



# Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting  
October 2, 2017; 8:00 a.m.  
David Lawrence Jr. Community Meeting Room

**Board Attendees:** Adrian Alfonso; Rick Beasley; Russell Benford; Matthew Bruno; Heather Carruthers (via conference call); Loreen Chant (via conference call); Alan Eckstein (via conference call); Shaleen Fagundo (via conference call); Gilda Ferradaz; Philip Gassman (via conference call); James Haj; Abilio Rodriguez; Judy Schaechter; Gerald Schwartz; Alex Soto; Marisol Diaz; Davis Lawrence

**Board Absentees:** Theresa Axford; Bob Eadie; Galdys Montes

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres (President/CEO); Angelo Parrino; Milton Silvera; Fred Hicks; Pamela Hollingsworth; Jose Hernandez; Sabrina Rodriguez; Diana Ragbeer; Tamara Garcia; Michelle Meilan; Lisney Badillo; Mercy Castiglione; Jackye Russell; Ileana Vallejo; Anabel Espinosa; Belkis Torres; Alex Sanchez

**General Attendees:** Bob de la Fuente (Board Counsel); Maurice Kemp

## I. Welcome and Introductions

**Adrian Alfonso**

- A. Alfonso called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- L. Sanabria called roll and a quorum was established with fifteen (15) voting members.
- A. Alfonso announced that R. Benford was resigning from the board and M. Kemp will be replacing him.
- A. Alfonso stated that since most of the Monroe County Board members were not able to attend this meeting. We will be have the Strategic Plan updates at the December Board meeting.
- A. Alfonso reminded the board members that the November meeting is an Executive Committee meeting in Key West, call in information will be sent to everyone in case they would like to participate by phone.
- A. Alfonso recognized J. Russell for her dedication to the Early Learning Coalition as she has invested her efforts to the Coalition for 10 years

## II. Approval of Minutes

**Adrian Alfonso**

- A. Alfonso called for the approval of the meeting minutes from October, 2017.
  - J. Schaechter moved to approve the minutes.
  - A. Rodriguez seconded the motion.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.
  - M. Diaz stated that she attempted to call in during the September Board meeting but the communication device failed, it will be marked as an excused absence.



### III. Finance Committee Report

Adrian Alfonso

- Resolution 10202017-01 authorize the President and CEO to release a Request for Proposal for Early Head Start Coaching Services. Fiscal Impact: An approximate amount of \$66,000.00 for fiscal year 2017-2018, which is subject to the availability of funding. Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families
  - Motion to approve resolution by R. Benford.
  - Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- A. Alfonso stated that the snapshots were reviewed and we continue to maintain zero children on the waitlist
- A. Alfonso stated that the EHS credit card expenditure report was included in your packet for board review.
- A. Alfonso stated that there was a surplus notification included in the packet that required board approval.
  - Motion to approve the surplus notification by R. Benford.
  - Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

### IV. Executive Committee Report

Adrian Alfonso

- Resolution 09272017-01 authorize the President and CEO to negotiate, execute and receive funds from Save the Children to provide rapid relief for childcare providers of the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe who have experienced moderate damage from Hurricane Irma. Fiscal Impact: An approximate amount of \$650,000.00 for fiscal year 2017-2018, which is subject to the availability of funding. Funding Source: Save the Children.
  - Motion to ratify resolution by J. Schaechter.
  - Motion seconded by A. Eckstein.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

### V. CEO Report/Presentations

a. University of Miami/Healthy Caregivers, Healthy Children

Dr. Sarah E. Messiah/  
Dr. Rudy Natale

b. CEO Report

Evelio Torres

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I. Public Comments

Adrian Alfonso

II. Adjourn

Adrian Alfonso