



Legislative Committee Meeting  
January 28, 2019, 9:00 a.m.  
ELC Board Room

**Committee Attendees:** Alex Soto (Chair), Matthew Bruno

**Committee Absentees:**

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres, Angelo Parrino, Lisa Sanabria, Jackye Russell, Mercy Castiglione,

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**Alex Soto**

- A. Soto called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- A quorum was established with one (2) voting members.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Alex Soto**

- Motion to approve minutes by M. Bruno.
- Motion seconded by A. Soto.
- Motion was unanimously passed.

**III. Sustainability of PFP/House Bill 1091**

**Evelio Torres**

- E. Torres stated that it is unsure if the Performance Funding Project will continue due to House Bill, 1091. The bill requires providers to be assessed and meet certain benchmarks. Funding for these assessments was given but they are not recurring dollars.

**IV. Funding Formula**

**Evelio Torres**

- E. Torres stated that the Funding formula has come up again and there is the possibility that there will be bill. A consultant has been hired to develop the formula and it appears it will take money away from Miami Dade/Monroe County.

**V. ELC Legislative Agenda**

**Evelio Torres**

- E. Torres stated that the three goals on this year's legislative agenda will be:
  - Support and fund HB 1091, statewide program performance and effectiveness standards, support and accountability for a well-equipped early education workforce, and pay for performance for School Readiness. This has been funded and implemented for 2018-2019 FY but funding needs to be secured moving forward.
  - Increase School Readiness funding to enroll children 0-5 of working families on the waiting list and improve the quality of care.



- Support WAGES® and T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships. The Child Care WAGES® FLORIDA Program rewards early childhood educators with salary supplements based on their education and continuity of employment. The T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® Scholarship Program funded by the Florida Office of Early Learning provides scholarships for early care educators to work towards earning an Associate and/or Bachelor degree or credentials in early childhood education.

**VI. Legislative Visits**

**Evelio Torres**

- E. Torres stated that they would begin scheduling legislative visits focusing on the new members of the legislation.

**VII. Public Comments**

**Alex Soto**

**VIII. Adjourn**

**Alex Soto**