

# **DRAFT - Role of Honorary Board Member**

*This Document would be used on ELC's website and for recruitment purposes.*

## **Honorary Board Members**

Honorary Members of the Board help the Early Learning Coalition to achieve its mission, by supporting the work of the organization and acting as an ambassador on its behalf.

ELC Honorary Board members have diverse backgrounds and are leaders, public figures, philanthropists, and/or other influential individuals who are uniquely positioned to be successful advocates and ambassadors for the organization, are passionate about the importance of early learning and support the Coalitions mission and vision. Honorary Board members assist the ELC in creating opportunities for raising funds, friends, and awareness of ELC services and programming through members network of contacts and/or exposure in the community.

This is an honorific title in recognition of the member's active participation, financial contribution or assistance fundraising and/or friend raising, or commitment to bring awareness of ELC's services and programs to the community. While these members have no voting power, they are a vital member of the Board.

## **Responsibilities of the Honorary Board Member**

- Commit to service a minimum of X years, and attend X meeting each year
- Contribute a minimum of \$X a year
- Recruit other Honorary Board Members
- Permit recognition on ELC's website and printed materials

## **Benefits of Serving**

Serving on the Honorary Board allows members to contribute to an organization they love without the time commitment of the working board. The Honorary Board members may attend X meetings each year. As a Honorary Board member of the ELC you will have the opportunity to:

- Impact children's lives and futures as well as their parents
- Be recognized in press releases and media
- Stay up to date on ELC programs and the valuable impacts we make to both children and providers in Broward County

## **Questions for Discussion:**

- **What should this type of board membership be called (Honorary, Ambassador, or another name)?**
- **Same or different Application for Honorary Board members? (Recommend short application)**
- **Same or different Nominating process for Honorary Board members?**
- **Should there be a requirement for # of meetings they are required to attend and if so, how many**
- **Are there other requirements of this type of member?**

**The above is for discussion so that we may see the role of this new position.**

**Various sections could be impacted in the By-Laws – Once Governance agree, amendments to the below sections can be made with Legal Counsels assistance.**

- Section 3.1 Definition "Member"
- Section 3.2 Term
- Section 3.3 Voting Rights
- ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES