



**ELC Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 5, 2024; 9 A.M.
2555 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Meeting ID: 893 7254 9261
Passcode: 745767**

MINUTES

Board Attendees: M. Bruno; Dr. Daniel Armstrong; Jenni Roig; 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 Maceyra; Dr. Carla Fry; L. Chant; A. Sanchez; J. Hurst; S. Coronado

Board Absentee: Dr. Lawrence; 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;

General Attendees: Alexis Calatayud; 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 22 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Matthew Bruno

A. Motion to approve June 3, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

- A. Sanchez moved to approve the minutes.
- L. Chant 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

M. Bruno provided the following information:

As you may be aware, the Governor issued Executive Order 24-156 earlier this evening to address the impact of potential flash flooding in Florida due to Invest 97L. A state of emergency was declared for 54 counties in the state (see list below or in the attached executive order), including Monroe county.

As usual, DOE has requested that we begin submitting situation reports (SITREPS) that include any anticipated office and provider closures. These reports are forwarded to the Governor's office.

M. Bruno introduced two new board members.

Silvia Coronado

Silvia Coronado was born and raised in Miami: is married with 2 children. She is a Territory Business Manager for a medical device company, active in her community, she is the Co-Founder of Crown Literacy and serves on the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Attendance Boundary Committee. Mrs. Coronado earned her associate degree from Miami Dade College and her bachelor's degree from St. Thomas University.

Mrs. Coronado fills the remaining Governor appointed vacancy.

Jeffrey Hurst

Jeff Hurst has over 39 years with the Florida Department of children and families Southern Region. Jeff is on his second run with the department. In October of 2019, Jeff retired from DCF after 35 years. He has held several positions with the Southern Region, including director of human resources for a maximum security psychiatric hospital, special investigator for the office of Labor relations, civil rights officer, investigator with the office of the Inspector General and lastly 12 years in the office of licensing with the Southern Region.

In March of 2020, Jeff came back to the department as the law clerk and community liaison for the Southern Region. He continues to work closely with various community partners, the ELC, The Children's Trust, Together for Children, The Miami Children's Initiative, and various other agencies to ensure the safety and education of the zero to five population in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

Mr. Hurst fills the DCF Childcare regulation representative position on our board.

California Learning Exchange: Board member Sandi Bisceglia and other participating board members will provide a report on the California Learning Exchange shortly. Pictures were included in the slide deck that was playing before the board meeting and are also included in the Community Report.



IV. Guest Speaker

Evelio Torres

Dr. Mimi Graham, Director, Florida State University Center for Prevention & Early Intervention Policy. Speech was rescheduled due to weather in Tallahassee Florida.

V. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee Report 7/25/2024

Loreen Chant

Resolutions:

08052024-01 1st Budget Amendment FY 2024-2025

Approval of the Early Learning Coalition's 1st Amendment to the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

- L. Chant moved to approve the Resolution
- R. Beasley approved the motion
- Dr. Armstrong seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously

B. Provider Services Committee Report 6/27/2024 & 7/25/2024

Rick Beasley

C. California Learning Exchange Report

Sandi Bisceglia
Participating Board
Members and Staff

VI. Community Report

- CLASS Assessments Update
- Statutorily Mandated Customer Service Survey
- Child Care Development Fund Federal Rule Changes

Fiorella Altare Christie
Michelle Meilan
Sandra Gonzalez

VII. Public Comments

Matthew Bruno

XII. Adjourn

Matthew Bruno



Meeting Dates:

- **ELC Annual Board Meeting: Monday October 7, 2024; 10-12 P.M. in Marathon Florida in person or via Zoom.**