



ELC Board of Directors Meeting
August 1, 2022 8:00-10:00 A.M
2555 Ponce De Leon
Miami Florida 33134
Meeting ID: 979 3361 9478
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MINUTES

Board Attendees: Matthew Bruno; Rick Beasley; Dr. Daniel Armstrong; Loreen Chant; Jenni Roig; Gladys Montes; Richie Tandoc; Denisse Barrera; Sandi Bisceglia; Dr. Eileen Fluney; Dr. Mara Zapata; James Haj; Chuck Mohr; Iris Strachan; David Lawrence Jr.

Board Absentees: Gilda Ferradaz; Chereen Coile; Lisa Taylor; Jocelyn Lawrence; Marisol Diaz; Alexander Soto; Aaron Slavens

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Mercy Castiglione; Pam Hollingsworth; Sandra Gonzalez; Michelle Meilan; Jacqueline Dominguez; Fred Hicks; Ahmed Mitwalli; Miguel Alfonso; Paloma Lopez-Barcena; Anabel Espinosa; Ana Sejeck; Belkis Torres; Ileana Vallejo; Diana Lane; Ana Rodriguez; Aileen Suazo; Lisney Badillo; Casie Haines; Larisa Salerno; Laurie Dunn; Vanessa; Aguilera-Viera; Lissandra Curbelo; Matthew Zaldivar; Lucy Schrack; Natalia Gamundi; Isabel Afanador; Thalia Daumy; Vernise Casimir; Dialina Quintanal; Jose Hernandez; Kristine Gregory; Jessica Parra; Laurie Bravo; Pamela Malval; Lidice Tabarez; Marisleydis Bruguez; Iliana Alvarez; Belinda Jeanty-Gauthier

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente; Priscila Hazrun; Lorena Suarez;

I. Welcome & Introductions

Matthew Bruno

- A. M. Bruno called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. Quorum was established with 14 voting members

II. Approval of Minutes

Matthew Bruno

- A. Motion to approve the June 6, 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes.
 - M. Bruno called for the approval of the minutes from June 6, 2022.
 - S. Bisceglia moved to approve the minutes.
 - L. Chant 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

Matthew Bruno

- A. Vote to reappoint two board members, Jeni Roig and Aaron Slavens for a second term.
 - M. Bruno called for the approval of both second terms.
 - R. Beasley moved to approve the minutes.
 - J. Haj seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Guest Speaker: Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation

Raymond Rodriguez-Torres

- The planned guest speaker will be rescheduled.

V. Chairman's Partner Spotlight

- Jordan Family Day Care Home **Ms. Jordan**
- Ms. Jordan recorded a video thanking the ELC for the Spotlight acknowledgement and spoke about her center and the children that she is honored to teach.

VI. Finance Committee Report

Loreen Chant

A. Finance Resolutions

- **08012022-01** Amended Budget: FY 2022-2023
Approval of the Early Learning Coalition's First Amendment to the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023
- **08012022-02** CLASS Assessments: Teachstone and The Children's Forum
Authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with The Children's Forum and Teachstone to facilitate and provide Assessment Services using the Classroom Assessment Scoring System® (CLASS®) for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.
- **08012022-03** EHS Revised Bonus for Childcare Teachers
Approve an amendment to the current "Bonus for Childcare Teachers" policy and procedure.
- **08012022-04** EHS Covid Flexibilities
Authorize the President and CEO to adopt and implement if needed, the fiscal flexibilities granted by the Office of Head Start as per the Information Memorandum ACF-IM-HS-21-01, Updated Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Fiscal and Administrative Flexibilities.



- **08012022-05** RFP Temporary Employment/Direct Hire Agency
Authorize the President and CEO to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to contract with a temporary employment/direct hire agency.
- **08012022-06** RFP Comprehensive Office Cleaning Services
Authorize the President and CEO to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Comprehensive Office Cleaning Services.
 - L. Chant asked for a motion to approve the resolutions in a block vote.
 - Motion to approve by M. Bruno
 - Motion seconded by R. Beasley
 - Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Committee Reports

Updates were provided for the following committees

A. Provider Services Committee Report

Rick Beasley

Mr. Beasley reported that Building Tools Learning center, Inc. was before the committee June 23, 2022 due to receiving 2 class 1 violations within a 12-month period. The Partner was represented by their attorney, Lucy Pinero. The committee made a final determination to place the provider on a Corrective Action Plan effective June 23, 2022- December 23 2022 due to the items of non-compliance.

Mr. Beasley discussed Provider Rates and ARPA American Rescue Plan Act information. Fiorella A. Christie provided detailed updates including award amount by center.

B. Monroe Advisory Committee Report

Sandi Bisceglia

Page 41 of the agenda shows Keys K-12 demographic charts and various breakdowns of race, ethnicity, free lunch and an increase in enrollment, which likely has implications regarding the number of preschoolers coming to the Keys also.

The Teen Parent Program was approved in partnership with ELC at a recent MCSD Board meeting I attended this summer.

MOVE Program – Laurie Dunn is looking into whether any level of partnership is viable where high school students are partnered with ELC Centers and can receive payment for their work through a MCSD grant program while working toward a credential.



In June, the ELC congratulated Monroe CDA Completion graduates on Zoom/live through the facilitation of Pamela Hollingsworth, who arranged the online graduation acknowledgements. Each was asked by Evelio Torres to share a personal message regarding their reflections on their training and they all presented their portfolios on line, and Chair Sandi Bisceglia was asked to congratulate them and provide an inspirational message to them.

We are preparing for the ELC Monroe County Day at Marathon High School for ELC staffers scheduled for a Saturday in Sept. 2022 all morning and part of the afternoon. Laurie Dunn and Keys ELC staff are in the process of finalizing the agenda.

Ms. Bisceglia has spent the last two weeks volunteering in Monroe County Schools Kindergarten Boost which takes in preschoolers for 10 days to give them a Kindergarten readiness experience. Worked with a Pre-K teacher who is now going to teach Kindergarten. Happy to report that Pre-schoolers from PKS, St. James and Grouper Lane who attended who I got to work with are very prepared!

The next Monroe Advisory ELC Board meeting is August 16th at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

VIII. Community Report

Evelio Torres

The following items were discussed via the Community Report:

- American Rescue Plan Act Update
- Early Headstart Enrollment
- Professional Development Institute
- <https://www.elcmdm.org/Content/Uploads/elcmdm.org/files/Meeting%20Packages/Community%20Presentation%2002-2022%20final%20rev6.pdf>

IX. Public Comments

Matthew Bruno

X. Adjourn

Matthew Bruno