

## **Minutes for Childrens Opportunity Alliance Board September 21, 2022**

### **Call to order**

A board meeting of the Children's Opportunity Alliance was held on September 21, 2022 at MCEDC's first floor conference room. It began at 6:02 pm and was chaired by Interim Chair Kevin Beverly and Interim Secretary Pat Ruppert.

### Voting members in attendance:

Kevin Beverly  
Vernessa Broddie  
Raymond Crowel  
Chandra Curtis  
Hannah Hahn  
William Hegwood  
Tiffany Jones  
Deborah Lambert  
Nora Morales  
Nichelle Owens  
Myrna Peralta  
Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez  
Sobia Qureshi  
Theresa Ramsaroop  
Pat Ruppert  
Wayne (Chris) Saxton  
Dira Treadvance  
Vivian Yao

### Guests in attendance:

Jennifer Arnaiz  
Franca Brilliant  
Sharon Friedman  
Chris Hakenkamp  
Laura Jahromi  
Ralph Morales  
Brittany Owens  
Joan Schaffer  
Beth Shuman  
Zelda Wafer

### Members not in attendance:

Dr. Taniesha Woods Myles  
BB Otero

### **Approval of minutes:**

A motion to approve the July 21, 2022 minutes was made by Pat Ruppert.

**Bylaws report:**

Interim Chair Kevin Beverly presented draft bylaws as reviewed by pro bono counsel Lerch Early and Brewer and as ok'd by County Attorney.

**Main motion:** Moved by Vivian Yao to approve bylaws as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of 18 board members present, with the following amendment:

“These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by a super-majority of the entire Board (two-thirds). Voting may be in person or electronically.”

**Workplan report:**

COF board member Joan Schaffer presented a 6-month work plan submitted to serve as a guide for the new COA board.

**Budget report:**

COF board member Joan Schaffer presented a draft budget for COA consideration. An ad hoc committee formed to make revisions to the draft budget and then to submit for board approval at a future meeting.

**Unfinished business:**

- Nominations for Executive Committee (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Governance) will take place prior to the next Board meeting. Entire board is invited to nominate and/or self-nominate.
- The training on this meeting's agenda will need to happen at a future date.

**Next meetings:** October 12, 2022 and November 9, 2022

**Adjournment:**

Pat Ruppert moved that the meeting be adjourned and this was agreed upon at 8:00 pm.

Interim Secretary signature: Patricia M. Ruppert

Date of approval: 9/28/22