



## SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 2:30 pm  
6302 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 100  
Tampa, FL 33619

### MEETING ATTENDANCE

**Facilitator:** Commissioner Gwen Myers, Chair

### Board Members Present:

Candy Olson\*, Cynthia Chipp\*, Dr. Daphne Fudge\*, Commissioner Gwen Myers\*, Dr. Jacquelyn Jenkins\*, Dr. Lise Fox\*, Dr. Leslene Gordon\*, Sheila Rios\*, Amanda Jae\*, Tracey Brown\*, Kelley Parris\*, Carl Harness\*, Dr. Stephie Holmquist Johnson\*, Beth Pasek\* Lee Bowers\* and Aakash Patel\*

### Board Members Absent:

Dianne Jacob, Dustin Portillo, Luke Buzard, Dr. Shawn Robinson, John Flanagan, Adam Giery, and Dr. Jodi Marshall

### ELCHC Staff:

Lorinda Gamson\*, Gordon Gillette, Megan Folts\*, Alison Fraga\*, Gary Meyer\*, Rick Rampersad, Kelley Minney, Kiyana Scott, Hanna Goble\*, Nancy Metsker\*, Abigail Perez\*, Helen Sovich\*, Sharon Hayes\*, Tiffany Skals\*. Rayn Moses\*, Stacey Francois\*, Jessica Salgado\*

### Other Attendees:

Tonia Williams\*, Annette Eberhart\*, Angela Chowning\*, Mabel Filpo\*, Matthew Hall\*, Maureen Alexi\*, Michelle Davis\*, Bishop Michael Lewis\*, Nicole Shepherd\*, Roland Hermida\*, Tanja Battle\*, Wanda West\*, Steve Lee\*, Thomasina Allen\*, Sheila Hudgins\*, Lucy Pineiro\*, Ebonee Murray-White\*, Danelle Flowers\*, Dell Ann Jamison\*, Willie Coachman\*, Ana Olivero\*, Arnetria McMillian\*, April Huber\*, Angela Doran\*, Angie Cleek\*, Dayna Curry\*, Tiara Reynolds\*, Tammy Shamburger\*, Ella Jackson\*, Jana Radtke\*, Cara McAloon\*, and Gwendolyn Carr\*

*\*Indicates attendance via Zoom meeting platform.*

### CALL TO ORDER

#### Quorum Verification

A quorum was not present. The meeting began at 2:30 pm.

### PUBLIC COMMENT I

Lucy Pinerio made a public comment regarding the timing of the special committee meeting.

Willie Coachman made a public comment regarding a settlement agreement with the Coalition, timing, and notification of the special committee meeting.

Arleen Johnson made a public comment regarding the requirements and obligations of the School Readiness parent co-payment fees.

Tanja Battle made a public comment regarding the sign-in/out sheets requirements and child absences reporting.

Ana Olivero made a public comment regarding her experience as a child care provider and relationship with the Coalition.

Jerel Fussell made a public comment regarding his experience as a child care provider and his relationship with the Coalition and Child Care Licensing.

Bishop Michael Lewis made a public comment about his experience as a child care provider and the Coalition's interaction with minority business owners.

Thomasina Allen made a public comment regarding the Coalition's interaction with child care providers.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There was discussion on the Board of Directors' duties to adhere to meeting agendas, the purpose of the committee meeting, and the appointed committee members.

Board Chair, Aakash Patel informed the Board of Directors of the name of the committee and members:

"Special Committee"

- Commissioner Gwen Myers, Chair
- Cynthia Chipp
- Amanda Jae
- Candy Olson
- Dr. Leslene Gordon
- Aakash Patel
- Dr. Daphne Fudge
- Kelley Parris
- Dr. Lise Fox

Gordon Gillette, Chief Executive Officer, spoke on the Coalition's regulatory and compliance procedures. Mr. Gillette made the recommendation that matters related to service delivery and diversity, equity, and inclusion can be discussed with the Governance Committee and Service Delivery Committee.

There was further discussion on the relationship between the Early Learning Coalition and the child care providers in the community.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at 3:55 pm

Read and approved by: *Stephanie Holmquist* Date: Mar 1, 2022  
*Dr. Stephie Holmquist Johnson, Secretary*