



**Nominating Committee Meeting**  
**March 1, 2023 9:30 A.M.**  
**Meeting ID: 842 2670 8568**  
**Passcode: 861638**

## MINUTES

**Committee Attendees:** Marisol Diaz, Sandi Bisceglia, Iris Strachan, Aaron Slavens

**Board Attendees:** Suzette Frazier

**ELC Staff:** Evelio Torres, Angelo Parrino, Pamela Hollingsworth, Belkis Torres

**Interviewee Attendance:** Madelyn Rodriguez Llanes, Anna Benedetti, Dr. Maria Riestra, Maurice Woods.

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| I.   | Welcome & Introductions  | Marisol Diaz  |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• M. Diaz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.</li><li>• K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with four voting members.</li></ul> |               |
| II.  | Approval of Minutes  | Marisol Diaz  |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to approve minutes for October 20, 2022 by S. Bisceglia</li><li>• Motion seconded by A. Slavens</li><li>• Motion unanimously passed</li></ul>       |               |
| III. | Status of Vacancies  | Evelio Torres |

The status report of vacancies was presented by Evelio Torres.

- Monroe: College of the Florida Keys: Dr. Gueverra will let us know when he is ready to make the appointment.
- Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners
- Monroe: Board of County Commissioners: Holly Merrill Raschein has been appointed. ELC will ask for Board of Director's to Ratify appointment at April 3, 2023 board meeting.
- Monroe: Health Department: Bob Eadie has been unable to make an appointment
- Gubernatorial Appointment pending appointment by Governor

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- IV. Head Start/Early Head Start Representative position was discussed by Evelio Torres.
- V. Board Composition was reviewed by Evelio Torres.
- Miami Dade Beacon Council Statistics
  - ELC Board Statistics
  - County Membership (Target: 27 Members)
    - Miami-Dade 19 filled +2 vacant= 21
    - Monroe 3 filled +2 vacant= 5
    - Miami-Dade or Monroe Gubernatorial Appointment=1
- VI. Interview Process Interview Process was reviewed by Kristine Gregory.
- VII. Review of Standardized Interview Questions were given by Chair Marisol Diaz.
- VIII. Interviews took place in 15 minute intervals with each committee member asking questions. time was provided for interviewee to speak and ask the committee any questions.
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| A. Madelyn Rodriguez Llanes              | 9:45 A.M.  |
| B. Ana Benedetti                         | 10:00 A.M. |
| C. Maria Teresa (Maite) Riestra-Quintero | 10:15 A.M. |
| D. Maurice Woods                         | 10:30 A.M. |

The committee discussed at length, each candidate and a vote was taken. Marisol Diaz tallied the vote from the committee members. The vote was unanimous with Maurice Woods winning the bid.

- IX. Public Comments: There were no public comments at this time.
- X. Adjourn: Marisol Diaz adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for the participation.

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