



Annual Board of Directors Meeting
November 5, 2012; 10:00 a.m.
Mosquito Control District, Monroe County

Board Attendees: Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr. (Chair); The Hon. Cindy S. Lederman (Vice Chair); Esther Jacobo (Treasurer); Lucy C. Pineiro, Esq. (Secretary); Modesto E. Abety-Gutierrez; Theresa Axford; Doug Blomberg; Commissioner Heather Carruthers; Gina Cortes-Suarez, Ed.D.; Alan Eckstein, Esq.; Holly Estes; Shaleen Fagundo; Helene J. Good; Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.; David Lawrence, Jr. (attended via conference call); Harve Mogul; Dr. J. Abilio Rodriguez; Ann Karen Weller, R.N., MBA-HSM; David Williams, Jr. (attended via conference call); Magaly Abrahante, Ed.D.; Lisa Martinez

Board Absentees: Commissioner Barbara Jordan; Roderick E. Beasley

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres (President/CEO); Blythe Robinson; Angelo Parrino; Leana Sanchez; Christina Vila; Tarnell Carroll; Jackye Russell; Pamela Hollingsworth; Fred Hicks; Bethany Sands; Mercy Castiglione; Mary Williams; Fiorella Altare; Jose Hernandez; Aileen Martinez; Milton Silvera; Sandra Gonzalez; Kendra Link

General Attendees: Santiago Echemendia, Tew Cardenas; Iris Coe, Grace Jones; Linda Carmona Sanchez, AECE; Norman Hendocia, AECE; Phyllis Tynes-Saunders, Miami-Dade; Lucia Davis-Raiford, Miami-Dade; Maritza Alonso, Miami-Dade; Evelyn Jordan, Miami-Dade; Karen MacCroy, Kreative Kids; San Juanita de la Cruz, Miami-Dade County; Elaine Deriso, Devereux; Ana Maria Farkas, Devereux; Laurie Dunn, Wesley House; Kathy Snyder, Wesley House; Wendy Salomon, Family Central; Gail Gregg, FIU; Alison Gonzalez, FIU; Sue Ellen Bennett, St. James Children's Center

I. Welcome and Introductions	Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair
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- O. Verdeja called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- L. Sanchez called roll and a quorum was established with eleven (17) voting members.
- O. Verdeja stated that if anyone has a conflict of interest on any item coming before the Board, to declare the conflict and see Leana Sanchez for a conflict of interest form.



- O. Verdeja stated the following items could be found in the Board Packet:
 - ELC News Alert & ELC Parent Link
 - Board of County Commissioners Resolution: Resolution sponsored by Commissioner Barbara Jordan urging the state legislature to modify the funding formula and restore school readiness funding. The resolution was unanimously approved by the Miami Dade County Board of County Commissioners. This item will also be a critical County priority for the 2013 legislative session.
- O. Verdeja stated that as per section 7.8 of the Bylaws, board officers are elected at the annual meeting. Because we have no officers with terms expiring at this time, this portion of the meeting will not take place.
- O. Verdeja congratulated the Miami Dade County Public School District for the Broad Prize for Urban Education, an annual award that honors urban school districts that demonstrate the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement while reducing achievement gaps among ethnic groups and between high- and low-income students. M-DCPS students outperformed students in many major U.S. cities in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA) in science, mathematics and reading. The winner of The Broad Prize was announced in New York City and will receive \$550,000 in college scholarships for graduating seniors.
- D. Lawrence introduced The Children’s Movement of Florida, Everyone Needs a Role Model video.
- O. Verdeja introduced Kreative Kids Christian Academy. They joined us today to perform for the Board of Directors. They are a faith-based center located in Marathon. Kreative Kids is a Gold Seal center and is accredited by the Florida League of Christian Schools and the Association of Christian Teachers and Schools. Kreative Kids offers both the School Readiness and VPK programs. The center’s capacity is 65 children, serving preschool children ages one year through five, and offers afterschool and summer care for school age children to age ten. Center Director Karen MacCrory will introduce her two VPK classrooms, who will sing a medley of songs.

II. Approval of Minutes

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair

- O. Verdeja called for the approval of the meeting minutes from October 1, 2012.
 - C. Lederman moved to approve the minutes.
 - H. Mogul seconded motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.

III. Finance Committee Report

Esther Jacobo, Esq.

- E. Jacobo presented the Finance Committee Report to the Board.
- Resolution 103112-01 to approve the Coalition’s Third Budget Amendment for the fiscal year 2012-2013.
 - A. Eckstein moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion seconded by S. Fagundo.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.



- Resolution 103112-02 to authorize the President and CEO to receive and execute the School Board of Miami-Dade County's Teenage Parent Program (TAP) subsidized childcare services grant/contract.
 - A. Eckstein moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion seconded by S. Fagundo.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.

- E. Jacobo presented the snapshots for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

- Y. Johnson asked why there was an increase to the Monroe waitlist.

- E. Jacobo stated that the increase was due to less funding for Monroe County.

IV. Public Comments	Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair
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V. Adjourn	Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair
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