

Minutes for Children’s Opportunity Alliance Board November 9, 2022

Call to order

A board meeting of the Children’s Opportunity Alliance was held on November 9, 2022 at MCEDC’s first floor conference room. It began at 6:00 pm and was chaired by Interim Chair Kevin Beverly. Acting Secretary was Pat Ruppert.

Voting members in attendance:

1. Kevin Beverly
2. Vernessa Broddie
3. Amy Cropp
4. Hannah Hahn
5. William Hegwood
6. Tiffany Jones
7. Deborah Lambert
8. Nichelle Owens
9. Myrna Peralta
10. Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez
11. Theresa Ramsaroop
12. Pat Ruppert
13. Wayne (Chris) Saxton
14. Dira Treadvance
15. Vivian Yao

Voting members not in attendance:

1. Raymond Crowel
2. Chandra Curtis
3. Nora Morales
4. Taniesha Woods Myles
5. BB Otero
6. Sobia Qureshi

Guests in attendance:

1. Jennifer Arnaiz
2. Franca Brilliant
3. Laura Jahromi
4. Brittany Owens
5. Joan Schaffer

Approval of minutes:

A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Myrna Peralta. The motion carried by unanimous vote of 15 board members present.

Treasurer Nominee:

Interim Chair Kevin Beverly presented William Hegwood for the position of Treasurer.

Main motion: Moved by Myrna Peralta to approve Mr. Hegwood as Treasure. The motion carried by unanimous vote of 15 board members present.

Presentation: “A Survey of Child Care Support Services in Montgomery County”

Jennifer Arnaiz Manager, Montgomery County Child Care Support Services, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services gave a presentation of the various child care support services she oversees at DHHS.

Chair Report

COA Board Chair Kevin Beverly reported on the following:

1. The 10/31/22 COA presentation at County Council
2. The establishment of the executive director search committee
3. The list of standing committees to include:
 - a. Funding/Development
 - b. Governance
 - c. Finance and Audit
 - d. Membership
 - e. AdHoc
4. The return of the interim ED from parental leave

Board Meeting Schedule Discussion

It was unresolved as to the optimum day and time for board meetings in 2023.

Presentation: “Matrix and Time Table”

Laura Jahromi, Assistant to Interim COA ED, and Franca Brilliant from Montgomery Moving Forward presented on the matrix project to survey all entities working in Montgomery County (and beyond) in the sphere of early care and education.

Adjournment:

Myrna Peralta moved to adjourn at 7:58 pm. The motion carried by unanimous vote of 15 board members present.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia M. Ruppert, Board Vice Chair and Acting Secretary

Date of approval: 12/14/22