



## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at noon  
6800 N. Dale Mabry, Suite 158  
Tampa, Florida 33614  
Call-in: 866-866-2244  
Access Code: 5194796

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT I

*Individuals wishing to address the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County Board of Directors must complete a Public Comment Request Card and submit it to the official recorder prior to the noticed start time of the meeting. Said comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per individual on a first come, first serve basis, and only at such time as is identified on the official meeting agenda for public comment. All public comment in Public Comment I must pertain to an item on the approved agenda.*

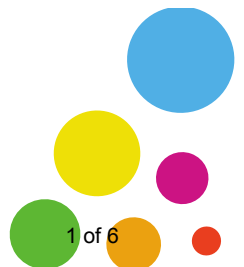
### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Local and State ELC Legislative Priorities (see Attachment) (Pg. 2)
  - i) Increase School Readiness Funding (no specific ask)
  - ii) Increase VPK Funding by \$50 for school year; \$43 for summer**
  - iii) Support local decision-making
- B. Summary of meetings with local Legislative Delegation (see Attachment) (Pg. 3)
- C. Hillsborough Day on March 22, 2017 (see Attachment) (Pg. 4)

### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

### V. ADJOURNMENT

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# EARLY LEARNING

COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

## 2017 State Legislative Priorities

### **Increase School Readiness funding to support the economic stability of working families, kindergarten readiness for children, and performance increases for providers**

- There are over 37,000 children on the waiting list; performance funding has demonstrated increases in program quality

### **Increase Voluntary Prekindergarten Program per-child funding by \$50 for the school year and \$43 for the summer**

- This change increases the school year base student allocation from \$2,437 (2015-16) to \$2,487; still below the \$2,677 allocated in 2007-08

### **Support local flexibility and decision-making to meet local needs and maximize the leveraging of local resources**

- Allow greater flexibility in Coalition Board membership while maintaining that at least one-third of members are business representatives (e.g., allow community members such as those representing law enforcement and higher education to serve)
- Restore greater flexibility in determining eligibility categories based on local needs, returning to eligibility categories in Florida Statutes prior to 2012 legislative changes
- Ensure local flexibility in reviewing School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten contract violations and determining appropriate penalties and termination periods (e.g., allow terminations '**up to five years**' rather than requiring all terminations to be for 5 years)

***Florida's economic growth strategy starts at birth by investments in early childhood; Lack of investment in the productivity of the next generation is a deficit strategy, not a growth strategy.***

November 2016

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS**  
**January 9, 2017**

| <b>LEGISLATOR</b>         | <b>KEY COMMITTEE</b>  | <b>MEETING</b> | <b>NOTES</b>   |
|---------------------------|---|----------------|--|
| Sen. Dana Young           | Vice-chair Appropriations Sub-Committee on K-12 Education                           | 12/21/2016     | S. Knobl met with Sen. Young, good discussion and indicated support for ELC  |
| Sen. Darryl Rouson        | Appropriations Sub-Committee on K-12 Education, Education                           | TBA            | B. Davis had discussion by phone with aide, will be meeting in January   |
| Sen. Tom Lee              | Appropriations Sub-Committee on K-12 Education                                      | TBA            |  |
| Sen. Bill Galvano         | Education, Appropriations   | TBA            | Asked to reschedule to January   |
|                           |   |                |  |
| Rep. Jake Raburn          | Chair, PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee, Vice-chair PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee | TBA            | Working with aide, have sent information   |
| Rep. Dan Raulerson        |   | TBA            | TBA  |
| Rep. Ross Spano           | PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee   | TBA            | Working with aides to schedule meeting   |
| Rep. Jackie Toledo        |   | 1/5/2017       | S. Knobl met with Rep. Toledo, will follow up with additional materials  |
| Rep. Sean Shaw            |   | 12/15/2016     | S. Knobl met with Rep. Shaw, very interested in ELC information and willing to assist. Rep. Shaw will tour sites in his District with ELC. |
| Rep. Janet Cruz           | House Minority Whip, Appropriations   | TBA            |  |
| Rep. Shawn Harrison       |   | 12/15/2016     | B. Davis met with aides, support our efforts   |
| Rep. James Grant          |   |                | Has not responded to calls or emails   |
| Rep. Wengay "Newt" Newton | PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee   | 1/29/2016      | B. Davis met with Rep. Newton, very knowledgeable and supportive   |

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**HILLSBOROUGHDAY**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**Courtyard Luncheon 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Capitol Courtyard Complex / Tallahassee, FL**

“Hillsborough Day shows the rest of Florida the best this incredible community we call home has to offer – the fantastic food, the great craft beer, the family-friendly attractions. I invite anyone who can to join me and other supporters of Hillsborough County to celebrate our community in Tallahassee.”

County Commissioner Sandy Murman

Free and open to the public



**Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla  
Pirates Will Invade**

**Authentic Tampa Cuban Sandwiches**



**Special performance by The Voice  
contestant Shalyah Fearing**

For sponsorship opportunities,  
please contact  
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for more information

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Courtyard Exhibitor Participation,  
please contact  
**Mercy Powell** at  
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## Hillsborough Day 2017 Agenda

### Wednesday, March 22, 2017

#### **Lunch:**

**11:30-1:00pm** or until food runs out! Last year we served 1,500 Cuban sandwiches and ran out before 1pm. On the Senate side of the Capitol Courtyard complex.

Entertainment: Shalyah Fearing (Contestant from *The Voice*) and Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla Pirates!

**IMPORTANT:** If you are participating in courtyard entertainment/activity during the luncheon and need access to the courtyard for drop-off, unloading, and/or set up, please contact Mercy Powell at [mercy@theeventplannersoftampa.com](mailto:mercy@theeventplannersoftampa.com) with details no later than Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**1:30-5:30pm** Free Time, walk the halls of the Capitol and meet members from the local delegation, sit in on a committee meeting or if the legislature is in Session, go to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor and watch from the gallery of the House or Senate.

#### **Reception:**

**5:30-7:30pm** Open to the public! At the Governors Club

**Governors Club** 202 1/2 South Adams St. Tallahassee, FL 32301; located in downtown Tallahassee, one block North of the State Capitol.

**Capitol Address:** 400 S Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32399

**For parking at the Capitol:** Kleman Plaza Parking Garage / 306 S. Duval Street

This large underground facility is located downtown, below Kleman Plaza. Kleman Plaza is home to the Florida League of Cities, the Challenger Learning Center, the Brogan Museum of Art and Science, and two private condominium towers. The garage may be accessed from Duval Street (east side/northbound) or Bronough Street (west side/southbound).



Please feel free to contact Mercy Powell at [mercy@theeventplannersoftampa.com](mailto:mercy@theeventplannersoftampa.com) or at 813.924.7512 with any questions.