ELC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS MR. DARRELL KING AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Palmetto, Florida, September 21st, 2022 – The Board of Directors of The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County (ELC) is delighted to appoint Mr. Darrell King to the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

King had held the position of Interim CEO since January 14th after the sudden passing of long-time CEO Mr. Paul Sharff. King joined the Coalition in 2014 as Director of Communications and Editor of Nextgen Family Magazine and has been an Officer for the past three years holding the Chief Communications Officer and Chief Operations Officer positions.

He said: “It is a tremendous honor and privilege to be appointed CEO of the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County. I am inspired every day by our highly talented and diligent team, who work so hard to make a difference in the lives of local children and families. Paul left an amazing foundation and legacy for us to build upon. As we move into a new era at ELC, I am determined to ensure we continue to set the bar high and stay true to our mission and vision for all of Manatee County’s children.”

Mr. Adam Mohammadbhoy, ELC Board Chairman, said: "It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Darrell King as CEO of the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County. Darrell has established himself as a remarkable leader of the Coalition over the last eight months. His vision for the Coalition, paired with his Industry Knowledge, Community Relations, Financial Management, and overall Professionalism, ensure the continued success of the Coalition and expansion of quality services to the children in our community.”

King has confirmed Ms. Kerry Gaylord, who joined the Coalition in 2009, as Chief Operations Officer (COO). Gaylord was previously Director of Child Development, Director of Grant Management, and most recently, Interim COO.
The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc. is a multi-service agency dedicated to helping children develop skills that they will need to be successful in school and life. The agency's focus is on high-quality school readiness opportunities for all children and their families, understanding that it is in the first years of life that a child’s future educational success is determined and the critical role of parents as their child’s first and most important teacher.

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