



Minutes

Legislative Committee Meeting

January 22, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 980 2860 5810

Passcode: 548343

Committee Attendees: Alex Soto (Chair), Matthew Bruno

Committee Absentees:

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres, Angelo Parrino, Lisa Sanabria, Jackye Russell, Pam Hollingsworth; Sandra Gonzalez

I. Welcome and Introductions **Alex Soto**

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

II. Approval of Minutes **Alex Soto**

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

III. Overview of 2021 Session and Committee Assignments **Evelio Torres**

- E. Torres reviewed the new committee assignments. E. Torres stated that there were many new members. The Legislative Committee must focus on establishing a relationship with these new members.

IV. Florida Senate and Florida House COVID-19 Protocols **Evelio Torres**

- E. Torres stated that due to the pandemic and the protocols put in place it will be difficult to meet face to face with new members

V. Legislative Priorities **Evelio Torres**

- E. Torres stated that the three goals on this year's legislative agenda will be:
 - Support the Early Learning Bill
 - VPK Base Student Allocation Increase
 - Provider Reimbursement Rates Equity

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.





- Motion to approve new priorities by M. Bruno
- Motion seconded by A. Soto.
- Motion unanimously passed.

VI. Meeting with Legislators

Evelio Torres

- E. Torres stated that he was trying to schedule Zoom meetings in order to establish relationships with new members

VII. Public Comments

Alex Soto

VIII. Adjourn

Alex Soto