

MINUTES

Committee Members in attendance: Al Whitesides, Brandy Bowman, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Kidada Wynn, Kit Cramer, Leslie Anderson, Linda McDaniel, Mark Taft, Mistie Reising-Cogbill, Philip Belcher, Robert Pressley, Susan Mims, Wendy Wieber

County support staff in attendance: Rachael Nygaard, Burnett Walz, Matt Baker, Angelyn Johnson, Trish Wallin, Michael Frue

Others in attendance: Tanya Presha, Pepi Acebo, Carolina Rodier, April Dockery, Sarah Cain, Marcia Whitney, Melissa Hedt, Shifra, Susanna Smith, Brian Repass, Lara Lustig, Sean Dunn, Sunshine Request

Welcome and agenda review by Jasmine Beach-Ferrara.

Virtual meeting reminder: Identify yourself when speaking. All votes will be conducted by roll call. This is a public meeting. If any community members are in attendance, there will be a time for public comment at the end of the meeting.

Minutes

Dr. Susan Mims made a motion to approve the minutes from November 2. Philip Belcher seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote

Old Business

- Revised by-laws
 - Kit Cramer made a motion to approve the revised bylaws. Wendy Wieber seconded the motion. Bylaws were unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- Impact Analysis
 - Staff presented data from an impact analysis. Data provided indicates the number of new slots created and the number of existing slots supported in some way by grant funds for the past 2 fiscal years as well as the first quarter of the current fiscal year.
- Legislative Update
 - Staff provided a document that outlines local, state and federal funding opportunities on the horizon for Early Learning.

New Business

- Grant cycle planning
 - FY2023 draft grant guidelines.
 - A conflict was noted by stating that the application must be submitted online but in another section, there is an option for paper applications. Staff will update this to remove the online requirement and rather state that the application must be submitted by the deadline.
 - Section IX says “Reviews will be conducted independently by members of the committee, and discussion will occur during regular meetings.” The committee would like to add “or special called meeting”.
 - There was a typo noted in Section “X”. Staff will update the date from 2021 to 2022.

- In Section XI, the committee would like the same requirements for all organizations that is required of nonprofits regarding financials. Staff will include language that is inclusive of all organizations applying.
- Application and Scoring – there were no suggested changes to the application or scoring criteria

Announcements

- The commissioners will have a budget retreat this week. It will be live-streamed online if anyone would like to view it.

Public Comment

- Shifra participated in public comment.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is January 4 at 1:00 pm.