



Board of Directors Meeting
May 4, 2009; 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
ELC Board Room

Board Attendees:

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr. (Chair); Yesenia Perkins (Treasurer); Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D., (Vice Chair); Gerald K. Schwartz, Esq. (attended via conference call); Modesto E. Abety; Rick Beasley (attended via conference call); Gina Cortes-Suarez; Gilda Ferradaz on behalf of Jacqui Colyer; Alan Eckstein, Esq. (attended via conference call); P. Morgan Hill; David Lawrence, Jr.; The Hon. Cindy Lederman; Harve Mogul; Dabney G. Park, Ph.D.; The Hon. Natacha Seijas (attended via conference call); Ann-Karen Weller, R.N.; David Williams, Jr. (attended via conference call); Daniel Armstrong, Ph.D.; Valtena G. Brown; Connie Chapell; Silvia La Villa, Ed.D.; Irene Taylor-Wooten; Jane McQueen, Ed.D.; Walter Harvey (Board Attorney)

Board Absentees:

Staff Attendees:

Evelio Torres (President/CEO); Angelo Parrino; Blythe Robinson; Tabatha Cullen; Leeana Pena; Alina Soto; Jackye Russell; Fred Hicks; Mary Williams; Pam Hollingsworth; Esther Young

General Attendees:

Daisy Hensley, Miami-Dade County; Matty Loret de Mola, La Petite Academy; Maritza Alonso, DHS/CDS; Doreen Moskowitz, OEL/AWI; Lisa Pittman, The Children's Trust; Doug Blomberg, WHFS; Armando R. Guerra, AECE; Nichel Guerra, AECE; Elizabeth Bezos, Rainbow Children's Academy/AECE; Phyllis Tynes-Saunders, DHS; Marie Woodson, DHS; Ana Sejeck, The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation; John R. Redruello, CDS; Paul Anastacio, EZ-ID; J. Leinfelder, The Children's Trust; Gladys Feldman, DHS/CDS

I. Welcome and Introductions	Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair
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- Chairman Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Leeana Pena called roll and a quorum was established with twelve (12) voting members.
- O. Verdeja congratulated Dave Lawrence on receiving the Humanitarian of the Year Award. He also congratulated staff on launching the CCEP program which has been a great success, helping over 400 children.

II. Approval of Minutes	Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair
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- O. Verdeja called for meeting minutes from 04/06/09. the approval of the
- A. Eckstein stated some minor corrections to the Finance Committee and Governance & Bylaws Committee reports.
 - A. Eckstein moved to approve the minutes of 04/06/09.
 - Motion was seconded by Y. Johnson.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

III. Finance Committee Report

Yesenia Perkins

- Y. Perkins began by reviewing the financial statements. She explained the parent fees are still being held in the temporarily restricted account which is why the balance is \$1,000,139. The total expenditures were \$2,857. There was a donation of \$1,614 which brings the total balance for March to \$34,190. Under School Readiness, ELC has a budget remaining of 25% with a variance of -1. There is a slight surplus however; after the budget is approved they will have a balanced budget at the end of the year.
- Motion to approve Resolution 042709-01 to approve the Coalition's second Budget Amendment for the fiscal year 2008-2009.
 - H. Mogul moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by G. Cortes-Suarez.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- E. Torres stated the entire amount is added to the Coalition's School Readiness grant this year, so whatever the Coalition doesn't use, they will get it back on July 1. It was \$5.7 million for a 14 month grant that began in April.
- Motion to approve Resolution 042709-02 to authorize the President and CEO to execute the First Amendment to contract C08-113 with Miami-Dade County for Voluntary Prekindergarten services for the Coalition.
 - D. Park moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by Y. Johnson.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve Resolution 042709-03 to authorize the President and CEO to execute an agreement, PSA08-161 with The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation, Inc., to accept funding for the Tremaine project.
 - D. Lawrence stated that he would recuse himself even though it is simply a matter of giving money.
 - Y. Perkins moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by Y. Johnson.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve Resolution 042709-04 to authorize the President and CEO to execute the First Amendment to contract PSA08-153 with Gray Robinson, PA, for providing legal services to the Coalition.
 - Y. Perkins moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by O. Verdeja.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.



- Motion to approve Resolution 050409-01 to authorize the President and CEO to enter into a new lease agreement for the purpose of relocating the Monroe County ELC offices to the Gato building. Term of the lease is one year.
 - Y. Perkins moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by D. Lawrence.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Y. Perkins continued with the snapshot of enrollment numbers for the month. For March, the number was 27,340 which was an increase of 2,187 from the previous month. There was a ready pool of 190 children as of April 20 and a waitlist of 5,719.
- D. Lawrence asked if the Coalition is paying for afterschool care for children ages 9 and over. E. Torres responded that they are paying for TANF, At-Risk, and Transitional Child Care and they do not account for any of those families on the waitlist.
- Y. Perkins stated that there are 777 children enrolled in Monroe as of March with 0 children on the waitlist. In Monroe they are at 28.3% and in Dade County they are at 25.6% for school-age children.

IV. CEO Report	Evelio C. Torres, CEO
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- Presentation is available on the ELC website.

V. Program & Strategy Committee Report	David Williams, Jr.
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- E. Bezos presented the report as the co-chair of the Program Committee.
- Motion to approve recommendation for Monroe Board members to present proposal for Monroe school-age exemption policy at June 2009 Board of Directors' meeting.
 - H. Mogul moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by G. Cortes-Suarez.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve recommendation that providers who do not submit an agreement by June 1, 2009, will forfeit any retroactive payments due to them for previous services rendered.
 - D. Park moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by Y. Johnson
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve recommendation for new provider agreements for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, beginning July 1, 2009 with the stipulation that providers will not be paid for services until they execute the agreement with the Coalition. Beginning fiscal year 2009-10,

retroactive reimbursements will not be paid to providers who fail to comply with the provider agreement requirement.
 - Y. Perkins moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by Y. Johnson.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.



- Motion to approve recommendation that the CEO be given permission to adopt the New Federal Poverty Level guidelines for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, effective July 1, 2009, upon approval from the Agency for Workforce Innovation.
 - Y. Perkins moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by O. Verdeja.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- S. La Villa asked for another motion for approval of the Miami-Dade/Monroe provider agreements.
- Jackye Russell stated the provider agreements will be going into effect on July 1. E. Torres stated it has been a very thorough process with a lot of input and amendments to the agreement.
 - Y. Johnson moved to accept the provider agreements
 - Motion was seconded by P. Hill.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

VI. Provider Services Committee Report

The Hon. Natacha Seijas

- S. La Villa stated that the Department of Health came to the last Provider Services Committee meeting to address concerns regarding a question that had come up about procedures that have been enforced by the Department of Health.
- E. Torres stated he appreciates the concessions the Department of Health has made.

VII. Miami-Dade Electronic Attendance System

Pilar Feldman, MDC Human Services
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- Presentation is available on the ELC website.

VIII. Public Comments

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair

- O. Verdeja took the opportunity to congratulate Judge Lederman on recently receiving an award.
- B. Robinson pulled the names for the raffle of those who participated in the Transition in Kindergarten survey. They had five \$100 gift cards to give away courtesy of The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation. The winners were: REM Learning Center, Sunrise Academy, Miami-Dade County Head Start DHS, KIDCO, and the Children's First Preschool. E. Torres thanked Ready Schools Miami for donating the certificates.
- E. Torres congratulated Wesley House for their 17th Annual Provider Conference--many people worked extremely hard to make the conference happen.
- S. La Villa stated that the NAEYC conference took place over the previous weekend and they had an extraordinary keynote speaker, Dr. George Foreman.



They had over 400 participants.
She recognized The Children's Trust and Quality Counts for providing
scholarships as well as Ana Sejeck and Dave Lawrence.

IX. Adjourn

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair