



**Legislative/Advocacy Committee
Committee Meeting
January 11, 2023; 2 P.M.
Meeting ID: 878 1450 4899
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MINUTES

Committee Attendees: Alex Soto, Alfred Sanchez

Committee Absentees: Matthew Bruno

Board members: Iris Strachan

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres, Angelo Parrino, Pam Hollingsworth, Sandra Gonzalez, Victor Caballero, Lisney Badillo, Alex Sanchez, Belkis Torres, Jackie Dominguez, Dr. Espinosa, Ahmed Mitwalli, Mercy Castiglione

- I. Welcome & Introductions Alex Soto
 - A. A. Soto called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
 - B. Quorum was established with two voting members present.

- II. Approval of Minutes Alex Soto
 - A. Motion to approve minutes by A. Sanchez
 - B. Motion seconded by A. Soto.
 - C. Motion unanimously passed.

- III. 2023 Legislative Session Overview Evelio Torres
 - A. Session Dates were provided by E. Torres. 2023 Florida Legislative session dates are March 7, 2023 – May 5, 2023.
 - B. Miami-Dade/Monroe Delegation list was shared with the committee.
 - C. Legislative Visits Priorities were discussed. The Early Learning Coalition remains very involved and tracks committees very closely. We will plan a visit to Tallahassee, send the week there and visit key Legislators. We have partnered with Corcoran Partners. Senator Erin Grall has been working with us.

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- D. Tallahassee Fly-In with GMCC- the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce will convene business and community leaders during the 2023 Tallahassee Fly-in. Participants will present the Chamber’s list of legislative priorities to elected officials leading up to the beginning of Florida’s 2023 Regular Legislative Session.
- E. Photos were shared from the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe’s Provider Site Visits with Legislators.

IV. Legislative Priorities

- A. Updated 2023 Coalition Advocacy Priorities were provided by V. Caballero.
- B. Miami-Dade County Resolution was provided by V. Caballero.
- C. Updated 2023 GMCC State Legislative Priority List was provided by A. Sanchez.
 - Transportation
 - Workforce Housing
 - Workforce Development and Education
 - Resiliency
 - Economic Development

V. Proposed Budget Increases to Key Federal Early Learning Programs Pam Hollingsworth

P. Hollingworth shared information on the Proposed Budget Increases to Key Federal Early Learning Programs. There will more information provided at a later date.

VI. Public Comment Alex Soto

VII. Adjourn Alex Soto

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