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# Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc.
# Executive Meeting
# Of
# April 20, 2022

*The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc. held a ZOOM Executive Meeting on April 20, 2022, at 10:00 am at 600 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida.*

**Committee Members Present**
Ms. Karen Carpenter
Mr. Robert Bell
Mr. Adam Mohammadbhoy
Dr. Robin Thompson
Ms. Rachel Kendzior

**Committee Members Excused**
Ms. Christina Riggio – Garraffa
Ms. Jennifer Passmore

**ELC Staff Present**
Mr. Darrell King
Ms. Kerry Gaylord
Ms. Karen Holman
Ms. Gabriela Marcias
Ms. Hilarie King

*These minutes summarize the discussion and action items of the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County Executive Committee ZOOM meeting on April 20, 2022.*

**Welcome and Roll Call**
Mr. Adam Mohammadbhoy, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
Mr. Darrell King, the Interim CEO, conducted a roll call and determined a quorum was present.

**Citizen Comments**
There were no Citizens' Comments.

**Interim Chief Executive Officer Report**
**Interim Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Darrell King**

a) Mr. King gave a State Legislative update. He reported that the governor had received the budget. It stated that $2.5 million would go to School Readiness and $700,000 would go to VPK.
b) Mr. King reported that the American Rescue Plan Act funds amounting to $41 million had been allocated to seventy-two of our providers. Mr. King commended the ELC staff on their

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challenging work distributing the funds. Our coalition was one of the top five in the state to spread the AMRPA funds so quickly and efficiently. The coalition is currently waiting on round two of the AMRPA funds. Mr. King updated the committee that VPK enrollment had increased significantly with three hundred new VPK students last year.

c) Mr. King and Ms. Gaylord attended the CSAB meeting on March 23rd. The coalition's application was very well received. The CSAB will notify the coalition about the application outcome in the May meeting. Mr. King gave an update on Local Licensing. Ms. Annette Larkin will be the provider representative. Mr. King feels confident and will know more after the next meeting in May. Mr. King feels optimistic that a task force will be in play by the end of the year.
d) Mr. King announced that PACE's pre-apprenticeship pilot program was off to a great start, with six students enrolled in early childcare classes at MTC. The coalition had hired a Workforce Initiates Coordinator to expand the program's enrollment.
e) Mr. King gave a coalition staffing update. Ms. O'Connell will be resigning as the Director of Human Resources. Ms. Andrea Drlicka will be resigning as the Director of Family Services.
f) Mr. King reported that the Stand for Children event on June 1st was coming along nicely. Forty tables have been sold, and $50 thousand had already been raised. Captain Romano will be a Keynote Speaker, and former Senate President Galvano will give a tribute to Mr. Sharff.

**Items for Approval**

1) Approval of ELC Executive Minutes from February 16, 2022.

***Upon motion duly made by Ms. Kendzior and seconded by Ms. Carpenter, the Executive unanimously approved the Executive Minutes from February 16, 2022.***

**Old Business**
None

**New Business**
None

**Public Comments**
There were no public comments**.**

**Adjournment**
*There was no further business before the Executive Committee. The meeting adjourned at 10:17.*

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