



Minutes

Nominating Committee Meeting
March 7, 2011
Early Learning Coalition Executive Conference Room

Committee Attendees: Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. (Chair); Cindy Lederman; Dave Lawrence, Jr.; Jane McQueen

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Leeana Pena

General Attendees: Dr. Howard Piper

I. Welcome and Introductions

Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.

- Chairman, Yvonne Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

II. Dr. Howard Piper Interview

Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.

- D. Lawrence asked H. Piper about his work experience.
- H. Piper stated he was a mechanical engineer when he lived in Jamaica. He dealt with nuclear technology. He started working in County government in 1998. For years he did management consultation, but then opened his eyes to other areas of government, including the sewer department. He led a 1.5 billion dollar correction action plan.
- D. Lawrence asked about H. Piper's actual employment at the County.
- H. Piper stated he began as part of a consulting group in 1998, hired specifically to increase quality. He would look at all departments, look at how they were spending money, and how to more efficiently run the program. He worked with facilities and the CAA. For two years, he worked as Karin's assistant overseeing finance, human resources, etc. During the George Burgess procurement crisis, he went in to fix the procedures. He most recently dealt with the Ponciana issue, technology, and solid waste. Most recent work includes working with social services, CAA, DHS, finance, technology and human resources.
- D. Lawrence asked what H. Piper's eagerness to join the ELC Board was.
- H. Piper stated that he believes education preparedness makes a significant difference in children. He stated that in Jamaica, all children don't get the opportunities that children do here. The three essentials to a child learning are meals, parents and rest. Coming from a place where this is not accessible to all children, he would take pride in being a part of an organization that builds an educational foundation for children. He has no children, but knows the importance of this.



- D. Lawrence asked if he was excited to be appointed to the Board.
- H. Piper stated that he most definitely was. He apologized for any confusion with his appointment and interview process. To his understanding, Miami-Dade County would appoint a designee and he wasn't aware that a formal interview was necessary.
- Y. Johnson asked what he could contribute to the Board, being that his field of expertise was not in early childcare.
- H. Piper stated that he can ask the questions that need to be asked. He can look at how the ELC is running their programs, and whether or not it's being run effectively. He understands the value of Head Start, and VPK, and can gather data to see how the programs are performing.
- D. Lawrence asked what H. Piper likes to do on his spare time.
- H. Piper stated he enjoys golfing, auto mechanics, and reading. Currently he's purchased the Clinton and Mandela biographies and is looking forward to reading them. He also just recently finished The Count of Monte Cristo. He is an American, Canadian, and Jamaican citizen.
- D. Lawrence stated the ELC Board needs an aggressive common sense. He stated the ELC is all about children. H. Piper has carried the banner high for audit and quality at MDC, and that same banner should be carried for the ELC.
- E. Torres stated that H. Piper would also act as a liaison between the ELC and the County manager.

III. Designations	Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.
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- Y. Johnson moved to accept the designation of H. Piper.
 - Motion was seconded by D. Lawrence.
 - Motion unanimously passed.
- Y. Johnson moved to recommend the reappointment of C. Lederman, H. Mogul and D. Williams to the Board.
 - Motion was seconded by J. McQueen.
 - Motion unanimously passed.
- E. Torres stated the ELC would advertise for the Governor appointed private sector position currently filled by P. Morgan Hill and the faith based provider representative currently filled by C. Chapell.
- E. Torres stated M. Abrahante's position would also be expiring and this position would be rotation to Monroe County. The ELC will contact the Monroe superintendent of schools and request for them to nominate someone.

IV. Public Comments	Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.
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V. Adjourn	Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.
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