

II. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from Public Hearing on June 23, 2021

**PINELLAS COUNTY LICENSE BOARD
FOR CHILDREN'S CENTERS & FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES**

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING INCREASES/ADDITIONS TO MINIMUM STANDARDS
FOR CHILDREN'S CENTERS AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

**June 23, 2021 at 1:30 PM
Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County
8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida
Approved Minutes**

Board Members Present: Michael Mikurak; Dorothy Duvé; Michael Feeney; Lynn Gibson; Celeste Fernandez; Commissioner Patricia Gerard

Board Members Attending Virtually: Emily Ralston

Ex-Officio Member Present: Brandy Downing

Advisory Committee Members Attending Virtually: Lynn Bittner; Richard French; Cynthia Sumter; Elizabeth Krakowski; Nancy McGreevy

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Shelia Haugabook

Attorney Present: Colleen Flynn, Esq.

Staff Members Present: Faith Bornoff, Executive Director; Jorie Massarsky, Supervisor, Centers; Julie Oliver, Supervisor, Family Child Care Homes; Kathi Merino, Licensing Specialist; Cindy Odette, Licensing Specialist, Public Comment Volunteer; Lisa Zacharia, Administrative Secretary; Chuck Minor, Environmental Health Administrator; Ivy Than Huynh, Contract Administrator

Staff Members Attending Virtually: Olga Chang, Contract Administrator

A. Introduction - Faith Bornoff, M.Ed., Executive Director & Colleen Flynn, Esq., PCLB Attorney

Mr. Mikurak called the Public Hearing to order and introduced Ms. Bornoff and Ms. Flynn. Ms. Bornoff stated that we did not receive any written comments by email, fax or regular mail so unless someone shows up at this meeting, we have no comments regarding the increases. Ms. Flynn stated this meeting is the time for the public to make comments on the proposed changes to regulations that you heard about in March. We mailed notice on March 31, to all Centers and Homes and it was also posted on the PCLB website and publicly noticed in the newspaper. Typically, this would be a hearing for the public to talk to us about their opinion and then it would be required by our Special Act for it to sit quiet for 90 days. Then, at the September Board meeting, we can discuss and then vote which will require more than a simple majority. We now call for any public comments and I see no members of the public that want to speak. Ms. Flynn then asked if Mr. Mikurak would like to adjourn the meeting.

B. Public Hearing for Proposed Increases/Additions to Minimum Standards for Children's Centers

(See Attached Notice to Children's Centers Owners/Directors dated March 31, 2021)

1. To increase the fee for a Children's Center License
2. To add a new regulation providing for a fee for a non-mandatory preliminary inspection of a possible location for a Children's Center
3. To add a new regulation providing for a fee for filing a Petition for a Variance or Waiver for Children's Centers
4. To add a new regulation requiring a Children's Center Director who has not been a Director in Pinellas County within the previous 12 months, to attend the License Board Training "Pinellas Director Basics" within 90 days of hire as a Director in Pinellas County

There were no public comments regarding Proposed Increases/Additions to Minimum Standards for Children's Centers.

C. Public Hearing for Proposed Increases/Additions to Minimum Standards for Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes (See Attached Notice to Operators of Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes dated March 31, 2021)

1. To increase the fee for a Family Child Care License
2. To increase the fee for Large Family Child Care License
3. To add a new regulation providing for a fee for filing a petition for a Variance or Waiver for Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes
4. To add a new regulation requiring attendance at the License Board's "Prospective Provider Training" if the applicant has not been a licensed Family Child Care Home operator in Pinellas County in the past two years
5. To add a new regulation providing for a \$25 fee to add overnight care to a license at any time other than at issuance of license or a renewal of license for a Family Child Care Home or Large Family Child Care Home

There were no public comments regarding Proposed Increases/Additions to Minimum Standards for Family Child Care Home and Large Family Child Care Homes.

D. Adjournment

Mr. Mikurak stated that hearing no comments, the meeting is adjourned and he looks forward to having any additional conversations about this in September.

Respectfully submitted,



Celeste Fernandez, Secretary