



Early Learning Coalition of Lake County
Innovative services for children of Lake County

These minutes summarize the key issues of the Membership Committee teleconference on April 30, 2009.

Committee members present: Mr. B. E. Thompson, Chair and Ms. Peggy Campbell. Mr. Biddle resigned from the Board in January 2009.

Ms. Buchbinder called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review an application for Board Membership recently submitted to the Coalition. The application was distributed to the Committee prior to the teleconference.

Ms. Buchbinder opened the meeting stating that the Coalition Board currently has five vacant private sector seats which includes two governor appointee positions. Ms. Jeanie Rowin and Mr. Hugh Brockington have submitted their applications to the Governor's office for consideration as governor appointees; however there has been no response at this time. Ms. Buchbinder commented that she has contacted the Governor's office regarding the applications and was informed that they office was backlogged and no decision had been made. Mr. Pruitt has also submitted his application to the Governor for reappointment as ELCLC Board Chair as his current term expires May, 2009. Mr. Thompson commented that he previously submitted an application for governor appointee but was not selected as his wife has been in a teaching position for the past two years. Mr. Thompson also commented that since Mr. Brockington's business provides direct services to children, he may not meet the private sector criteria. Mr. Thompson suggested that we re-evaluate Mr. Brockington's application to see if he continues to meet the private sector criteria. Ms. Buchbinder stated that staff will do a review of all board members to see if they still meet the guidelines for private sector. Mr. Thompson agreed that the review should be done on all board members.

Ms. Buchbinder reported that Mr. Ginn mentioned at the April, 2009 board meeting that he had someone in mind that might be interested in serving on the Board and felt they would meet the criteria for private sector. Following that discussion, Mr. Eddy Workinger submitted his application on April 28, 2009.

Mr. Thompson and Ms. Campbell discussed Mr. Workinger's application. Mr. Thompson commented that he had contacted Ms. Heiligenthal as he thought she might be familiar with him as they are both realtors. Ms. Heligenthal said that she had little interaction with Mr. Workinger. Mr. Thompson commented that Mr. Workinger has a family member who is known to be a guidance counselor at one of the local schools. Mr. Workinger is the father of two young children, one of which he believes is in VPK. Ms. Buchbinder commented that one child does attend Montessori Nest which operates a VPK program; however, Mr. Workinger would receive no monetary benefit if the child was enrolled in VPK. Ms. Buchbinder commented that Mr. Workinger would bring a good perspective to the Board as a private sector member. Mr. Thompson commented that if Mr. Workinger meets the criteria of a private sector position, he thought Mr. Workinger would be a good candidate and would support his membership on the ELCLC Board. Ms. Campbell also agreed to recommend Mr. Workinger for consideration for board membership.

Mr. Thompson moved to present Mr. Workinger, after further review of his application, for consideration by the Board to serve in a private sector position. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. Ms. Buchbinder stated that she would contact Mr. Workinger to clarify his application. Ms. Buchbinder commented that upon further review, if it was determined there was no conflict of interest with the family member's position as guidance counselor; the recommendation would be made to the Board at the May 6, 2009 meeting.

There was no further business. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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APPROVED BY MR. THOMPSON 7-10-09 (MS. CAMPBELL RETIRED ON APRIL 30, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M.)