



**ELC Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, June 3, 2024; 9 A.M.  
2555 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134  
Meeting ID: 841 2752 1409  
Passcode: 112102**

## MINUTES

**Board Attendees:** M. Bruno; Dr. Daniel Armstrong; Jenni Roig; Dr. Lawrence; Richie Tandoc; Denisse Barrera; Sandi Bisceglia; Dr. Eileen Fluney; Chuck Mohr; Iris Strachan; Gilda Ferradaz; Lisa Taylor; Aaron Slavens; Holly Raschein; Dr. Riestra; Rick Beasley; James Haj; Lynn Maceyras; Dr. Carla Fry

**Board Absentee:** A. Sanchez; L. Chant; C. Coile

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Mercy Castiglione; Sandra Gonzalez; Michelle Meilan; Jacqueline Dominguez; Ahmed Mitwalli; Miguel Alfonso; Paloma Lopez-Barcena; Fiorella A. Chrisite; Anabel Espinosa; Ana Sejeck; Belkis Torres; Ana Rodriguez; Aileen Suazo; Alex Sanchez; Laurie Dunn; Lissandra Curbelo; Iliana Vallejo; Ahmed Mitwalli; Andrea Penton; Jose Hernandez; Victor Caballero; Miguel Alfonso; Dessiree Aguilera; Zenaida Gomez; Michelle De la Hoz; Ahmed Mitwali, Pam Maval; Jerlyn Matthews;

**General Attendees:** The Honorable Vicki Lopez, State Representative, District 113; Sandra Bermudez; Bob de la Fuente; Spanish Interpretation Services

### I. Welcome & Introductions

**Matthew Bruno**

#### A. Roll Call

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

### II. Approval of Minutes

**Matthew Bruno**

#### A. Motion to approve the April 1, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

- G. Ferradaz moved to approve the minutes.
- R. Beasley seconded the motion
- 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**

IV. **Guest Speaker** **Evelio Torres**

The Honorable Vicki Lopez, State Representative, District 113

V. **Guest Speaker** **Evelio Torres**

Sandra Bermudez, CEO/Founder, The Lucy Project

VI. **Tallahassee Fly-In Update** **P.J. Campbell**

VII. **Ethics Training** **Susannah Nesmith**

VIII. **Committee Reports**

A. Executive Committee Report 5/6/2024 **Matthew Bruno**

- **05062024-01** EHS Quality Improvement Funds 2024-2025  
Approve and authorize the President and CEO to apply for one-time Quality Improvement funds and receive the funds when the Notice of Award is issued.
- **05062024-02** EHS Coaching FY 2024-2025  
Authorize the President and CEO to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a qualified vendor to provide in-depth coaching to selected Early Head Start classroom teachers.
- **05062024-03** EHS Grant Budget COLA 2024-2025  
Approval of the Early Head Start budget and the Non-Federal Share waiver request and authorize the President and CEO to submit the Early Head Start budget as part of the 2024-2025 grant application.
- **05062024-04** Amendment C23-05  
Authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a one-time amendment to Contract C23-05 with CDW Government LLC for IT Hardware, Software, & Services.
  - M. Bruno moved to approve the Resolutions via block vote.
  - R. Beasley approved the motion
  - J. Roig seconded the motion
  - Motion passed unanimously



B. Finance Committee Report 5/30/2024

**Matthew Bruno**

- **06032024-01** Initial Budget FY24-25  
Approval of the Initial Budget and the allocation and expenditure of funds for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- **06032024-02** Families Forward Grant Funding  
Authorize the President and CEO to apply, receive, and implement funds for the Families Forward Child Care Scholarship Program.
- **06032024-03** EHS Quality Improvement Funds  
Approve and authorize the President and CEO to apply for one-time Quality Improvement funds and receive the funds when the Notice of Award is issued.
  - M. Bruno moved to approve the Resolutions via block vote.
  - Dr. Fluney approved the motion
  - R. Beasley seconded the motion
  - Motion passed unanimously

C. Provider Services Committee Report 4/25/2024 & 5/30/2024

**Rick Beasley**

D. Monroe Advisory Committee Report

**Sandi Bisceglia**

**IX. Anti-Fraud Plan Amendment Approval**

**Ana Rodriguez**

- M. Bruno moved to approve the Plan
- S. Bisceglia approved the motion
- G. Ferradaz seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously

**X. Community Report**

**Evelio Torres**

- Quality Materials Fair
- Tax Relief for Florida Families
- MIS/IT Scorecard Overview

**XI. Public Comments**

**Matthew Bruno**

**XII. Adjourn**

**Matthew Bruno**



**Meeting Dates:**

- **Board Meeting: Monday August 5, 2024; 9- 11 A.M. in person or via Zoom**