

APPEALS HEARING MINUTES

Early Learning Coalition
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Appeals Hearing
Date: January 5, 2024
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Appellant: **Yolle-Guida Dervil Pierre**

Introductions of attendees: Chief Executive Officer **Melanie Stefanowicz**

Review of Hearing Procedures Interim Chair **Laura Bright** Board Member

Appeals hearing outline: Read aloud by Committee Chair Laura Bright

Presentation of facts by Early Learning Coalition Staff Chief Administrative Office **Wynetta Upshaw**

Swearing in of those giving verbal testimony by Notary Public Chief Program Officer **Gilda Duran**

Swearing in of CAO **Wynetta Upshaw, Yolle-Guida Dervil Pierre**

Summary of Case presented by Chief Administrative Officer **Wynetta Upshaw**

Response to reading of Summary of Case: Attorney **Ms. Orange**

Presentation of Appellant statement **Mrs. Dervil**

Final statement by Appellant: **Mrs. Yolle-Guida Pierre**

Opportunity for questions. No questions presented for Appellant response.

Closing statement: Appellant

Board Discussion: Appellant and Attorney, no present

Board deliberations

Conclusion:

Recommendations: Overturn ELC Decision

Attendance in person ELC-Board Room

Dr. Melanie Stefanowicz

Interim Board Chair Laura Richardson Bright

Programs Committee Chair Michelle King

Chief Administrative Officer Wynetta Upshaw

Chief Program Officer/Notary Public Gilda Duran

Administrative Coordinator Monica Gaddy

Online

Tara Sherrod Board Member

Aaron Stitt Board Member

Alex Breault Board Member

Attorney Ms. Orange

Appellant Yolle-Giuda Dervil Pierre