



**ELC Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 1, 2024; 9 A.M.
2555 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Meeting ID: 834 9011 8165
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Board Attendees: Dr. Daniel Armstrong; Loreen Chant; Jenni Roig; Dr. Lawrence Richie Tandoc; Denisse Barrera; Sandi Bisceglia; Dr. Eileen Fluney; Chuck Mohr; Iris Strachan; Gilda Ferradaz; Chereen Coile; Lisa Taylor; Aaron Slavens; Alfred Sanchez; Holly Raschein; Dr. Riestra; Rick Beasley; James Haj; Lynn Maceyras; Laurie Joasil; Dr. Carla Fry

Board Absentee: M. Bruno

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Mercy Castiglione; Sandra Gonzalez; Michelle Meilan; Jacqueline Dominguez; Ahmed Mitwalli; Miguel Alfonso; Paloma Lopez-Barcena; Fiorella A. Chrisite; Anabel Espinosa; Ana Sejeck; Belkis Torres; Ana Rodriguez; Aileen Suazo; Alex Sanchez; Laurie Dunn; Lissandra Curbelo; Iliana Vallejo; Ahmed Mitwalli; Andrea Penton; Jose Hernandez; Victor Caballero; Miguel Alfonso; Dessiree Aguilera; Zenaida Gomez; Michelle De la Hoz; Ahmed Mitwali, Pam Maval; Jerlyn Matthews; Andres Rico; V. Agulara-Viera; Tim Bower; Ana Roa; Heather Sargent; Sherry McMullen-Balchun; B. Herrera; Juana Rodriguez; harriet Pardes; Nina Ashely; Milena Riveron perez; Spanish Interpretation Services; Jenny Maya-Munne; Esther Campbell; The 2nd House; Silvana Diaz

General Attendees: Cari Miller; Madeline Pumariega Bob de la Fuente

I. Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Armstrong

A. Roll Call

- A. Dr. Armstrong called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. Quorum was established with 22 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Armstrong

A. Motion to approve the February 5, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

- L. Chant moved to approve the minutes.
- I. Strachan seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously

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.



III. Chairman's Report

Dr. Armstrong

The Following was reported by Dr. Armstrong:

- We would like to congratulate Dr. Eileen Fluney, Executive Director of **Paradise Christian School and Development Center** on a remarkable achievement. It is with great admiration that we learned of the dedication and commitment demonstrated by the 28 teaching staff, 9 facilities staff, and 9 management staff, totaling 46 staff members, who have successfully completed all five of the required School Readiness courses. This accomplishment is truly commendable and speaks volumes about the passion, dedication and professionalism of your entire team.
- On February 28, 2024, an article was published in the Miami Herald regarding the Fiscal Cliff Collaborative. We would like to thank the Miami-Dade Fiscal Cliff Collaborative and especially Jim Haj for leading the group. Board member Jim Haj spoke briefly.

Titled: A strong Miami-Dade economy requires investment in quality child care

Included it in today's board packet (page 11)

- Thursday March 7th, Board members and Coalition staff visited Aguamarina

During the assembly, we had a chance to:

-Witness the remarkable talents and creativity of our preschoolers as they showcase their achievements.

-Connect with preschool elected class representatives

-Engage in meaningful discussions about how we can collectively work together to instill the values of compassion, empathy, and community involvement in our youth.

- Our next visit:
We would like to invite you to an exciting opportunity to visit the Roig Academy Thursday May 2, 2024 at 10 A.M Mrs. Roig is an Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe's board member! Please let Kristine Gregory know if you can join us.

Coffee with Chancellor Cari Miller

You will be receiving an invitation to join a group of providers and partners for a light breakfast gathering with Chancellor Cari Miller. This event aims to facilitate a discussion on the state of early learning in Florida, exploring both the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Please RSVP by April 5, 2024, to confirm your in-person attendance. We look forward to your



participation and to hearing your thoughts and priorities firsthand.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with Chancellor Miller and contribute to the dialogue surrounding early childhood education. (Zoom or in person)

IV. Guest Speaker

Evelio Torres

Madeline Pumariega, President, Miami Dade College

Mrs. Pumariega is the first female president appointed to lead one of the nation's largest educational institutions, Miami Dade College (MDC). Adding to the historic nature of this appointment is the fact that Mrs. Pumariega is an alumna of MDC.

V. Guest Speaker

Evelio Torres

Cari Miller, Chancellor of Early Learning, Florida Department of Education

Mrs. Miller serves as Chancellor for Early Learning, directing the Florida Department of Education's (FDOE's) Division of Early Learning. As Chancellor, Cari will collaborate with 30 early learning coalitions and Redlands Christian Migrant Association to deliver high-quality child care and early learning programs throughout Florida.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee Report 3/5/2024

Dr. Armstrong

- **03052024-01** 3rd Budget Amendment 2023-2024
Approval of the Early Learning Coalition's 3rd Amendment to the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.
- **03052024-02** Non-Federal Share Waiver 22-23
Authorize the President and CEO to request a Non-Federal Share Waiver in the amount of \$1,640,947 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Early Head Start Grant, for Program Year August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023.
 - Dr. Armstrong moved to approve the Resolutions via block vote.
 - L. Chant approved the motion
 - A. Sanchez seconded the motion
 - Motion passed unanimously



B. Finance Committee Report 3/26/2024/2024

Loreen Chant

○ Resolutions

- **04012024-01** Contract Renewals
Authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the contracts listed within the background section of this resolution.
- **04012024-02** Grant Renewals
Authorize the President and CEO to apply, negotiate, execute, and/or receive funds from the grantors listed in the background section of this resolution.
- **04012024-03** Amendment PSA 23-36
Authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract PSA 23-36 with the M Network, Inc. for Public Awareness and Outreach Campaign.
- **04012024-04** Amendment PSA 22-40
Authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract PSA 22-40 with the Armstrong Creative Consulting, Inc. for Grassroots Outreach Services.
- **04012024-05** EHS Grant Budget
Approve the Early Head Start budget and the Non-Federal Share waiver request and authorize the President and CEO to submit the Early Head Start budget as part of the 2024-2025 grant application. The budget for Program Operations and Training and Technical Assistance was reviewed with Board members.
 - L. Chant moved to approve the Resolutions via block vote.
 - A. Sanchez approved the motion
 - Dr. Fluney seconded the motion
 - Motion passed unanimously

○ Single Audit Report

Octavio Verdeja

C. Monroe Advisory Committee Report 3/27/2024

Sandi Bisceglia

S. Bisceglia provided the Board with Monroe County updates.



D. Program Committee Report 3/25/2024

Chereen Coile

- **04012024-06 EHS Non-competing Continuation Grant Application**
Approve and authorize the President and CEO to apply and receive funds for the Early Head Start non-competing continuation grant application and all of its supporting documents for the 2024-2025 program year. Grant application was reviewed highlighting the major changes such as the new 5-year program goals, request to expand to additional zip codes, and the 5-year school readiness goals.
 - C. Coile moved to approve the Resolution
 - S. Bisceglia approved the motion
 - J. Haj seconded the motion
 - Motion passed unanimously

VII. Community Report

Evelio Torres

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update
 - Round 1 and 2
 - Discretionary
- Legislative Session Update

VIII. Public Comments

Dr. Armstrong

XII. Adjourn

Dr. Armstrong

Meeting Dates:

- **Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2024; 10 A.M. via Zoom**
- **Board Meeting: Monday June 3, 2024; 9- 11 A.M. in person or via zoom**