



Executive Committee Meeting  
Date: June 23, 2014; Time: 3:00PM  
Early Learning Coalition Board Room

**Committee Attendees:** Adrian Alfonso, Board Chair; Lucy Pineiro, Esq. (via conference call); Gilda Ferradaz (via conference call)

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres, President/CEO (via conference call); Angelo Parrino; Trudy Azarsepandan; Jackye Russell

**I. Welcome and Introductions** **Adrian Alfonso, Chair**

- Adrian Alfonso called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Quorum was established with 3 voting members.

**II. Overview of Interviews with Legal Services Candidates** **Adrian Alfonso, Chair**

- Adrian Alfonso stated that three law firms were interviewed June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014. They are as follows: LSRCF Law, PLLC, Shutts & Bowen, LLP and Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza & Boniske, PL
- Legal Services Committee suggested we move forward with the highest ranking firm, which will be our existing attorney Santiago D. Echemendia, Esq. at Shutts & Bowen, LLP.
  - Gerald Schwartz submitted via email the following statement: "I think we had 3 very qualified applicants and I think any one of the firms would serve us well..... However, I think our present attorney has done a very fine job representing us over the past few years and I see no reason why we should not continue working with Santiago and his firm....."
- Gilda Ferradaz asked about the cost between the three firms, Adrian Alfonso responded there was not much of a difference between rates.
  - Gilda Ferradaz moved to approve the motion
  - Motion was seconded by Lucy Pineiro
  - Motion was passed unanimously.

**III. Sliding Fee Scale** **Adrian Alfonso, Chair**

- The Office of Early Learning has reviewed and approved the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe's request to amend its school readiness plan for element
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1.6.1, pursuant to section 1002.85(3), Florida Statutes. The sliding fee scale will become effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, it will allow more parents to participate in the program.

- Lucy Pineiro moved to approve the motion
- Motion was seconded by Gilda Ferradaz
- Motion was passed unanimously.

**IV. Meeting Adjourn**

**Adrian Alfonso, Chair**