**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)
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| **Invocation**  | * Councilmember Stephan Tchividjian provided the opening prayer
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| **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
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| **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
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| **Closing**  | * Chair Dellenback

let’s conclude this quarters meeting.*Meeting adjourned (5:30)* |

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