



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 3:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting
6302 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33619

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Facilitator: Dr. Stephie Holmquist Johnson, Chair

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Daphne Fudge, Dr. Stephie Holmquist Johnson, Adam Giery*, and Aakash Patel

Committee Members Absent:

Jodi Marshall

ELCHC Staff:

Alison Fraga, Rick Rampersad, Gary Meyer, Helen Sovich, Hannah Goble, Kiyana Scott, Kelley Minney, Abby Perez*, Stacey Francois*, Megan Folts*, and Meena Saxena

Other Attendees:

Tonia Williams*, Frazier Carraway

**Indicates attendance via Zoom meeting platform.*

CALL TO ORDER

Quorum Verification

Noting a quorum had been established, Chair Holmquist Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Executive Search Firm for Chief Executive Officer

Board Attorney Frazier Carraway reported that all Governance Committee members turned in their scoring sheets and noted that Spirit Consulting scored the highest. Spirit Consulting scored 17.8 out of 25.

The Committee engaged in further discussion on each firm that submitted a proposal.

The Committee asked Gary Meyer, Interim CEO, how the Coalition will cover the cost of the Executive Search Firm. Mr. Meyer reported that the administrative funds and the past CEO's salary would cover the cost. There was further discussion about offering an out-of-state candidate a compensation package to assist with relocation. The Committee requested that Mr.



Meyer confirm if the compensation package is an allowable cost with the Division of Early Learning (DEL).

There was further discussion on the negotiation process.

Aakash Patel made a motion to approve the highest number on the scale, which is Spirit Consulting. Dr. Daphne Fudge made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

INTERIM CEO REPORT

A. Gubernatorial Appointments & Private Sector Positions

Mr. Meyer reported that two gubernatorial appointments were made: Melissa Raburn and Stacie Ward.

Mr. Meyer informed the Governance Committee members of a recent press release and that the orientation for Ms. Ward is scheduled for September 12, 2022. Mr. Meyer noted that Board member Amanda Jae would be joining the orientation for Mrs. Raburn.

Mr. Patel reported that he requested Mr. Meyer to place Ms. Raburn on the Legislative Committee and Ms. Ward on the Finance Committee.

The Committee discussed filling the open Board Officer position of Treasurer.

Mr. Meyer reported that he would be presenting a resolution on September 6, 2022, to the Board of Directors to approve Gary Meyer as an authorized check signer.

The Committee discussed recognizing Mr. Buzard at the upcoming special Board meeting on September 6, 2022. The Committee asked Mr. Meyer to contact Commissioner Gwen Myers to prepare a resolution for Mr. Buzard.

B. Provider Termination Update

Mr. Meyer reported on a recent childcare provider termination, and highlighted the following:

- Mr. Meyer reported that there are twenty-four (24) children (in School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-kindergarten) have already been relocated.

The Committee suggested to Mr. Meyer that he should contact the families as Interim CEO as a follow-up.

The Committee asked if there were any media requests, Alison Fraga, Chief Development Officer reported that there was only one request regarding teacher shortages in Hillsborough County.

C. Provider Site Visits

Dr. Stephie Holmquist Johnson shared her experience of a provider site visit with the Committee and staff.

Mr. Meyer reported that he will be visiting childcare provider Alford and Ashe.

There was further discussion on scheduling provider site visits with elected officials and DEL Chancellor Matt Mears.

PUBLIC COMMENT I

There was no Public Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Citing no further business, Aakash Patel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:01 pm. Adam Giery made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved by: Stephanie Holmquist Jul 10, 2023
Dr. Stephie Holmquist Johnson, Secretary *Date*

Signature: *Stephanie Holmquist*

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