



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2009
5:00 P.M. CT
Via Conference Call

AMENDED

Call to order Louis Daniel Liskai

Let it be remembered that a Special Meeting of the TMC Board of Directors was held on June 18, 2009 at 5:08 PM via conference call with the following members present to wit:

Louis Daniel Liskai	Board Chair
Grace Camargo	Vice President
Diana Palacios	Secretary
Leonel Lopez	Treasurer
Judge Juan Velasquez	Sgt. at Arms
Dr. Rene Cantu	Member
Vidal Cantu	Charter Member
Francisco Flores	Member
Miguel Lopez	Member
Juan Massey	Member
Rev. Chester Phyffer	Member
Claudia Salazar	PC Member

Not Present:

Sandra Martinez
Juan Jose Balli

Blas Castaneda
Senator Cynthia Nava

Also Present from Staff was Ms. Mary G. Capello, TMC CEO, Mr. Manny DuQue, TMC COO and Cordelia L. Valdez, Board Secretary.

Roll Call by Cordelia L. Valdez, TMC BOD Secretary.

03.06-09-126. **TMC BOARD TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- a. Discussion and approval to postpone the July 11, 2009 Bi-Monthly Meeting due to the numerous calendars of activities and vacation schedule of Board Members and Staff and any matter incident thereto and authorizing the CEO to execute all relevant documents.

Ms. Capello explained that due to conferences, travel and vacation schedules it was recommended by the Executive Committee to cancel the July meeting and meet on an as needed basis with Special called meetings.

It was moved by Ms. Blanca Munoz and seconded by Judge Juan Velasquez to approve and postpone the meeting of July 11, 2009.

Motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Discussion and approval of the submission of the following funding applications to the United States Department of Human Services, Office of Head Start and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute all relevant documents and any matters incident thereto:

1. Migrant Seasonal Head Start Expansion
2. Head Start Expansion
3. Early Head Start Expansion (ARRA- Starr, Zapata & Webb Counties)

4. Migrant Seasonal Head Start One-Time
5. Head Start – One-Time
6. Early Head Start-One-Time

Ms. Capello explained the One-time applications for Migrant Seasonal Head Start, Head Start/Early Head Start; and the Head Start Expansion. Ms. Capello explained these are the standard applications that are submitted to the Office of Head Start on an annual basis. The total funding would be about \$6 million with the exception of the start – up one-time.

It was moved by Ms. Blanca Munoz and seconded by Mr. Francisco Flores to approve the submission of the applications as listed above.

Motion was approved unanimously.

- c. Discussion and possible action to amend TMC’s Policy Council By-Laws.

Board members recommended tabling the item as they did not have time to review the policies. It was suggested by Mr. Vidal Cantu and seconded by Judge Juan Velasquez to have our Law firm review **item 03. 06-09-126 c** before final approval of the board. The item was tabled.

Motion was approved unanimously.

- d. Discussion and possible action to amend TMC’s Standards of Conduct.
- e. Discussion and possible action to amend TMC’s Dress Code Policy.

It was recommended by the Board to table items 03.06.09.126 d and e for further review by the board.

It was moved by Mr. Miguel Lopez and seconded by Reverend Chester Phyffer to table items **03.06-09-126 d and e** as suggested by the Board.

Motion was approved unanimously.

- f. Discussion and possible action to amend TMC's Policies on Criminal Background Checks and Felony Convictions.

Ms. Capello explained to the Board the need to implement the Criminal Background and Felony Convictions Check in order to determine the suitability of a prospective employee or present employee due to the sensitivity and safety of the children. Judge Velasquez recommended that our legal law firm review/research in order to define the correct language to the policy and that the policy be in conformity of all eight states. TMC is committed to protect the best interest of its children and employees; and is strongly recommending the implementation of this policy.

It was moved by Mr. Vidal Cantu and seconded by Judge Juan Velasquez to approve as per recommendations of Ms. Mary Capello and have legal finalize the final document.

Motion was approved unanimously.

- g. Discussion and Possible action to approve the submittal of an application for funding to the U.S. Department of Education in partnership with Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) for the "The Early Reading First Program" for fiscal year 2009 to provide funding and

support to turn preschool programs into preschool centers of educational excellence by improving instruction and classroom environments through scientific research-based practices in spoken and written language, vocabulary, cognition, and early reading and authorization for Chief Executive Office to execute all relevant documents and any matters incident thereto.

Ms. Capello gave a brief description to the Board regarding the funding application for funding for the preschool program for the instruction the early reading program for preschool age children.

It was moved by Mr. Miguel Lopez and seconded by Ms. Grace Camargo to approve the submittal of the application for the “The Early Reading First Program” to the U.S. Department of Education.

Motion was approved unanimously.

With no further business it was moved by Mr. Miguel Lopez and seconded by Francisco Flores to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Palacios
TMC Board Secretary