

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SITTING AS THE
CHILD CARE FACILITIES BOARD
BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: **December 5, 2023**
 Department: **Florida Department of Health, Palm Beach County**
 Submitted by: **Division of Environmental Public Health**
 Advisory Board Name: **Child Care Advisory Council**

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: staff recommends motion to approve: the appointment of (1) member to the Child Care Advisory Council to fill the position listed below.

| <u>SEAT #</u> | <u>NOMINEE:</u> | <u>REQUIREMENT:</u> | <u>Term</u> | <u>NOMINATED BY:</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 6 | Christy O'Hearn | Parent Representative of a child attending a child care facility | 12/5/2023 To 11/30/2026 | Mayor Weiss |

Summary: The Child Care Advisory Council (Council) shall advise the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and make recommendations regarding issuance and revocation of licenses for child care facilities, and rules and regulations necessary to protect the health and safety of persons in child care facilities, child care homes and family day care facilities. The Council is comprised of seven (7) members who serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners. Membership consists of: two (2) members who represent and operate private child care facilities in Palm Beach County, one (1) of whom operates a family day care home or large family child care home; one (1) member who represents and operates a parochial child care facility in Palm Beach County; one (1) consumer protection enforcement official; one (1) member with fire protection, engineering or technology expertise; one (1) member who, at the time of appointment, was the parent of a child attending a child care facility in Palm Beach County; and one (1) representative from the Florida Department of Children and Families.

The applicant for appointment to Seat #6, Christy O'Hearn, is a parent of a child attending a child care facility. The diversity count for the six (6) seats currently filled is Caucasian: 3 (50.0%), African American: 2 (33.3%), and Hispanic American: 1 (16.7%). The gender ratio (female: male) is 6:0. The nominee for Seat 6 is a Caucasian female. Staff continues to address the need for increased diversity within our boards and will continue to encourage expansion of this Council's diversity. Countywide (HH).

Background and Justification: Pursuant to Chapter 59-1698, Laws of Florida, as amended by Chapters 77-620 and 2010-249, Laws of Florida; Palm Beach County Rules and Regulations Governing Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes as amended by Resolution R-2020-1522, adopted October 6, 2020, the Child Care Advisory Council is comprised of seven (7) members who serve at the pleasure of the BCC. The Florida Department of Health, Palm Beach County serves as staff to the Council.

Attachments:

1. Board/Committee Application
2. Resume or Bio of Nominee
3. Current membership list from directory
4. Statute/ordinance/resolution
5. Copy of Memo to BCC (including returned application with nomination approval signature)

Recommended by: Jyothi Gupta 11/15/2023
 Department Director Date

Legal Sufficiency: Delene C. Hrynd 11/15/23
 Assistant County Attorney Date

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION

The information provided on this form will be used in considering your nomination. Please COMPLETE SECTION II IN FULL. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. Please attach a biography or résumé to this form.

Section I (Department): (Please Print)

Board Name: CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL Advisory Not Advisory

At Large Appointment or District Appointment /District #: _____

Term of Appointment: N/A Years. From: _____ To: _____

Seat Requirement: Parent Representative child attends a child care facility. Seat #: 6

*Reappointment or New Appointment

or to complete the term of _____ Due to: resignation other

Completion of term to expire on: Not Applicable

*When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number of previous disclosed voting conflicts during the previous term shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners: N/A

Section II (Applicant): (Please Print)

APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT

Name: O'HEARN CHRISTY
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: _____
Owner Employee Officer

Business Name: n/a

Business Address: _____

City & State _____ Zip Code: _____

Residence Address: 13 West Rubbertree Drive

City & State Lake Worth Zip Code: 33467

Home Phone: () Business Phone: () Ext. _____

Cell Phone: (561) 301-7006 Fax: () _____

Email Address: ohearnchristy@gmail.com

Mailing Address Preference: Business Residence

Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes _____ No

If Yes, state the court, nature of offense, disposition of case and date: _____

Minority Identification Code: Male Female
 Native-American Hispanic-American Asian-American African-American Caucasian

Section II Continued:

CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS: Pursuant to Article XIII, Sec. 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, advisory board members are prohibited from entering into any contract or other transaction for goods or services with Palm Beach County. Exceptions to this prohibition include awards made under sealed competitive bids, certain emergency and sole source purchases, and transactions that do not exceed \$500 per year in aggregate. These exemptions are described in the Code. This prohibition does not apply when the advisory board member's board provides no regulation, oversight, management, or policy-setting recommendations regarding the subject contract or transaction and the contract or transaction is disclosed at a public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. To determine compliance with this provision, it is necessary that you, as a board member applicant, identify all contractual relationships between Palm Beach County government and you as an individual, directly or indirectly, or your employer or business. This information should be provided in the space below. If there are no contracts or transactions to report, please verify that none exist. Staff will review this information and determine if you are eligible to serve or if you may be eligible for an exception or waiver pursuant to the code.

| <u>Contract/Transaction No.</u> | <u>Department/Division</u> | <u>Description of Services</u> | <u>Term</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

(Attach Additional Sheet(s), if necessary)
OR

NONE NOT APPLICABLE/ (Governmental Entity)

ETHICS TRAINING: All board members are required to read and complete training on Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, and read the State Guide to the Sunshine Amendment, Article XIII, and the training requirement can be found on the web at: <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/training.htm>. Ethics training is on-going, and pursuant to PPM CW-P-79 is required before appointment, and upon reappointment.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, and I have received the required Ethics training (in the manner checked below):

X By watching the training program on the Web, DVD or VHS on 10 | 19 20 23
 ___ By attending a live presentation given on _____, 20___

AND

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Guide to the Sunshine Amendment & State of Florida Code of Ethics:

*Applicant's Signature: [Signature] Printed Name: Christy O'Hearn Date: 10 | 19 | 23

Any questions and/or concerns regarding Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, please visit the Commission on Ethics website www.palmbeachcountyethics.com or contact us via email at ethics@palmbeachcountyethics.com or (561) 355-1915.

Return this FORM to:
 Tyna Webb, Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County
 800 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Section III (Commissioner, if applicable):

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on: _____

Commissioner's Signature: [Signature] Date: 11 | 13 | 20

Pursuant to Florida's Public Records Law, this document may be reviewed and photocopied by members of the public. Revised 02/01/2016

Christy L. O'Hearn

13 West Rubbertree Drive, Lake Worth, FL 33467

Phone: (561) 301-7006 E-Mail: ohearnchristy@gmail.com

Overview

Experienced Director with a demonstrated history of working in the child care and education management industry. Strong professional with over twenty years experience in both public and private schools with extensive knowledge within the Department of Children and Families, Palm Beach County Health Department Childcare Rules and regulations, NAC and APPLE accreditation, School Readiness, VPK, curriculum, and family engagement.

Experience

Planet Kids Inc **September 2023 – Present**

- Corporate Office

KinderCare Learning Centers – Royal Palm Beach **May 2021 – September 2023**

- Level 6 Engaged Center Director

Planet Kids / Wellington Preparatory / Surfside Academy **February 2008- May 2021**

- Director
- Administration
- Curriculum Coordinator
- VPK Lead Teacher
- Substitute

Education

Palm Beach State College **August 2006- August 2012**

Santaluces High School **August 2002- May 2006**

Graduated in May 2006

Additional Skills

- Parent to Lincoln O'Hearn DOB: 8/4/2022 who currently attends a Childcare facility since 10/3/2022.
- Directors Credential / VPK Endorsed
- CPR / First Aid Certified
- Extensive knowledge and training abilities with GOLD, ELC, VPK, Strong Minds and multiple common core curriculums.
- Excellent administration, organizational, verbal, listening, and communication skills



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Attachment 3

I. AUTHORITY :

Chapter 59-1698, Special Acts Laws of Florida, as amended by Chapters 77-620 and 2010-249, Special Act Laws of Florida; as amended by ORD. 2016-1421, adopted September 27, 2016.

II. APPOINTING BODY :

Board of County Commissioners

III. COMPOSITION, QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS & REMOVAL :

This Council shall be comprised of seven members consisting of: two members who represent and operate as a private enterprise a facility regulated under the Act, one of whom operates a family child care home or a large family child care home; one member who represents and operates a parochial facility regulated under the Act; one member who represents a consumer protection enforcement official; one member for fire protection, engineering, or technology; one member, who at the time of appointment is a parent of a child in a facility regulated under the Act; and one member who represents the Department of Children & Families. Council members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners serve three-year terms, with a limit of three consecutive terms with the exception of the Department of Children & Families' representative. Members' terms shall begin October 1 and end on September 30. Any vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term and shall not count toward the member's term limits. Council members must reside in the County at the time of appointment and while serving on the Council.

EXTENDED COMPOSITION :

IV. MEETINGS :

Currently meets at 9:00 a.m. the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 800 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL.

V. FUNCTIONS :

The Council shall advise the BCC and make recommendations as to the issuance and revocation of license and as to rules and regulations necessary to protect the health and safety of persons in child care facilities, child care homes and a family day care facilities.

VI. LIAISON INFORMATION :

| <u>LIAISON DEPARTMENT</u> | <u>CONTACT PERSON</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
| Florida Dept. of Health - Palm Beach C | Tyna Webb, Administrator | 800 Clematis St Fl 4 Palm Beach County Health West Palm Beach FL 33401 Phone # 561-837-5951 |

* indicates a member having an action pending



CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

| SEAT ID | CURRENT MEMBER | ROLE TYPE | RACE CODE | GENDER | BUSINESS / HOME PHONE | SEAT REQUIREMENT | APPOINT DATE | REAPPOINT DATE | EXPIRE DATE |
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Appointed By : At-Large/Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

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| 1 | Ruta Varnavicius brightchildacademy@hotmail.com | Member | CA | F | 561-685-9847 | Private Child Care Facility Representative | 05/15/2018 | 10/01/2021 | 09/30/2024 |
| | 301 Palmetto St West Palm Beach FL 33405 | | | | | | | | |

NOMINATED BY :

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--------|----|---|----|--|------------|--|------------|
| 2 | Karen Davis-Robinson davis7769@yahoo.com | Member | AA | F | -- | Private Child Care Facility Representative | 10/01/2022 | | 09/30/2025 |
| | Robinson Tiny Tots Family Child Care LLC 2603 W 28th St Riviera Beach FL 33404 | | | | | | | | |

NOMINATED BY :

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|---|--|--------|----|---|--------------|--|------------|------------|------------|
| 3 | Sandra Wilensky psdirector@templebethtorah.com | Member | CA | F | 561-793-2649 | Represents/Operates Parochial Facility | 10/16/2019 | 10/01/2023 | 09/30/2026 |
| | Temple Beth Torah of Palm Beach County, Inc. 900 Big Blue Tr Wellington FL 33414 | | | | | | | | |

NOMINATED BY :

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|---|---|--------|----|---|-----------------------|--|------------|------------|------------|
| 4 | Claudette A Rifenberg crifenbe@pbcgov.org | Member | AA | F | 561-712-6600 X6613 | Consumer Protection Enforcement Official | 02/01/2022 | 10/01/2023 | 09/30/2026 |
| | Palm Beach County/Consumer Affairs Division 50 S Military Tr West Palm Beach FL 33415 | | | | | | | | |

NOMINATED BY :

* indicates a member having an action pending

Appointed By : At-Large/Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

5 Sue Ellen Calderon Member HA F 561-313-5937 Fire Protection, Engineer or Technology Rep 10/01/2021 09/30/2024
scalderon520@bellsouth.net

206 Parkwood Dr S
Royal Palm Beach FL 33411

NOMINATED BY :

6 Vacant Member Parent of a Child in Day Care

NOMINATED BY :

7 Colleen Kelly-Statler Member CA F 561-227-6783 Florida Department of Children & Families Rep. 10/01/2021 10/01/2022 09/30/2025
colleen.kellystatler@myffamilies.com

Florida Department of Children & Families
111 S Sapodilla Ave
West Palm Beach FL 33401

NOMINATED BY :

* indicates a member having an action pending

Sec. 14-28. - Child care advisory council.

1. The Board shall appoint a Child Care Advisory Council which shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners no later than 60 days after the effective date of this Act [article]. Members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners. The Council shall be composed of seven members consisting of the following:
 - a. Two members who represent and operate as a private enterprise a facility regulated hereunder, one of whom operates a family day care home or large family child care home.
 - b. One member who represents and operates a parochial facility regulated hereunder.
 - c. One member who represents a consumer protection enforcement official.
 - d. One member for fire protection, engineering, or technology.
 - e. One member who, at the time of appointment, is a parent of a child in a facility regulated hereunder.
 - f. One member who represents the Department of Children and Family Services.
2. The Council shall advise the Board and make recommendations as to the issuance and revocation of licenses and as to rules and regulations necessary to protect the health and safety of persons in child care facilities, large family child care homes, or family day care homes.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 59-1698, § 7; Laws of Fla., Ch. 77-620, §§ 6, 7; Laws of Fla., Ch. 2010-249, § 1)

Mission:

To protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.



Ron DeSantis
Governor

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD
State Surgeon General

Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/21/2023
 TO: The Honorable, David Kerner, Mayor and members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
 THRU: Jyothi Gunta, MD, County Health Director
 FROM: Tyna Webb, Acting Environmental Administrator
 RE: Notice of Appointment for Seat 6 on the Child Care Advisory Council

Pursuant to Chapter 2010-249, Laws of Florida, and Article IV.B.2, Palm Beach County Rules and Regulations Governing Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes, the Child Care Advisory Council (Council) is comprised of seven members who serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The Florida Department of Health, Palm Beach County serves as staff to the Council.

The term for Seat #6, Currently is vacant. Staff is pleased to submit for your consideration this recommendation to appoint:

| <u>Seat #</u> | <u>Requirement</u> | <u>Term</u> | <u>Nominee</u> |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 6 | Parent Representative child attends a child care facility | December 1, 2023 November 30, 2026 | Christy O'Hearn |

If you wish to support the appointment of Ms. Christy O'Hearn, please sign, and return the enclosed Boards Committee Application. If you wish to have another nominee who meets the seat requirement considered for appointment, please provide the nominee's contract information.

Staff intends to agenda the appointment for November 21, 2023, so please return signed forms no later than November 14, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact me at 561-837-5900.

cc: Rafael Reyes, Environmental Public Health Division Director, FDOH Palm Beach County
Alyssa Salman, Esq., Senior Attorney, FDOH Palm Beach County

Attachments:

- Board/Committee Application
- Child Care Advisory Council Composition

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 West Palm Beach, FL 33401
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FloridaHealth.gov / palmbeach.floridahealth.gov



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