

1. Introductions and Instructions

Dr. Marvin Wells

Called the meeting to order at 10:05. He introduced the members of the Board of Directors, Tyra Tutor, Rose Conry, Kevin Gay, Rebekah Davis, Jenny Vipperman, and Marsha Oliver were in attendance. The Board voted to allow Marsha Oliver to conduct business virtually. Mrs. Tutor made the motion and Mrs. Conry seconded it. Approved 6-0.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Marvin Wells

The Board approved the minutes from the October Board meeting 6-0.

3. Finance Committee Report

Tyra Tutor

Tyra Tutor stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the policies and action items that are before the Board today. There was no financials reported at the committee due to the end of year numbers not being in yet.

4. Governance and Programs Committee Report

Rose Conry

Rose Conry stated that the Governance and Programs Committee reviewed and approved the policies and action items that are before the Board today. Mrs. Conry said she filled out the conflict of interest form for one action item ahead of the Governance and Programs Committee and disclosed it prior to the item coming up later in the meeting.

5. Consent Agenda

Dr. Saralyn Grass

Dr. Grass read the action items that are on the consent agenda and explained that they were reviewed and approved in each committee. Tyra Tutor made the motion on the consent agenda and Rose Conry seconded.

a. Contract for 100 Black Men of Jacksonville for Implementation of the STEM Hub Grant

b. Contract for I'm a Star for implementation of the STEM Hub Grant

c. Committee Approved Policies

Small Provider Criteria, Grant Application Policy, CEO Contract Authority, CEO to CAO Delegation Authority, Audit and Advance Policy were read aloud during the consent agenda period. Lawsikia Hodges wanted to point out that even though the amended action item isn't in redline format, the change from the Governance Committee has been incorporated. Shari Shuman explained the change decided on by the Governance Committee. The Consent Agenda was approved 7-0.

6. Action Items

a. Increase of Contract with Goodwill Industries for Implementation of the STEM Hub Grant

Dr. Saralyn Grass

Dr. Grass presented the action item, and stated that it was approved in both committees but is voted on separately due to Rose Conry's voting conflict. Approved 6-0 (Rose Conry abstained).

b. Board Bylaws

Mike Weinstein

Mike Weinstein read the process behind and the changes in the bylaws, he said that the Board will not be voting on the bylaws today to give the Board advanced notice of the changes and that they will be voted on in the next Board meeting. Jenny Vipperman asked if there would be any protection regarding the bylaws being changed in less than 10 days. Mr. Weinstein responded by saying that either way, the bylaws have to get reviewed and changed by the Governance Committee. Tyra Tutor asked if the previous language is normal, Lawsikia Hodges, Office of General Counsel, responded by saying that this language surprised her with how it felt antiquated.

7. Board Discussion

a. November Site Visits

Dr. Wells asked Cory Armstrong if Marsha Oliver has been voting in the affirmative during the meeting. Marsha Oliver responded and said she was in the affirmative for all items. Rose Conry shared her experience at a Neighborhood Accountability Board for Teen Court that she went to with Kenneth Darity. Jenny Vipperman spoke about Turtles Nest Child Care Center and said she would be happy sending her kids to that child care center. Kevin Gay spoke about his visit to Victoryland Development Center and thanked KHA staff and the early learning center for the wonderful visit. Dr. Marvin Wells visited the St. Thomas Child Care Center, and said that it was one of the best child care facilities that he has ever been to.

8. Staff Discussion

a. CEO Delegation

Dr. Saralyn Grass

Dr. Grass stated that there was nothing to report under the CEO delegation authority.

b. Planning & DCPS Study

Dr. Saralyn Grass

Dr. Grass said that the committees approved a timeline for each specific committee, and that there may be a Board retreat scheduled for May. She also shared that the DCPS report has some preliminary data that she read from the report. Kids in KHA programs performed better than kids out of KHA programs, this difference is seen if kids stay in programs for longer than 60 days.

c. Provider Engagement

Kenneth Darity

Kenneth Darity shared a preliminary report with 10,527 youth served for October, broken down by essential service category. October reported 63 total visits for the month of October with a majority for technical assistance. He encouraged the Board to read some of the poems shared by some of the youth served by The Performers Academy. There are 199 active contracts at the time of the report.

9. Presentations

a. Early Learning Coalition

Denise Marzullo, CEO

Denise Marzullo from the Early Learning Coalition shared a presentation on what the ELC is responsible for in Jacksonville.

b. Florida Children's Council

Michelle Watson, CEO

Michelle Watson from Florida Children's Council presented on FCC and the accreditation academy. She gave a summary of bills in the State Legislature that affect children's services. Dr. Wells thanked both providers for their presentations.

10. CEO Report

Mike Weinstein

11. Public Comment

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.