

**From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Of
March 12, 2019**

The From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc. held a Board of Directors meeting on March 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM at 600 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida.

Board Members Present:

Howard Veltz	Marc Gilner (phone)
Linda Guritz	Scott Kallins, Esquire (phone)
Paul Sharff, Managing Director	Dianne Kopczynski, CPA (phone)

Board Members Absent:

Andrew Minor (non-voting, excused)

Present to Record:

Julie Linzmayer

FCTCF Staff present:

Marie O'Connell

These minutes are a summary of the discussion and action items of the From Cradle to College Foundation Board of Directors meeting on March 12, 2019.

Welcome and Roll Call

Marc Gilner called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Paul Sharff conducted roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Mr. Sharff said that due to the importance of the items on the consent and non-consent agenda and at least one member having to depart the meeting early, he requested the board vote on items first thereby shifting the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Sharff requested the board allow contributions to the FCTCF Retirement Plan from September 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 due to the delay in the contract approval process. Beginning in this month contributions will be made monthly because now we are billing OEL monthly. Board Member Patrick Grablin is moving his medical practice to Ocala, FL and has submitted his resignation from the FCTCF Board of Directors.

Upon a motion duly made by Howard Veltz and seconded by Linda Guritz the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Non-Consent Agenda

Change of Accounting Firms

Mr. Sharff said it was important we change accounting firms due to the complexity of the accounting procedures as set forth in the state contract. Our previous bookkeeper said the requirements were beyond her scope of expertise and so the FCTCF board approved Mauldin and Jenkins, CPAs at the December 12, 2018 Board meeting to take over due to their formidable expertise in this type of accounting work. Mr. Sharff stated Mauldin and Jenkins is an interim solution as OEL will be requiring us to initiate the procurement process for an accounting firm. Mauldin and Jenkins will continue the accounting until at least June 30, 2019. Mr. Sharff stated for the record that Dianne Kopczynski, FCTCF Board member and Partner at Mauldin and Jenkins, CPAs, is abstaining from discussion and voting on this non-consent agenda and submitted a signed Form 8B as required.

Upon a motion duly made by Howard Veltz and seconded by Linda Guritz, the change of accounting firms was unanimously approved as presented.

Managing Director, Paul Sharff Contract

Mr. Sharff stated his Executive Employment Agreement, as presented to the Board previously and included in this board packet, is included for review and vote under Non-Consent.

Upon a motion duly made by Howard Veltz and seconded by Linda Guritz, the Sharff Contract was unanimously approved as presented.

Approval of the December 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

There were no comments about the draft minutes of the December 12, 2018 FCTCF Board of Director Meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Linda Guritz and seconded by Dianne Kopczynski, the minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting of December 12, 2018 were unanimously approved as presented.

Foundation Update

PEARLS Activities/OEL Contract

Mr. Sharff asked Marie O'Connell to report PEARLS activities. Ms. O'Connell said we've signed more MOUs with Law Enforcement and have had a fantastic reception from early learning coalitions, and the program is making progress, which is very exciting. Mr. Sharff stated that there have been additional accounting requirements and changes which has made it difficult for us to procure our funds, but we're working on finalizing the procedures and processes. Board member Howard Veltz has agreed to monitor our disbursements.

Local Funding Initiative Request 2019-20

Mr. Sharff reported he met with Senate President Bill Galvano and two members of his staff recently and the meeting went extremely well. It was decided not to request additional funds in this legislative session since we haven't used our allotment from last year due to the delayed start date of the contract. The Foundation is seeking re-appropriation of remaining funds for the upcoming year, 2019-20.

Fundraisers

Mr. Sharff said there are 4 fundraisers in consideration for FCTCF: A free children's concert in Palmetto, a dinner with Blues musicians during the Bradenton Blues Festival, the Leadership Prayer Breakfast, and the Boyd-Robinson Golf Classic.

Old Business

Linda Guritz asked if we're still in contact with Texas regarding PEARLS. Mr. Sharff said we'll know more in May when their legislative session ends

New Business

Mr. Sharff reported that OEL says FCTCF is not allowed to lease the ELC vehicle, so FCTCF staff must rent a vehicle from a rental car company which is time consuming and costs more. FCTCF We will need a budget amendment to allocate additional funds to categories such as accounting.

Public Comments

None


Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Howard Veltz moved to adjourn, and Linda Guritz seconded the motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM.

Minutes Prepared by:


Juliet Linzmayer, staff

Minutes approved by:


Marc Gilner, Esq.