



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Regional Joint Board Meeting with ELC of Sarasota MINUTES

Friday, September 9, 2016

10:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Board Members Present: **Gerry Poppe**, Board Chair, Chief Financial Officer, Waterman Broadcasting; **Trina Puddefoot**, Board Vice-Chair, Early Steps Program Coordinator, Health Planning Council of SW Florida; **Joe Paterno**, Board Secretary, Executive Director, Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board; **Damaris Boone**, Early Education Outcome Analyst, Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA); **Stephanie Busin**, Designee, Glades County Board of County Commissioners; **Victor Mraz**, Financial Representative, Northwestern Mutual; **Sherrie Quevedo**, Child Care Regulation Supervisor, Department of Children and Families; **Maggie Stevens**, Principal, Early Childhood Learning Services, Lee County School District; **Maureen Ungarean**, Director of Early Learning Programs, Collier County School District; **Dr. Denis Wright**, Chair-Nominations and Bylaws Committee, Charlotte Campus President and V/P of Economic & Community Development, Florida Southwestern State College

Staff Present: **Susan Block**, CEO

Other Attendees: **Anne Bouhebent**, Executive Director, Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland; **Janet Kahn**, Executive Director, Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota

Board Members Absent: ; **Peter Seif**, Board Treasurer, President, Synergy Networks; **Marshall Bower**, President and CEO, The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools; **Katie Haas**, Senior Director of Florida Business Operations, Boston Red Sox; **Ashley Houk**, Chair-Program Committee, Preschool Director, First Presbyterian Preschool; **Jennifer Lange**, Owner/Director, Little People's School; **Dr. Joseph Pepe**, Chair-Health, Safety and Developmental Services Committee, Health Dept. Administrator, Florida Dept. of Health in Hendry/Glades Counties **Douglas Szabo, Esq.** Henderson, Franklin, Sterns and Holt; **Andrew Wozniak, Esq.**, Salvatori, Wood, Buckel, Carmichael & Lotte

(*) Materials included in Board packet

(**) Materials posted on Sharepoint for Board Members' access

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Assignments
Welcome and Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. All attendees introduced themselves. 	

Tony Carvajal, Ex. Vice President, Florida Chamber Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Carvajal spoke on “Early Learning Comes of Age: Engaging New Audiences. 	
Board Speed Networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Members from both Coalitions considered actions to engage the community in early learning. 	
Lunch and Open Conversation Best Practices for Coalitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Members from both Coalitions talked about best practices and shared ideas. 	
Concluding Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone was thanked for their participation. 	An evaluation will be sent to participants for their feedback.