laurie Joasil**, the Southern Region Safety Program Manager with DCF is filling the required DCF Child Care Regulation representative or child care licensing agency head position. A native of Miami, Laurie Joasil has dedicated over 20 years of her professional career working within her self-proclaimed life's purpose "Servicing the vulnerable population in our community." Laurie began her career with the Department of Children and Families as a Child Protective Investigator. During her career she has worked in many areas within Family Safety and Licensing servicing the community in various capacities.

Mr. Bruno has appointed Mrs. Joasil to the Program Policy and Strategy Committee.

**Lynn M. Maceyras**, the Administrative Director for Early Childhood Programs for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, will fill the required Miami-Dade District Superintendent of Schools or designee (Miami-Dade) board position. Lynn M. Maceyras has been employed with Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 28 years and has served in several capacities, such as an Elementary School Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, District Director for the Office of Professional Standards, and most recently, is the newly appointed Administrative Director for Early Childhood Programs. She is a dedicated and passionate educator whose mission is to always develop the "whole child," while developing and fostering intellectual growth and innovative thinking. She is a firm believer in supporting families and working with the community at-large. She understands the significance of quality early learning and is committed to continuing the excellence of the district's early childhood programs and partnering with community stakeholders and our ELC board. Ms. Maceyras has earned several recognitions, including Principal of the Year, representing the South Region Office in 2021. In addition, she was nominated as Assistant Principal of the Year in 2008 and 2012; and was a DCCSS Teacher of the Year Finalist in 2001.

Mr. Bruno has appointed Mrs. Maceyras to the Provider Services Committee.

The board has unanimously ratified the new members.

Mr. Bruno reported that since Iris Strachan is a member of the Nominating Committee, for the sake of continuity she has agreed to serve as chair of that committee so today I am making her appointment official. Note: The previous chair retired - Marisol Diaz.



**IV. Guest Speaker**

**Dr. Jose L. Dotres**  
**Superintendent of Miami-Dade**  
**County Public Schools**

**Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools**, is a passionate life-long educator and has served as Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the third largest school system in the United States, since February 2022. Prior to his appointment as Superintendent, Dr. Dotres held numerous instructional and administrative leadership roles over the course of his career. Dr. Dotres earned his bachelor's degree in public administration from Florida International University. He subsequently received a master's degree in Reading from Barry University, an educational specialist degree in Teaching English as a Second Language from the University of Miami, and a doctoral degree in Leadership and Innovation from St. Thomas University. Dr. Dotres discussed several strides the education system is making.

**V. Guest Speaker**

**Raymond Rodriguez-Torres**  
**Chairman & Bella's Daddy**  
**Live Like Bella® Childhood Cancer**  
**Foundation**

**Raymond Rodriguez-Torres** is the Chairman & Bella's Daddy of the Live Like Bella® Childhood Cancer Foundation. Raymond is currently President & Co-CEO of ALC Home Health. Raymond was born in Toledo, Ohio and raised in Miami, Florida. When he was 9 years old, he read the words that would guide his life forever: "God's Gift to you is who you are; your gift to Him is who you become." Mr. Rodriguez-Torres gave the group a heartfelt presentation on Bella's beautiful life.

**VI. Chairman's Partner Spotlight**

**Fiorella A. Christie**

- Ms. Valliant, Director Kreative Kids was presented with a recognition for her years of service. She was introduced by Fiorella A. Christie.

**VII. Executive Committee Report 8/7/2023**

**Matthew Bruno**

- **08072023-01** C23-01 Citrus Amendment  
Authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract C23-01 with Citrus Health Network, Inc. for Developmental Screening Follow-Up and Individualized Support Services.
- **08072023-02** Amended Budget FY 2023-2024  
Approval of the Early Learning Coalition's First Amendment to the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.



- **08072023-03** External Fiscal Monitoring RFP  
Authorize the President and CEO to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for External Fiscal Monitoring Services.

The Resolutions were voted on by a block vote:

- o R. Beasley moved to approve the block vote.
- o C. Mohr seconded the motion.
- o Motion passed unanimously

#### **VIII. Finance Committee Report 8/31/2023**

**Loreen Chant**

- **09112023-01** RFP Learning Management System  
Authorize the President and CEO to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Learning Management System (LMS)\* and requests authorization and approval for the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract(s) with the selected vendor(s) recommended by the Evaluation Committee and reviewed by the Board Counsel.
- **09112023-02** RFP Enterprise Network Support and Hosting  
Authorize the President and CEO to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Enterprise Network Support and Hosting Services for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. This resolution also requests authorization and approval for the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract(s) with the selected vendor(s) recommended by the Evaluation Committee and reviewed by the Board Counsel.
- **09112023-03** RFP CLASS Observation Services  
Approval of the Evaluation Committee's award recommendation for Request for Proposal (RFP) #ELCMDM2023-01 (CLASS Observation Services) and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected vendor.
- **09112023-04** ARPA Discretionary Grant  
Authorize the President and CEO to develop and submit a plan for the administration of the Discretionary Grant Program to the Division of Early Learning and to implement the plan once it is approved.
- **09112023-05** Quality Materials  
Authorize the President and CEO to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Quality Materials, Training and Development Services for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. This resolution also requests authorization and approval for the President and CEO to negotiate and execute contracts with the selected vendors recommended by the Evaluation Committee and reviewed by the Board Counsel.



The Finance Resolutions were voted on by a block vote:

- L. Chant asked for a motion to approve the Resolutions in a block vote.
  - Motion to approve by R. Beasley
  - C. Coile seconded the motion.
  - Motion passed unanimously

**IX. Committee Reports**

The following committee reports were provided by the Committee Chairs.

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| A. Provider Services Committee Report 7/24/2023 | <b>Rick Beasley</b>    |
| B. Monroe Advisory Committee Report 8/15/2023   | <b>Sandi Bisceglia</b> |
| C. Program Committee Report 8/28/2023           | <b>Chereen Coile</b>   |

**X. Community Report**

**Evelio Torres**

- A. Strategic Planning Update

**Evelio Torres**

Evelio Torres provided the Board with the latest updates on the Coalition’s strategic Plan Initiatives.

- B. BPEICE Celebration

**Dr. Anabel Espinosa**

Dr. Anabel Espinosa who is going to provide information on the BPEICE Support Services Programs. This program has been a big hit with teachers and directors and is making a big difference for children in our two counties. The program turns 5 this year

**XI. Public Comments**

**Matthew Bruno**

**XII. Adjourn**

**Matthew Bruno**



**Meeting Dates:**

- **Annual Meeting: October 2, 2023; 10 A.M - 12 P.M. via Zoom or in person at the Florida Keys Mosquito Control Building located at: 503 107<sup>th</sup> St. Gulf, Marathon, FL 33050**
  
- **Board of Directors Meeting: November 6, 2023; 9 A.M. – 11 A.M. via Zoom or in person at ELC Headquarters located at: 2555 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Suite 210 Coral Gables, FL 33134**
  
- **Executive Committee Meeting: December 4, 2023; 10 A.M. -12 P.M. via Zoom or in person at the Monroe County School Boardroom located at 241 Trumbo Road, Key West FL 33040**