

Escambia Children’s Trust
Preliminary TRIM and Budget Meeting
September 12, 2023, at 5:01 PM

Open to the public at the Board of County Commissioners Chambers
Ernie Lee Magaha Bldg., 221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502

MINUTES

Meeting Title:	Escambia Children’s Trust Preliminary TRIM and Budget Meeting		
Date:	September 12, 2023	Time:	5:01 PM
Location:	221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502		
Chair:	Tori Woods	Scribe:	Alma Ellis
Participants:	<p>Board Members: Tori Woods, Patty Hightower; David Peaden, Stephanie White, Commissioner Lumon May; Dr. Rex Northup, Tina Cain</p> <p>Staff/advisors: Tammy Abrams, Interim Executive Director, Director of Finance and Operations; Alma Ellis, Board Liaison/Administrative Specialist, Dr. Kimberly Krupa, Director of Programs and Performance, Richard Stone, SAMIS Manager, Michael Moore, Community Engagement Coordinator, Meredith Bush, Esq., Legal Counsel</p>		
Not Present:	Honorable R. Todd Harris, Keith Leonard		

- **Call To Order 5:05 PM**
- **Roll Call**
- **Open Public Hearing on Proposed Millage Rate for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year**
- **Public Comment** (*see video on website*)
- **Board Discussion / Announcement of Proposed Millage Rate**
 - Ms. Hightower requested clarification as to what rate the Finance Committee recommended. Ms. White stated the Finance Committee recommended the rate of .4365.
- **Reading of Resolution by Title Only**
- **Public Comment** (None)
- **Comments from the Board**
 - Commissioner May asked for clarification as to if there was a motion for the rate of .4365. Ms. Woods clarified there was a recommendation from the Finance Committee and that the Board would now move to discussion.
 - Ms. Woods asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion
- **Recommendation:** *The Finance Committee recommends the Board approve Resolution 2023-21 adopting the tentative millage rate to be levied for the 2023 tax year; and declaring the percentage change in the property tax levy as defined under Florida Statutes, Section 200.065.*

Roll Call Vote to Accept Recommendation:	In Favor	Not in Favor
Tori Woods	X	
Patty Hightower	X	
David Peaden		X
Dr. Rex Northup	X	
Tina Cain	X	
Commissioner May		X
Stephanie White	X	

Recommendation Approved 5:2

- **Open Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year**
- **Reading of Resolution by Title Only, Adopting the Tentative Budget for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.**
- **Public Comments:** (None)
- **Close Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Budget**
- **Comments from the Board** (*see video on website*)
 - Ms. White motioned to rescind the vote on the millage rate for more discussion. Dr. Northup seconded.

Roll Call Vote to Rescind Previous Vote	In Favor	Not in Favor
Tori Woods		X
Patty Hightower		X
David Peaden	X	
Dr. Rex Northup		X
Tina Cain		X
Commissioner May	X	
Stephanie White	X	

Vote to Rescind Previous Vote Failed 3:4

- Commissioner May requested clarification from Legal as to whether the millage rate was clearly stated at .4365 prior to the vote. Legal confirmed it was clearly stated.

- **Motion to Adopt the Resolution Adopting the Tentative Budget for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.**

- Ms. Hightower moved to adopt; Dr. Northup seconded.

Roll Call Vote to Adopt Tentative Budget	In Favor	Not in Favor
Tori Woods	X	
Patty Hightower	X	
David Peaden		X
Dr. Rex Northup	X	
Tina Cain	X	
Commissioner May		X
Stephanie White	X	

Vote to Adopt Passed 5:2

- **Motion to Adjourn**

- Commissioner May moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Peaden seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Tori Woods, Chair *(Signature)*

Date: