



Board of Directors Meeting  
May 7, 2012; 8:00 a.m.  
ELC Board Room

- Board Attendees:** Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr. (Chair); Esther Jacobo (Treasurer); The Hon. Cindy S. Lederman (Vice Chair); Lucy C. Pineiro, Esq. (attended via conference call); Theresa Axford; Doug Blomberg; Yolanda Borroto; Commissioner Heather Carruthers (attended via conference call); Alan Eckstein, Esq. (attended via conference call); Shaleen Fagundo; Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.; David Lawrence, Jr. (attended via conference call); Jane McQueen (representative); Harve Mogul; Ann Karen Weller, R.N., B.S.N. (attended via conference call); David Williams, Jr.; Dr. Elias Miranda on behalf of Magaly Abrahante; Lisa Martinez
- Board Absentees:** Modesto E. Abety-Gutierrez; Rick Beasley; Gina Cortes-Suarez, Ed.D; Commissioner Barbara Jordan
- Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres (President/CEO); Blythe Robinson; Angelo Parrino; Christina Vila; Pamela Hollingsworth; Fred Hicks; Bethany Sands; Humberto Franquiz; Sandra Gonzalez; Jackye Russell; Mercy Castiglione; Oderay Velez; Melody Thelwell; Christina Sabater; Mary Williams, (attended via conference call); Milton Silvera; Kristina Alonso; Christine Hughes; Jose Hernandez; Ana Rodriguez
- General Attendees:** Bill de la Sierra, Kidworks, USA; Michele S. Kaplan, Derereux; Maria Alvarez, Family Central; Lisa Pittman, The Children's Trust; Phyllis Saunders, MDC; Pura De Castro, Creative Years; Graciela Piñeiro, YMCA; Linda Carmona Sanchez, AECE; Sara Morales, MDC; Gail P. Grego, FIU; Norman Herdocia, AECE; Gladys R. Montes, UWCFE; Ardene Estrada, MDC; Rochelle Boreland; Belkis Torres, MDC; Giselle Dove, MCI

<b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair</b>
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- Chairman Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Leana Pena called roll and a quorum was established with ten (10) voting members.
- O. Verdeja announced that if anyone has a conflict of interest on any item, to see Leana Pena for a conflict of interest form.
- O. Verdeja introduced new Board members, Commissioner Heather Carruthers and Doug Blomberg.



- H. Carruthers stated she was looking forward to participating on the ELC Board of Directors. She's learning a lot and it should be an interesting experience for her.
- O. Verdeja reminded the Board that the changes made on the bylaws would appoint Commissioner Barbara Jordan and Lisa Martinez as ex-officio members.
- O. Verdeja reminded the Board that E. Jacobo is the new Treasurer, L. Piñeiro is the new Secretary, and C. Lederman is the new Vice-Chair.
- O. Verdeja stated that the Finance Committee Chair, E. Jacobo is recommending meetings take place at 8:30 a.m. the last Wednesday of every month. He asked the members to make their best effort to attend all meetings.
- O. Verdeja announced that there were several items of interest in the Board packet: Letter from Mayor Gimenez to Jeffrey L. Fredericks, Regional Program Manager for Region IV, Office of Head Start Administration, regarding the County's Head Start Funding Application; the ELC News Alert and Parent Link; and the ELIS Explorer Newsletter.
- O. Verdeja congratulated E. Jacobo for being inducted into the Miami Dade College Exceptional Alumni Hall of Fame. He congratulated B. Robinson for being named one of the 50 Most Powerful Black Professionals in South Florida by Legacy Magazine. He congratulated M. Alonso, Chair of the Children's Trust, and M. Abety for the Trust being named Community Service Organization of the Year by Legacy Magazine. He congratulated Miami-Dade County Public Schools for becoming a finalist for the 2012 Broad Prize for Urban Education award. Finally, he congratulated Miami Dade College for receiving a donation supporting the School of Education at Miami Dade College.
- O. Verdeja announced that E. Torres would be presenting his CEO Report first because he and B. Robinson have to leave early to catch a flight to Mississippi. They are traveling with D. Lawrence and representatives from several other states to attend a Kellogg Foundation sponsored conference.

## II. Approval of Minutes

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair

- O. Verdeja called for the approval of the meeting minutes from April 2, 2012.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the minutes.
  - Motion was seconded by D. Williams.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

## III. CEO Report

Evelio C. Torres, CEO

- Please refer to [www.elcmdm.org](http://www.elcmdm.org) for the presentation.
- S. Fagundo asked what the consequence is if providers do not submit an improvement plan for VPK.



- E. Torres stated that they would not be able to contract with VPK. They could still contract with School Readiness, as they are two different programs.
- S. Fagundo stated that the State changed the way they evaluated these programs overnight.
- Y. Borroto asked how long histories of centers are kept.
- E. Torres stated performance history is kept for a total of 7 years.

#### **IV. Finance Committee Report**

**Esther Jacobo**

- E. Jacobo reviewed the financial statements.
- Motion to approve Resolution 050712-01 to authorize the President and CEO to execute the twelve month renewal lease agreement for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the office of the ELC in Monroe.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by S. Fagundo.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve Resolution 042512-01 to authorize the President and CEO to execute the First Amendment to contract, C11-114, with Miami-Dade County to provide Refugee Subsidized Childcare services.
  - E. Jacobo recused herself from this resolution.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by Y. Johnson.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve Resolution 042512-02 to authorize the President and CEO to execute the First Amendment to contract C11-111, with Miami-Dade County to provide School Readiness Subsidized Childcare Services.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by D. Williams.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve Resolution 042512-03 to authorize the President and CEO to execute the Third Amendment to contract, C11-104, with Wesley House Family Services, Inc. to provide School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Subsidized Childcare Services.
  - D. Blomberg recused himself from this resolution.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by Y. Johnson.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- E. Jacobo reviewed the financial snapshots.

#### **V. Governance & Bylaws Committee Report**

**Alan Eckstein, Esq.**

- A. Eckstein reviewed the redlined version of the proposed bylaws.
  - D. Williams moved to approve the changes to the bylaws.
  - Motion was seconded by E. Jacobo.



- Motion was passed.

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- H. Mogul asked if you are counted towards purpose of quorum if you participate by phone.
- A. Eckstein stated that quorum is established by being physically present.
- O. Verdeja stated that a quorum must be established by those members who are in attendance by person. If quorum is established, members may vote by phone.
- H. Mogul stated that allowing participation by electronics may leave the ELC open to security threats. He asked F. Hicks to look into security measures.

<b>VI. ELIS Presentation</b>	<b>Fred Hicks</b>
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- Please refer to [www.elcmdm.org](http://www.elcmdm.org) for the presentation.
- S. Fagundo stated that providers will probably be doing a relatively small portion. The provider portal has been extremely user friendly and has run very smoothly.
- L. Carmona-Sanchez stated that Comcast offers reduced internet rates, and perhaps the ELC can look into that opportunity. There are about 1500 providers, so they may be willing to work out a deal.
- Y. Borroto asked if the system will be in English, as many of the providers are Spanish speaking.
- F. Hicks stated that some of the screens may use translations. This is something that is being considered by the ELIS workgroups.

<b>VII. Public Comments</b>	<b>Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.</b>
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<b>VIII. Adjourn</b>	<b>Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.</b>
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