



**ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting**

**March 30, 2023; 2 P.M.**

**Meeting ID: 825 4556 9778**

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# MINUTES

**Committee Attendees:** Chereen Coile, Dr. Fluney, Dr. Daniel Armstrong, Jenni Roig;

**Committee Absentees:** Rick Beasley; Loreen Chant

**Committee Members:** Iris Strachan

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres, Angelo Parrino; Fiorella A. Christie; Victor Caballero; Mercy Castiglione; Sheyla Perez; Vernise Casimir; Dr. Anabel Espinosa; Pamela Hollingsworth; Ana Sejeck; Lisney Badillo; Thalia Daumy; Alex Sanchez; Vanessa Aguilera-Viera; Angelo Parrino; Sandra Gonzalez; Belkis Torres; Dolores Mendez; Vanessa Aguilera-Viera; Pam Malval; Ana Sejeck; Laurie Dunn; Ana Rodriguez; Jacqueline Dominguez; Paloma Lopez-Barcena;; Michelle Meilan; Sandra Gonzalez; Debbie Rodriguez; J. Lara; Jenelle James; Laurie Bravo; Jessica Parra; Laurie Dunn; Lismay Diaz; Gabriela Cortez; Kishanda Burns; Iliana Vallejo; Danish Williams; Cindy Cabrera; Ahmed Mitwalli; Fiorella A. Christie;

**General Attendees:** Bob de la Fuente; Rachel Spector; Maria Hernandez; Valrine Cato; Priscila Hazrun; Loren Suarez

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

**Dr. Fluney**

- A. Dr. Fluney welcomed everyone.
- B. K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with Four voting members present.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Dr. Fluney**

- A. Motion to approve February 16, 2023 minutes.
  - Motion to approve by Dr. Armstrong
  - Motion seconded by J. Roig
  - Motion unanimously passed

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. Provider Hearings

Bob de la Fuente

- Pequeños Exploradores Kidcare Inc.

In accordance with the Early Learning Coalition's ("Coalition") Due Process policies and procedures, a final hearing regarding of the providers 2022-2023 Statewide School Readiness ("SR") Provider Contract termination was held on March 30th, 2023, at the Coalition's Provider Services Committee (the "Committee") meeting.

The Committee has made the following decision regarding the providers eligibility to contract with the Coalition:

Item of non-compliance:

The facility received a composite score of 3.93 on their School Readiness Program Assessment Score. The Committee has made the final determination to terminate the Pequeños Exploradores Kidcare Inc 2022-2023 School Readiness Provider Contract effective April 30th 2023 and not renew 2023-2024 School Readiness Provider Contract due to the above-mentioned item of non-compliance. The Partner will be re-eligible to apply for services for the 2024-2025 Program year.

Motion to terminate Provider Contract

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- Motion seconded by J. Roig
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- Valrine Cato Family

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The Committee has made the following decision regarding the providers eligibility to contract with the Coalition:

Item of non-compliance:

The facility received a composite score of 3.72 on their School Readiness Program Assessment Score. The Committee has made the final determination to terminate the Valrine Cato Family Daycare Home 2022- 2023 School Readiness Provider Contract **effective April 30th 2023** and not renew 2023-2024 School Readiness Provider Contract due to the above-mentioned item of non-compliance. The Partner will be re-eligible to apply for services for the 2024-2025 Program year.

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**IV. Informational Items**

**Bob de la Fuente**

Bob de la Fuente provided updated for the following providers

- Maranatha Child Development Center- Waiting on DCF appeal process
- Lincoln Mart 510- Hearing is scheduled for May 25, 2023; 2PM.

**III. Sliding Scale Fee**

**Sandra Gonzalez**

Sandra Gonzalez provided information on the new Sliding Fee Scale. There is no change from the previous year but this is a requirement from DEL to submit yearly.

- Sliding Fee Scale Model 2023-24 Miami- Dade
- Sliding Fee Scale Model 2023-24 Monroe
- Federal Poverty Guidelines

**V. Early Education Partners Roundtable**

**Provider  
Representatives**

A. Family Child Care Home Discussion

- Dr. Perla Almodovar
- Danish Williams- Provided information on the June Conference. More information to follow.
- Alma Diaz

B. Program-Based Discussion

- Jenni Roig (Private Provider Representative)
- Dr. Eileen Fluney (Faith-Based Provider Representative)
- Dr. Daniel Armstrong (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Program Representative)

C. General Discussion

**VI. Public Comments**

**Dr. Fluney**

**VII. Adjourn**

**Dr. Fluney**

**Next Provider Services Committee Meeting: May 25, 2023; 2 P.M.**