



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

ROYAL CROWN ACADEMY

APPEAL HEARING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Purpose: To hear the appeal of Royal Crown Academy related to the termination of the School Readiness Contract.

Appeals Committee Members Present:

Dr. Denis Wright, Appeal Committee Chair, *Charlotte Campus President and V/P of Economic & Community Development, Florida SouthWestern State College*

Damaris Boone, Provider Representative to the Appeal Committee, *Early Education Outcome Analyst, Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)*;

Jennifer Lange, *Owner/Director, Little People's School*

Appellant Present: None

Staff Present: *Susan Block, CEO; Gayla Thompson, Chief Quality Officer; Ginger McHale, Executive Admin. Asst. to CEO*

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Assignments
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Wright asked all those present to introduce themselves. 	
Swearing In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ginger McHale, Notary Public, swore in the ELC staff. 	
Review of Hearing Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Wright explained the appeal process. 	

Presentation by Early Learning Coalition Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Thompson presented an overview of the decision making process of the ELC to terminate the School Readiness Contract for Royal Crown Academy. The members of the committee asked clarifying questions of the ELC Staff. 	
Presentation of Appeal by Royal Crown Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jamie Thomas was not present to speak for the Royal Crown Academy. 	
Conclusion of Appeal Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the staff were told that the committee would be deliberating. According to Sunshine Law, they are permitted to remain in the room while the committee deliberates. All remained in attendance while the committee deliberated. The committee members deliberated and came to a determination. 	<p>Motion to uphold the decision by the ELC of SWFL to terminate the School Readiness Contract by Damaris Boone. Second by Jennifer Lange. Motion approved.</p> <p>The committee drafted minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Jennifer Lange; Second by Damaris Boone. Motion approved.</p> <p>The original draft was signed by all three members of the committee.</p>
Committee Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee upheld the ELC decision to terminate for five years. The Committee cited this rationale for its decision: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Four DCF Class 1 Violations occurred at Royal Crown Academy within the first 10 months of operations. Corrections required by the probationary status of the ELC for the School Readiness Contract were not made for non-compliance issues. 	<p>A letter will be sent to Ms. Thomas with the committee's determination by Ms. Block.</p>