



**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 9:30 am
6800 N. Dale Mabry, Suite 150
Tampa, Florida 33614
Call-in: 866-866-2244
Access Code: 5194796

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Quorum Verification
- B. Approval of Minutes for August 30, 2016 regular meeting (Pg. 2)
- C. Approval of Minutes for January 24, 2017 regular meeting (Pg. 4)

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. OLD BUSINESS

IV. ACTION ITEMS

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| A. Annual Legislative Plan | B. Davis |
| B. ELCHC/ALEC Legislative Priorities (Pg. 6) | B. Davis |
| C. Hillsborough Day at the Capitol (Pg. 7) | B. Davis |
| D. Local Visits | B. Davis |

VI. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

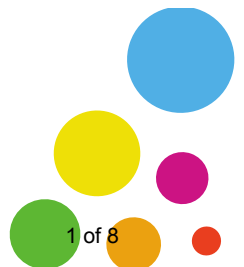
Executive/Finance Committee Meeting- October 16, 2017 at 3:00 pm

Board Retreat- November 13, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Board of Directors Meeting- November 13, 2017 at 3:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Read for the Record- Thursday, October 19, 2017





**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 11:00 am
6800 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 158
Tampa, Florida 33614

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Facilitator: Sandra Murman, Chair

Board Members Present:

Sandra Murman* and Trayce Brown*.

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Douglas Holt and Edward Peachey.

ELCHC Staff

Dr. Bobbi Davis and Kelley Minney.

Other Attendees:

**Indicated presence via telephone*

CALL TO ORDER

Quorum Verification

A quorum was not established.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

State Legislative Issues

The Committee discussed two State Legislative issues that they considered developing a platform around for "Hillsborough Day" at the Capitol on March 23, 2017. Bobbi Davis stated that at the State level, Coalitions would continue to push the legislature to increase reimbursement for the Voluntary Pre-kindergarten (VPK) program. Ms. Davis stated that an increased reimbursement for VPK providers would help to improve the quality of their centers.

Ms. Davis noted that the Child Care Execution Purchase Pool (CCEP) had been capped at ten million dollars for several years, but noted the ELCHC received one million dollars from it and that the one million dollars had been matched dollar for dollar and included as additional funding for



the School Readiness children. Ms. Davis added that she expected that the School Readiness Wait List would increase due to the change in the redetermination schedule.

Hillsborough Day on March 23, 2017

The Committee discussed and agreed that it would be helpful after the election to develop a platform for “Hillsborough Day” at the Capitol. Ms. Davis noted that early childhood education programs had not been the highest priority in the state, but that early childhood education programs were typically easy to advocate to the legislature.

The Committee discussed inviting community members to sit on the Legislative Affairs Committee. Ms. Davis recommended contacting Valerie Goddard and Trayce Brown recommended contacting a quality provider. Ms. Davis noted that the goal of the Committee would be to advocate to the legislature the Coalition’s priorities for early childhood education programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.



**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 12:00 pm.
6800 N. Dale Mabry, Suite 158
Tampa, Florida 33614

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Facilitator: Sandra Murman

Committee Members Present:

Scott Barrish*, Tracye Brown*, and Sandra Murman*.

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Douglas Holt, Edward Peachey, and Valerie Goddard.

Board Members Present:

Kelley Parris*

ELCHC Staff:

Bobbi Davis and Kelley Minney

**Indicated presence via telephone.*

CALL TO ORDER

Sandra Murman called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment

ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items

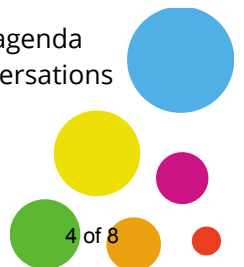
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Local and State ELC Legislative Priorities

Bobbi Davis reported that the 2017 Association of Early Learning Coalitions (AELC) State Legislative Priorities had been shared with local delegation, and noted that the only item on the priorities tied to funding was the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program. Ms. Davis noted that Chambers had adopted early learning priorities, but they had not specifically advocated for an increase in VPK funding. Ms. Davis stated that new legislators had been contacted to inform them about early learning services and programs, and noted that invitations had been extended to legislators to attend the Early Learning Association of Chairs (ELAC) reception that was hosted by the ELCHC on January 12, 2017. Ms. Davis added that Representative Sean Shaw was represented at the reception by his District Secretary, Jasmine Mattear.

Summary of Meetings with Local Legislative Delegation

Ms. Davis briefly discussed the summary of legislative meetings that was included in the agenda packet. Ms. Davis highlighted that she and Dr. Knobl had met with or had telephone conversations



with Representative Wengay Newton, Senator Dana Young, Senator Darryl Rouson and U.S. Representative Kathy Castor regarding the 2017 AELC State Legislative priorities.

Hillsborough Day at the Capitol

Ms. Davis stated that the ELCHC was a registered participant at Hillsborough Day at the Capitol, and, in addition to a display table, she was in the process of scheduling meetings with each of the delegation members. Ms. Davis invited Committee members to attend Hillsborough Day at the Capitol on March 22, 2017.

Ms. Davis noted that the open house for the grand reopening of the Institute of Early Childhood Professionals was scheduled for February 28, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Ms. Davis invited Board Member, Kelley Parris to sit on the Legislative Affairs Committee. Ms. Parris respectfully declined, but offered her expertise with policy issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm.



State Legislative Priorities 2018

Increase School Readiness funding to reduce the statewide waitlist and support the economic stability of working families and kindergarten readiness for children.

There are over 37,000 children on the waitlist.

Increase Voluntary Prekindergarten Program per-child funding to a minimum of \$2,677.

Increase funding for Performance Funding Project (PFP) to expand opportunities for child care providers to achieve higher levels of quality.

The Performance Funding Program has demonstrated increases in program quality. The intent of the Program is to create a statewide quality rating improvement system to ensure parents and consumers of early childhood education services are able to easily identify and access quality programs in their local communities.

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

Maintain current structure of early learning coalitions and allow local communities to determine how further efficiencies can be achieved.

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

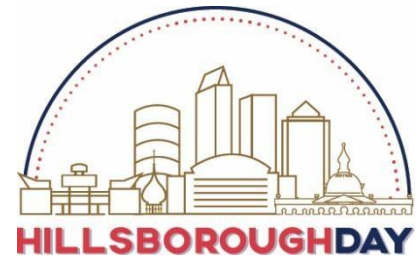
Ensure local flexibility in reviewing School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten contract violations and determining appropriate penalties and termination periods (e.g., allow terminations **'up to five years'** rather than requiring all terminations to be for 5 years)

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

Association of Early Learning Coalitions

HILLSBOROUGH DAY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY, 17th 2018



CAPITOL COURTYARD EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

NOTICE: "HILLSBOROUGH DAY" WILL BE SHARING THE CAPITOL COURTYARD WITH MOFFIT CANCER CENTER ON JANUARY 17TH 2018 FROM 11:30 – 1:00PM

As always, our goal is to create a fun, festive atmosphere for our 1,500+ courtyard guests and visitors. I hope that you will make plans to join us again for HD2018 as together we showcase the many exciting amenities that make Tampa bay a great place to visit and live. You'll want to DRAW an audience to your table, so think outside the box when planning your Exhibit display. I will be coordinating the courtyard efforts, so please feel free to call or email me with any questions (813-924-7512 or by email at: mercy@theeventplannersoftampa.com)

Exhibitor Information: Courtyard luncheon: 11:30 – 1:00pm

- DMS WILL ONLY GRANT ACCESS TO VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN CLEARED AND ARE ON THE ACCESS LIST, SO PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO MERCY POWELL NO LATER THAN **DECEMBER 1st**
Name of Exhibitor/Company/contact phone number/and their ETA
Make/Model/Color of Vehicle entering courtyard for drop off and/or display
First/last name of Driver AND First/last name of any passengers

Cleared vehicles are allowed to unload at the courtyard, but must unload and leave the courtyard by 10:30am. (Exhibitors are on their own to find parking). ONLY authorized wrapped vehicles will be allowed to park in the courtyard next to their specific Exhibits. Please notify me if you will be arriving in a company wrapped vehicle.

- Exhibitors may begin arriving as early as 8:00a.m. (Entrance off of MONROE St. – Check-in with Guard Gate)
- Due to pedestrian traffic, Exhibitors **will not** be granted courtyard access **AFTER 10:30am**, so please plan on arriving early and on time.
- A **6ft table** will be provided for your use. Please notify me if you need additional tables or are planning on bringing your own linen/table cover. Table linens will only be provided for exhibitors who request them. We have plenty of room, so feel free to bring big displays!
- Electricity is available, but limited, so please contact me immediately if you need electricity for your setup (on a first come/first served basis).
- Please note that there is no place to "hang" signage. Notify me if you plan on bringing any large props.
- Keep in mind that the courtyard can get **very** windy, so please make sure that pamphlets and marketing materials are secured. ALSO, COME PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE COLD WEATHER.
- Exhibit Breakdown: Breakdown will begin between 1:15- 1:30pm and is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Entire courtyard must be completely cleared by 3:00pm

NOTE: AS CUSTOMARY, HILLSBOROUGH DAY THEME WILL HIGHLIGHT OUR BAY AREA'S PIRATE TRADITIONS – AARRH!



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

EXHIBITOR COURTYARD ACCESS FORM

Name of your organization:

• Contact name: _____ Contact Cell phone: _____

• ETA: _____ a.m. Vehicle Info:

Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

• Name of Driver: (Show ID at Guard Gate)

Name of Passenger(s):

• If Vehicle is wrapped with company logo, do you wish to park vehicle in courtyard next to your Exhibit? YES _____ NO _____

• Provide detailed list if bringing animals/amphibians/insects or large props:

• Will you be bringing your own tablecloth for 6ft table? YES ___ NO ___

PLEASE EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO MERCY POWELL BY DECEMBER 1ST
mercy@theeventplannersoftampa.com