



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
Rosio Casiano Torres Appeal Hearing Minutes
October 14, 2022 – Via Zoom
1:00 pm

Purpose: Review the Coalition’s decision to recoup childcare payments made by the ELC for Rosio Casiano Torres’ children from January 2018 through January 2022 due to false household information submitted by Ms. Casiano Torres.

Appeal Committee Members Present via Zoom:

- Dr. Kelly Roy (committee chair),** *Professor/Coordinator of Early Childhood Education, Florida Southwestern State College*
- Marshall Bower, Interim Board Chair; Chair-Events Committee,** *President/CEO*
- Dr. Beth McBride,** *Director, Early Learning, Designee-Collier County Public Schools*

Appellant (s) Present: Rosio Casiano Torres, Client

Coalition Staff Present: Susan Block, *CEO*; Gilda Duran, *Chief Program Officer*

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Assignments
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson, Dr. Kelly Roy led introductions. 	
Review of Hearing Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairperson reviewed the appeal hearing procedure, referring to the agenda provided to all participants. • Gilda Duran, Notary Republic, administered the swearing in. 	

Presentation by Early Learning Coalition Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gilda Duran, Chief Program Officer reviewed the background of the Coalition’s Decision to recoup funds for terminated childcare services. She highlighted the unfilled request for documents by Ms. Torres to document the residence of Mr. Aguilar. None of these documents were submitted to the ELC. 	
Presentation of Appeal by Rosio Casiano Torres	<p>Ms. Torres stated that she does not live with Mr. Aguilar. He takes care of her and the children even though they have recognized that they do not do well living together.</p> <p>The committee members asked a few clarifying questions of Ms. Torres.</p>	
Conclusion of Appeal Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee considered the documentation and presentations by both the ELC and Ms. Torres. The Committee fully supports the ELC decision for these reasons: The client had sufficient time to meet the ELC request for documentation confirming Mr. Aguilar’s primary resident. The client did not submit any of the documents necessary to support her claim that Mr. Aguilar does not live with her. 	<p>Motion to fully support the ELC decision to terminate childcare and recoup funds by Marshall Bower. Second by Beth McBride. Motion approved.</p>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairperson indicated that written notification of the committee’s decision will follow thanked the members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 1:27 pm 	