

Escambia Children's Trust Board of Directors Meeting
March 11, 2025, at 5:30 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 Board of Directors Meeting		
Date:	March 11, 2025	Time:	5:30 PM
Location:	221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502		
Presiding:	Dr. Rex Northup, Chair	Scribe:	Alma Ellis
Participants:	<p>Board Members: David Williams, Judge Williams, Dr. Rex Northup, Stephanie White, Commissioner Lumon May</p> <p>Staff/advisors: Lindsey Cannon, Executive Director, Tammy Abrams, Director of Finance, Alma Ellis, Board Liaison /Administrative Specialist, Meredith Bush, Esq., Legal Counsel</p>		
Not Present:	Keith Leonard, Tina Cain, Tori Woods		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call To Order 5:30 PM • Approval of Agenda <p>Commissioner May motioned to approve the Agenda. Mr. Williams seconded, all in favor, Agenda approved.</p> • Approval of Minutes <p>No changes or corrections required, the Minutes stand as presented.</p> • Public Comment <p>No public comments.</p> • Treasurer's Report <p>Ms. Abrams provided the January 31, 2025 Financial Report. With no unusual findings, the report will be filed for audit.</p> • Special Presentation <p>Mr. Alex Gartner took a moment to thank the Trust for continued support and several children from the Pensacola Children's Chorus and provided a special presentation. (see video on website).</p> • Business <p><u>Operations</u></p> <p>Ms. Ellis advised that the BOCC meeting space will not be available for the 5:30pm meeting on September 9th due to conflict with BOCC Budget Meeting. Ms. Ellis stated the room is available at 9am and asked if the Board would like to have a morning meeting instead. All members present agreed to move the September 9, 2025, meeting to 9:00 am.</p> <p><u>Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Committee Member Review and Appointment (Lindsey Cannon) 		

Recommendation: *Staff recommends approval of the following individuals to serve on the CAREs Grant Review Committee:*

Stephen Q. Bauer
Jon L. Brooks
Tiffanie Coleman
Willie Kirkland, Jr.
Josh Newby

David Powell
Allison Snowden-King
Stephanie White
David Williams
Tori Woods

Ms. Cannon advised the Board that Mr. Bell was no longer available to serve on the committee and that she had received confirmation that a back-up applicant (Mr. Josh Newby) is available and eager to serve. Ms. Cannon wanted to be clear that Mr. Newby was not in the original group presented to the Program Committee on 2/25 so he would need to be approved to serve prior to the vote.

Commissioner May motioned to approve Mr. Newby and to also approve all others presented. Ms. White seconded, all were in favor.

- Grant Committee Meeting Reminder - March 24, 2025

Ms. Cannon reminded the Board of the Grant Committee Meeting that will take place on March 24, 2025, at 9am and invited anyone interested to attend.

- Legal Services of North Florida Year 3 Renewal (Lindsey Cannon)

Recommendation: *Staff recommends approval of Executive Director proceed with Year 3 contract and budget negotiations with Legal Services of North Florida; allowing for review and vote at the March Program Committee followed by Board review and vote at the April meeting.*

Unable to vote on this item as Judge Williams recused himself and there was no longer quorum. This item will be brought back to the April meeting.

- Change of Scope – Covenant Hospice (Lindsey Cannon)

Recommendation: *The Program Committee recommends approval of Covenant Hospice Change of Scope as presented.*

	<p>Commissioner May motioned to approve the recommendation, Ms. White seconded, all in favor, recommendation approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Amendment - Lamplighters (Tammy Abrams) <p>Recommendation: <i>The Program Committee recommends approval of Omega Lamplighter Budget Amendment as presented.</i></p> <p>Unable to vote on this item as Mr. Williams recused himself and there was no longer quorum. This item will be brought back to the April meeting if necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal Report – No report <p>Dr. Northup asked for an update from Ms. Bush on the TIFF exemption request. Ms. Bush advised that she is finalizing the request and will be sending it in to the County in the next few days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff Comment <p>Ms. Cannon provided all present members with The ECT Commission District Report. This report allows commissioners from each district to see what funds are going into their districts and what the overall countywide funding is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjournment <p>With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM</p>
	Signature (Board Chair)