



Early Learning Coalition of Lake County
Innovative Services for Lake County's Children

Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting of March 4, 2009

These minutes summarize the key issues of the Board meeting of the Early Learning Coalition Lake County, Inc. An audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

Mr. Pruitt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Pruitt welcomed everyone and asked members and visitors to introduce themselves

The following members were in attendance: Mr. Will Pruitt, Mr. B. E. Thompson, Ms. Nancy Allison, Ms. Sandra Stura, Ms. Linda Stewart, Mr. Hays Ginn, Ms. Donna Gregory, Ms. Jeanie Rowin, Ms. Darnell Stewart, Ms. Peggy Campbell, Dr. Barbara Howard, Ms. Sherry Olszanski, Ms. Cheryl Ridley and Ms. Michele Rawls. **The following members were absent:** Dr. Hugh Brockington, Ms. Marsha Carpenter, Ms. Stephanie Ellis and Ms. Porcha Green. **The following staff was present:** Ms. Leshia Buchbinder, Mr. Bill Hartman and Ms. Patricia Pierce. **Guests present:** Ms. Carol Hoban, Ms. Marie Carlberg, Ms. Ginger Babb, Ms. Betsy Harrington, Ms. Cheryl Brown, Ms. Nakia Myles, Ms. Kathy Roberts, Ms. Michele Reid, Ms. Cindy Winkle, Ms. Renet McCall and Ms. Alison Petrie.

Mr. Pruitt asked Ms. Buchbinder to proceed with Action Item 380 - Board Member Recognition. Ms. Buchbinder commented that Ms. Andrea Edgington and Mr. Jeff Biddle had previously resigned from the Board as Gubernatorial Appointees and were selected to be recognized, but were unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Buchbinder showed the members the trophy that would have been presented and read the inscription thanking them for the many years of service and dedication to children and families in Lake County. These awards will be delivered to Mr. Biddle and Ms. Edgington as soon as possible.

Mr. Pruitt proceeded with Action Item 381, Slate of Officers. Mr. Pruitt currently serves as Chair of the Board and is a Governor Appointee. Mr. B. E. Thompson currently serves as Vice Chair. Mr. Pruitt opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Ginn made a motion that Mr. Thompson maintain his current position as Vice Chair. Ms. Rowin moved to close nominations and seconded Mr. Thompson nomination as Vice Chair. There was no other discussion; motion carried.

Mr. Pruitt moved to Action Item 382, Lake County Presentation from Commissioner Stewart. Commissioner Stewart read a proclamation that had been adopted by the Lake County Commissioners on February 19, 2009. This proclamation refers to the statewide *Annual Child Care Awareness Month* and the *Hanging of the Hands* on March 29, 2009 in Tallahassee. Commissioner Stewart commented that the *Hanging of the Hands* will also take place in the County Administration Building in March. The proclamation also references April 5, 2009 as *Parents & Kids Day* across the state and in Lake County. Commissioner Stewart read the proclamation to those in attendance and presented the framed document to Ms. Buchbinder, Executive Director of the Early Learning Coalition of Lake County. Ms. Buchbinder accepted the proclamation and thanked Commissioner Stewart for the continued support.

Mr. Pruitt proceeded to Action Items 383-384 Old Business and New Business. There were no items for discussion.

Mr. Pruitt inquired as to what prompted the change in this year's Annual Board Meeting being moved from July to March. Ms. Buchbinder reminded members that there was a revision in the ELC bylaws which were approved in November 2008 stating that the Board's Annual Meeting was to be held during the first quarter of the calendar year. Ms. Buchbinder further commented that since the Board held the 2007-2008 Annual Dinner meeting in July, the board voted to combine the 2008-2009 Annual Meeting with the March Board meeting.

There were no other questions. Mr. Thompson moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Rowin. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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