



# Minutes

**ELC Legislative Committee Meeting**  
**November 18, 2021; 9:30 a.m.**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 934 2988 4626**  
**Passcode: ELC111821**

**Board Attendees:** Alex Soto; Matthew Bruno; Stephanie Scuderi

**Board Absentees:**

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Pam Hollingsworth; Michelle Meilan; Victor Caballero

## I. Welcome & Introductions

- A. Soto and S. Scuderi called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- C. Pollard called roll and quorum was established with three (3) voting members.

## II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Motion to approve January 22, 2021 minutes.
- Motion made by S. Scuderi
  - Motion seconded by M. Bruno

## III. ELC Strategic Initiatives

E. Torres shared that the committee would develop the Coalition's new strategic initiative focused on board engagement. It was stated that board engagement includes but is not limited to, local chamber participation and volunteer hours.

## IV. 2022 ELC Legislative Priorities

- E. Torres shared the legislative priorities for Pinellas and Broward County Coalitions. It was stated that our Coalition will focus on supporting the workforce behind our workforce and keeping families working and children learning. E. Torres stated that paying providers an equitable rate is a number one priority to accomplish these initiatives.
- The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce 2021 legislative priorities were also shared.

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.





**V. Meetings with Legislators**

Important legislative dates and deadlines were shared. E. Torres also shared the legislative delegation for various districts in Miami-Dade and Monroe County.

**VI. 2022 President Simpson's and Speaker Sprowls' Legislative Agenda**

The following priorities were shared regarding the 2022 Legislative Agenda:

- A. Reject COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates
- B. Protect Private Health Care and Religious Information
- C. Begin Withdrawing from OSHA
- D. Remove Authority of State Health Officer to Order Vaccinations

**VII. Public Comments**

Discussion included ways to align legislative priorities with other Coalitions throughout the state to prioritize greater access to higher quality services and equitable reimbursement rates.

**VIII. Adjourn**

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