



Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
December 01, 2014; 8:00 a.m.
ELC Board Room

Board Attendees: Adrian Alfonso (Chair); The Hon. Cindy S. Lederman (Vice Chair); Lucy C. Piñeiro, Esq. (Secretary); Gilda Ferradaz (Treasurer); Magaly Abrahante, Ed.D.; Charles Auslander; Roderick E. Beasley; Russell Benford; Dr. Tina Carroll-Scott; Philip Gassman; Helene J. Good; David Lawrence, Jr.; Harve Mogul; Dr. J. Abilio Rodriguez (via conference call); Gerald K. Schwartz, Esq.; David Williams, Jr.; Robert Eadie; Commissioner Heather Carruthers (via conference call)

Board Absentees: Theresa Axford; Shaleen Fagundo; Dr. Mara Zapata

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres (President/CEO); Angelo Parrino; Lisa Sanabria; Jackye Russell; Fred Hicks; Mercy Castiglione; Fiorella Altare; Jose Hernandez; Aileen Martinez; Sandra Gonzalez; Christine Hughes; Ana Rodriguez; Yasmin Wong-Peraza; Dennis Cardenas; Diana Lane; Anna Kempa

General Attendees: Santiago Echemendia, Shutts & Bowen LLP; Gail Gregg, FIU; Ruby P. White, Merry Poppins; Sarah Zubairi, MDC Preschool; Jackie Romillo, MDC Preschool; Gladys Montes, UWCFE; Emmounte Banks, Room 2 Bloom; Parker Gammon, MDCL; Shelia Dudley, Room 2 Bloom; Yolanda Barroto, MDC Preschool; Marisel Elias Miranda, MDCPS; Cathleen Armstead, Head Start; Juanita Walker, Sheyes of Miami; Wendy Salomon, Family Central; Rachel Spector, TCT

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 sixteen (15) voting members.
- A. Alfonso stated that if anyone has a conflict of interest on any item coming before the Board, to declare the conflict and see Lisa Sanabria for a form.
- A. Alfonso stated that on behalf of the Early Learning Coalition board of directors, he would like to thank the students and teachers from Aguamarina Preschool for making these wonderful gifts for us.
- A. Alfonso introduced this meeting's Board Member Spotlight: Lucy C. Pineiro.
- L. Pineiro stated that her parents were Cuban immigrants with a middle school education, do not speak English and worked two jobs to see her and her sibling through school. She suffered through some prejudice but was able to succeed, finish her education and became an attorney. L. Pineiro stated that it is an honor to serve on the Early Learning Coalition Board.
- A. Alfonso stated the following items were included in this month's Board packet:
 - The 2014 National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon: David Lawrence Jr. was honored with the Outstanding Volunteer Award. Volunteerisms are selfless acts of generosity and kindness. National Philanthropy Day is designed to honor those, like David Lawrence, who improve our community and our lives with their efforts.



- UNITED WAY RELEASES ALICE REPORT ON 'HIDDEN POOR': United Ways' in six states commissioned Rutgers University to conduct the research for the ALICE report, which stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed. The report spotlights a large segment of the population that is working hard but is still barely able to make ends meet. The ALICE report contains cost analyses of basic household expenses like housing, food, child care and health care for all 67 Florida counties, and compares these costs with household incomes. In Miami-Dade County, the rate is 21 percent of households live below the federal poverty level and in Monroe counties 47 to 48 percent are living below the poverty level or scrambling to cover basic needs. The United Way is releasing the ALICE report with the hope that it will encourage state and local decision-makers to initiate policies and programs that will support working families who are struggling to continue living in Miami Dade and Monroe County. To see the full report go to www.unitedwayalice.org.

II. Approval of Minutes

Gilda Ferradaz

- A. Alfonso called for the approval of the meeting minutes from November 3rd, 2014.
 - L. Pineiro moved to approve the minutes.
 - G. Ferradaz seconded the motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.

III. Finance Committee Report

Adrian Alfonso

- Resolution 11262014-01 presents RFP#ELCMDM2014-006 (Enterprise Network Support and Hosting Services for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties) Evaluation Committee's (the "Evaluation Committee") scoring results of the Request for Proposal to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation of vendor selection to the Board of Directors. This resolution also requests authorization and approval for the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected vendor.
 - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded C. Auslander.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- G. Ferradaz reviewed the financial statements and stated it was business as usual.
- G. Ferradaz stated that the financial statements are showing a deficit for School Readiness this is due to the CCEP funding. Until monies are dispersed OEL has asked us to use the School Readiness funds, once we receive this funding we will no longer show a deficit. The amount expected to be received is approximately 3 million.
- VPK is showing a surplus, this is normal for this time of year.
- A surplus in the TAP program continues, Miami Dade County Public School will soon be releasing a new RFP.
- G. Ferradaz reviewed the waitlist and snapshots. Monroe County continues to have "0" children on wait list.

IV. Nominating Committee

David Lawrence

- D. Lawrence stated that Shaleen Fagundo was reappointed for a second term.
- D. Lawrence stated that C. Lederman, H. Mogul and D. Williams second term was expiring 5/2015.
- D. Lawrence stated Optional Member positions have been eliminated.



V. The Promise

Adrian Alfonso

- This video was included in the White House Summit on Working Families and is sponsored by Rollins Center for Language & Literacy and Read Right from the Start. The Rollins Center is committed to honoring the promise that all children be able to read on grade level by third grade. This means empowering teachers to give children the power of language and literacy for a lifetime. They have particularly focused on children whose families generationally have not had access to quality education, and are caught in a cycle of illiteracy and poverty. Their purpose is to break that cycle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOHafmFX-U4>

VI. CEO Report

Evelio C. Torres, CEO

- National Landscape & New Initiative
- CCDBG
- The presentations are available at the following link:

**Pamela Hollingsworth
Dr. Christine Hughes**

http://www.elcmdm.org/about_us/Board/minutes/Board/CEO%20report/CEOR12012014.pdf

VII. Public Comments

Adrian Alfonso

- S. Echemendia stated that the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe, will hold a public meeting on Thursday, December 4th, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Coalition Board Room at the Coalition's headquarters located at 2555 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 500, Coral Gables, FL 33134. Notice is hereby given that the final agenda item for the meeting will be an Executive Session to discuss "The Wonder Sprout, Inc., a Florida corporation v. Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc., a Florida non-profit corporation", Case No.: 14-024774 CA 01. Participants in the Executive Session will be the President & CEO, Evelio C. Torres, the CFO, Angelo Parrino and the members of the Litigation Committee. The Executive Session shall be attended by the following Litigation Committee Members: Gerald K. Schwartz, Adrian Alfonso, Gilda Ferradaz, Lucy C. Piñeiro and Charles Auslander, by the Coalition's Board Counsel, Santiago Echemendia, Esq., and by a court reporter. All others will be excluded during the Executive Session.

VIII. Adjourn

Adrian Alfonso