



# Minutes

Executive Committee and Strategic Planning Committee Joint Meeting  
May 20, 2011; 3:00 pm  
Conference Call

**Committee Attendees:** Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.; Daniel Armstrong, Ph.D.; Gerald Schwartz, Esq.; Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.; Gina Cortes-Suarez, Ed.D.; David Williams, Jr.; Jacqui B. Colyer; Modesto E. Abety; Shaleen Fagundo

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio C. Torres; Leana Pena; Blythe Robinson; Angelo Parrino; Mary Williams; Milton Silvera; Jose Hernandez; Jackye Russell; Michele Wenleder; Yasmin Wong-Peraza; Mercy Castiglione; Aileen Martinez

**General Attendees:** Dr. Howard Piper; Santiago Echemendia; Yesenia Perkins; Alan Eckstein, Esq.; Doug Blomberg, Wesley House; Kathy Snyder, Boys & Girls Club; Phyllis Tynes-Saunders, Miami-Dade County; Linda Carmona-Sanchez, AECE

<b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.</b>
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- Chairman Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr. called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Quorum was established.

<b>II. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.</b>
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- O. Verdeja called for a motion to approve the December 16, 2010 meeting minutes.
  - Y. Johnson moved to approve the minutes.
  - Motion seconded by D. Armstrong.
  - Motion unanimously passed.

<b>III. Board Attorney Contract</b>	<b>Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.</b>
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- E. Torres stated that the contract for Board Attorney, S. Echemendia was due for renewal. This is the item that was tabled at the last Board meeting. A. Eckstein had a lengthy conversation with S. Echemendia and has no concerns with moving forward with the contract. E. Torres stated he also expressed the Board's concerns to S. Echemendia and there are no concerns and feel comfortable moving forward with the contract.
  - Y. Johnson moved to move forward with the contract.
  - Motion seconded by D. Armstrong.
  - Motion unanimously passed.
- O. Verdeja stated that there is always room for improvement and S. Echemendia can continue working with ELC staff.

<b>IV. Strategic Planning Proposal</b>	<b>Evelio C. Torres</b>
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- E. Torres introduced the new Strategic Planning proposal from Performance Executive Search. The Committees need to decide how they would like to move forward with the Strategic Planning process. What does the Board feel comfortable allocating to this project, particularly with the budget cuts?
- G. Cortes-Suarez stated that it was premature to move forward with a contract for next year when the Board hasn't voted on the current strategic plan. With funding cuts, she can't imagine that the Board would want to do the same thing.
- E. Torres asked O. Verdeja if he was comfortable putting this item on hold.
- O. Verdeja stated to put this proposal on hold and allow the Strategic Planning Committee to discuss after the Board votes on the current strategic plan.

<b>V. FY 2011-2012 Budget and Disenrollment of Children</b>	<b>Evelio C. Torres</b>
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- E. Torres reviewed the budget from last year and asked the Committees to refer to the spreadsheet included in the packet. ELC staff is recommending a 10.2% reduction on all line items on the budget. The Executive Committee needs to vote whether or not to move forward with the disenrollment policy. The Board has gone through this policy and vote previously on the order of which children would be disenrolled first.
  - G. Schwartz moved to forward to the Board for final decision.
  - Motion seconded by Y. Johnson.
  - Motion unanimously passed.

<b>VI. Public Comment</b>	<b>Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.</b>
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<b>VII. Adjourn</b>	<b>Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.</b>
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