**Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:30pm-5:30pm EDT

**Location:**

*Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church*

*5555 North Federal Highway*

*Fort Lauderdale, FL*

Note:  The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be construed as a transcript.

**ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

***Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Members in attendance:***

* Erik Dellenback-Chair
* Calvin Martin- Vice-chair
* Dr. Jerry Haag
* Denise Harle
* Pam Olsen
* Mami Kisner
* Gerard Duncan
* Yosef Weinstock
* Scott George
* James Drake
* Jeff Ford
* Reno Zunz
* Michael Sheedy
* Chad Garmon
* Chad Poppell
* Stephan Tchividjian
* Kelli Stargel
* Anthony Verdugo

***Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Members unable to attend:***

* Mel Ponder
* Lori Bontell
* Mario Bramnick
* Jason Cullum
* Adam Voran
* Wallace Brown

**PROCEEDINGS**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Summary** |
| **Call to Order and Welcome** | * Chair Dellenback called the meeting to order (1:30pm) |
| **Invocation** | * Councilmember Stephan Tchividjian provided the opening prayer |
| **Welcome and Introduction** | * Chair Dellenback welcomed everyone and introduced the first speaker   *Chair Dellenback transitioned to Lt. Governor Nunez* |
| **Lt. Governor Jeanette Nunez** | * Lt. Governor Nunez spoke about her faith and the importance of Faith Leaders and how they have such an important role to play. * Council Member Chad Poppell prayed for Lt. Governor Nunez   *Chair Dellenback transitioned to Welcome Remarks* |
| **Welcome and Introduction**  **Continued** | * Dylan Fisher: Roll call—quorum present with 18 members in attendance * Chair Dellenback introduced the newest council member Senator Stargel * Hurricane Ian Update * Sessions with Secretary and Women of Faith will pick up in January * Show me the Father Update * 2023 Vision   *Chair Dellenback transitioned to Vice Chair Calvin Martin* |
| **Annual Report Update** | * Vice-Chair Martin gave a vision for 2023 * I am with Guardian-ad-litem, and we spear-head a lot of the council initiatives such as CarePortal, Hope Florida, etc. * The 2023 Vision is that I would meet with all of you throughout the year to go through our action items as a council * Upcoming events: * National Adoption Month is this month (December) * Human Trafficking Awareness Month is in January * Mentorship Awareness Month is in January * Vice Chair Martin concludes his report   *Transition to Dylan Fisher* |
| **Governor’s Faith and Community Based Initiative Office Report** | * Now that Erik Dellenback is the Chair, Dylan Fisher will give the Governor’s Faith and Community Based Initiative Office Report   + Our Commitment to connecting faith and community with leaders is still our main mission. We strive for excellence   + Upcoming Priorities for us include our next Women of Faith Forum, our Session with the Secretary, and new items that we look forward to rolling out.   *Transition to Secretary Shevaun Harris* |
| **Secretary Shevaun Harris, Department of Children and Families** | * Secretary Shevaun Harris * We have Initiatives helping to support strong and resilient families * Many of the families are introduced through our economic self-sufficiency. People want so much more for themselves, or their kids and they just don’t know how to navigate. * First Lady created Hope Florida, a Pathway to Prosperity * Fatherhood Initiatives   Action Items:   * Please share Hope Florida with faith and community networks   *Transition to Recess* |
| **Recess** | * Chair Dellenback announced a 5-minute recess and will begin again at 3:20 |
| **Panel Discussion:**  ***The Power of “Together”—Using Faith Networks to Multiply Impact and Result*** | * Chair Dellenback called the meeting to order * Vice Chair Martin Moderates: * Panelists to include:   + Eddie Copeland—*Church United*   + Local faith leaders in Fort Lauderdale * Panel discussion with the council, what are cornerstones of effective community building and best practices you have catalogued?   *Transition to Second Panel* |
| **Panel Discussion: *Putting Faith and Community Networks Back at the Center*** | * Chair Dellenback Moderates: * Panelists to include:   + Panos Kourtesis—*One More Child; CarePortal*   + Andrew Holmes—4KIDS   + Dawn Murray—*Hope Florida and the Department of Children and Families* * Panel discussion with the council, what do we need to know and how can we be a part of it?   *Transition to Chair Dellenback* |
| **Zoom Presentation from State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle** | * Council Member Anthony Verdugo presents the State Attorney * State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle * Human Trafficking Update   *Transition to Chair Dellenback* |
| **Maximizing the Council** | * Chair Dellenback * We want to introduce a new part of our agenda where we discuss the vision, purpose, and upcoming meetings. Part of that includes Council Guest Presentations.   *Transition to Charlee Tchividjian* |
| **Every Mother’s Advocate:**  **Charlee Tchividjian** | * Councilmember Stephan Tchividjian introduced Charlee Tchividjian with Every Mothers Advocate * Mission is to prevent family separation by advocating for mothers in crisis   *Transition to Dr. Haag* |
| **Dr. Jerry Haag,**  **One More Child** | * Councilmember Jerry Haag introduces his Rise for Life Campaign   Rise for Life:   * Reach Every Child * Involve Every Church * Strengthen Every Community * Empower Every Family   *Transition to Closing Business* |
| **Open to Council for any closing business** | * Chair Dellenback: * Any updates we need to hear council members? * Councilmember Drake * I want to introduce you to Lt. Col. Thompson who has served over 20 years and who will close us in prayer.   *Transition to public comment* |
| **Public Comment** | * Chair Dellenback:   Is there any public comment? Seeing none.  Lt. Col. Thompson would you pray for us.  *Transition to benediction* |
| **Benediction** | * Lt. Col. Thompson |
| **Closing** | * Chair Dellenback   let’s conclude this quarters meeting.  *Meeting adjourned (5:30)* |

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