

EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA Maigret Hechavarria: Appeal Hearing Minutes November 2, 2022 10:00 am

Purpose: Review the Coalition's decision to recoup childcare payments made by the ELC for Maigret Hechavarria's children from November 26, 2019, through November 25, 2020, due to false household information submitted by Ms. Glidden.

Appeals Hearing Committee Members Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Kelly Roy, Chair, *Director, Early Learning, Designee-Collier County Public Schools* Chantal Porte Regional Supervisor for Child Care Licensing, Department of Children and Families Brooke Delmotte, *Provider Liaison/Operations Manager, Early Steps, SWFL Health Planning Council*

Appellant (s) Present: Maigret Hechavarria, Marie Hechavarria, and Celso Hechaverria

Coalition Staff Present: Susan Block, *CEO*; Lugeenya Blackstock, CFO and Gilda Duran, Chief Program Officer

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Assignments
Introductions	Chairperson, Kelly Roy led introductions.	
Review of Hearing Procedures	 The Chairperson reviewed the appeal hearing procedure, referring to the agenda provided to all participants. Gilda Duran Notary Republic, administered the swearing in. Ms. Duran was also available for 	

	translation, as needed.	
Presentation by Early Learning Coalition Staff	 Lugeenya Blackstock, Chief Finance Officer, reviewed the background of the Coalition's Decision to recoup funds for terminated childcare services. Much of the documentation requested by the ELC regarding the home address for the father of the client's child included the same address as the client. 	
Presentation of Appeal by Maigret Hechavarria	 Ms. Hechavarria presented their appeal. The key points were: The father of her child bought the house for her to live in. He has lived at the house sporadically. She didn't update her information with the ELC each time he moved in and out. 	
Conclusion of Appeal Hearing	• The Committee considered the documentation and presentations by both the ELC and Ms. Hechavarria.	
Committee Decision	The Committee decided to support the ELC decision as is. The Committee instituted this decision based on the following rationale The Committee specifically stated these reasons in support of its decisions:	Motion to Support the ELC decision made by Brooke Delmotte Second by Chantal Porte Motion approved.

	 The documentation presented largely showed Mr. Fuentes living with Ms. Hechavarria There was no documentation disaffirming the home address from Mr. Fuentes Ms. Hechavarria stated that Mr. Fuentes lived in the home with her and the child for short periods of time. She did not have exact records of when he was living in the home and when he was not. 	Ms. Block will prepare a letter to be sent to Ms. Hechavarria with the committee's decision.
Adjournment	 The Chairperson thanked the members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 12:28 pm. 	