



Nominating Committee Meeting
April 25, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

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| I. | Welcome & Introductions | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |
| II. | Approval of Minutes | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |
| | A. Motion to approve March 7, 2011 Nominating Committee Meeting minutes. | |
| III. | Board Terms Update | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |
| IV. | Governor Appointed Private Sector Representative | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |
| V. | Faith-Based Child Care Provider Representative | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |
| VI. | Public Comments | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |
| VII. | Adjourn | Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D. |

Mission: To promote high-quality school readiness, voluntary pre-kindergarten and after school programs, thus increasing all children's chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society. The Coalition seeks to further the physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs of Miami-Dade and Monroe County children with a priority toward the ages before birth through age 5.



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

II. Dr. Howard Piper Interview	Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.
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- 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.

- 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.

V. Adjourn

Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.

Governor Appointed Private Sector Representative			
1	Miriam Lazcos	Shoreline Properties/Realtor	373 Vaca Road, Key Largo, FL 33037
2	Margie M. Luis	Luis Insurance	6851 Bird Road, Miami, FL 33155
3	Eric Knowles	Miami Dolphins	2269 Dan Marino Blvd, Miami Gardens, FL 33056
4	Demetrio J. Perez	Lincoln-Marti Schools, LLC	*Not Eligible. Child-care business conflict.

Faith-Based Provider Representative			
1	Eduardo Rivero	New Life After School Program	PO Box 660597, Miami Springs, FL 33266 Accredited by ACSI-ASSOC. Christian Schools International
2	Debra La Fountain	Kreative Kids Christian Academy	4711 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL 33050 BA Elementary Education; Gold Seal; Completed FLOCS & ACTS accreditation process
3	Julie Alexander	First Assembly Christian Academy	PO Box 343655, Florida City, FL 33034 Masters in Education; Accredited by Association of Christian Teachers & Schools and Florida League of Christian Schools
4	Anita Howard	The Little Disciples Preschool	14401 Old Cutler Road, Miami, FL 33158 Accredited by APPLE; Gold Seal; Four Star Quality Counts Center
5	Yolanda Borroto	South Miami Lutheran Church School	7190 Sunset Drive, Miami, FL 33143 Masters in ECE; Accredited by NAEYC
6	Daisie Overman	Miami Shores Baptist Church	370 Grand Concourse, Miami Shores, FL 33138 BA Elementary Education; Masters in Religious Ed, *Licensing issue
7	Kathleen Hardcastle	Trinity Church (Life Academy III)	17801 NW 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33169 Master in Ed; in accreditation process

*Not Eligible

**VPK LLP (low performing provider): Did not score the minimum readiness rate established by the FDOE (Florida Department of Education). If a provider is an LLP for more than (4) consecutive years, they are disqualified from providing VPK services.