



PRIVATE SECTOR BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

The Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast (ELCNC), a 501(c) (3), not for profit organization was established following the enactment of Florida Statute 1002, Part VI and the creation of the School Readiness program. The Florida Legislature recognized that School Readiness programs increase children's chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society. The Legislature established local early learning coalitions to develop and design School Readiness programs locally and placed the responsibility of statewide administration on the Office of Early Learning (located in the Department of Education).

Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, and Sumter Counties have established a board of up to 30 members, whose mission is to integrate a system of services and facilitate a quality School Readiness program that includes linkages to all areas of child development. This board brings together the primary agencies in Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, and Sumter Counties that work with children including the Department of Children and Families, the Head Start program, School Boards, Workforce Development Boards and the Health Department. In addition, the board includes representatives for private and faith based early education and care providers, the Board of County Commissioners, and the private business sector.

The Board meets on a bi-monthly basis (every even numbered month) on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held virtually and on site at 11527 W Emerald Oaks Dr. Crystal River, FL 34428. The meetings begin at 9:00am and typically end at 10:00am.

PRIVATE SECTOR ELIGIBILITY: Section 1002.83(5) F.S., provides the statutory requirements covering private sector business members. Private sector business members can represent either for-profit or nonprofit entities. Neither the members nor any of their relatives, as defined in section 112.3143, F.S., may have a substantial financial interest in the design or delivery of the VPK or SR programs.

SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL INTEREST: 6M-9.110, F.A.C. establishes that an individual, his or her relative, or his or her business entity has a substantial financial interest in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program (VPK) or the School Readiness Program (SR), if:

1. The individual, his or her relative, or his or her business entity has direct or indirect ownership of more than 5 percent (5%) of the total assets or capital stock, cumulatively, of one or more of the proscribed sources of income listed below; or
2. During the prior two (2) years, more than five (5) percent of the gross income of the individual, his or her relative, or his or her business entity was derived, cumulatively, from one or more of the proscribed sources listed below.

PROSCRIBED SOURCES OF INCOME: 6M-9.110, F.A.C. defines proscribed sources of income are sources of income derived from interests in the design or delivery of the VPK program or the SR program from:

1. The Office of Early Learning, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Education, or a contractor or subcontractor of any of these agencies;
2. An early learning coalition, or a coalition's or former coalition's fiscal agent, service provider, contractor, or subcontractor;
3. A school district's or public school's preschool program for children from birth until eligibility for admission to kindergarten in a public school under Section 1003.21(1)(a)2., F.S., if the coalition board member's or coalition board member's relative's income was derived from employment in an elected or appointed position in the school district or public school which is responsible for:
 - a. Financial decisions affecting the preschool program, including development of the program's budget or disbursement of funds for the program;
 - b. Recommendation or adoption of rules, regulations, or policies relating to the operation of any aspect of the preschool program;
 - c. VPK or SR program instruction, curriculum development, or service delivery; or
 - d. Management of the preschool program's operations or personnel, or for personnel carrying out the responsibilities described above;
4. A public or private provider delivering the VPK Program;
5. A public or private provider delivering an early learning coalition's SR program;
6. A national child care accrediting organization providing accreditation to Florida-based child care providers, public schools, or private schools;
7. A Department of Children and Families approved Gold Seal child care accrediting organization;
8. An accrediting association that is a member of any of the organizations listed in above ;
9. A vendor of educational materials or supplies, books, curricula, or equipment; and
10. An organization designed to represent any of the individuals, organizations, or business entities listed above.

To be considered for a private sector board member position, please submit your resume and the attached Private Sector Member Certification and Service Interests to:

Sonya Bosanko, CEO
Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast
11527 W Emerald Oaks Dr.
Crystal River, FL 34428



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POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBER CERTIFICATION: I certify that I meet the eligibility criteria for private sector membership in that I do not have a substantial financial interest in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Program or the School Readiness Program according to the definitions of substantial financial interest and proscribed sources of income provided in 6M-9.110, F.A.C, as amended.

Applicant Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Resume Attached

SERVICE INTERESTS: In addition to serving on the ELCNC Board of Directors, I am interested in serving the following committees:

Administrative Committee: The ELCNC's Administrative Committee is a standing committee that meets on a bi-monthly basis (odd number months) on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the ELCNC Crystal River Office located at 11527 W Emerald Oaks Dr. Crystal River, FL 34428. The meetings begin at 9:00AM and typically end at 10:00AM. The Committee is responsible for the following:

- Development and implementation of procurement and contract negotiations
- Revision and amendment to the ELCNC's By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation
- Recruitment and recommendation of potential Board Members
- Development and review of the ELCNC's annual budget and financial statements
- Review of budget utilization and enrollment
- Oversight of the ELCNC's annual independent audit, including the responsibility of recommending the hiring of an independent Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firm and for directly communicating with the CPA firm to fulfill the requirement for a single annual audit. The Committee also reviews and approves the final audited financial statements, as well as any communications received from the auditor regarding internal controls, illegal acts, or fraud

Marketing Committee: The ELCNC's Marketing Committee is a standing committee. The Committee meets on an as needed basis, typically at the Crystal River Office; however, meetings may also be held in any one (1) of the five (5) counties served by the ELCNC. The Committee is responsible for the following:

- Development and implementation of a community outreach and awareness programs
- Development and implementation of fundraising activities focused on the recruitment of matching funds for the School Readiness Program
- Development of ELCNC papers that relate to:
 - The education of young children,
 - The implications of proposed legislation
 - The implications of community actions and issues

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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