

**Escambia Children’s Trust Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2025, at 9:00 AM**

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:	April 8, 2025	Time:	9:00 AM
Location:	221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502		
Presiding:	Dr. Rex Northup, Chair	Scribe:	Alma Ellis
Participants:	<p>Board Members: David Williams, Dr. Rex Northup, Stephanie White, Commissioner Lumon May, Keith Leonard, Tina Cain, Tori Woods</p> <p>Staff/advisors: : Lindsey Cannon, Executive Director, Tammy Abrams, Director of Finance, Alma Ellis, Board Liaison /Administrative Specialist, Michael Moore, Community Engagement Coordinator, Deborah Ray, Director of Programs and Performance, Meredith Bush, Esq., Legal Counsel; Richard Stone, SAMIS Data Manager</p>		
Not Present:	Judge Williams		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call To Order 9:00 AM • Approval of Agenda Ms. White motioned to approve the Agenda. Mr. Williams seconded, all in favor, Agenda approved. • Approval of Minutes No changes or corrections required, the Minutes stand as presented. • Public Comment No public comments. • Treasurer’s Report Ms. Abrams provided the February 28, 2025 Financial Report. With no unusual findings, the report will be filed for audit. • 2023-2024 Financial Audit Ms. Kristy McAllister with Warren-Averitt provided the audit report for 2023-2024 . There were no findings and all documents were in order. Ms. White motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Audit Report, Mr. Leonard seconded, and all were in favor. 2023-2024 audit approved. • Special Presentation Pensacola MESS Hall provided a special presentation. (see video on website). • Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Operations</u> Ms. Ellis provided an updated list of BOD meeting dates noting the September Preliminary TRIM meeting will now take place on September 10 at 5:01pm directly followed by the Board of Directors meeting. • <u>Programs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Committee Recommendation – CAREs Grant 		

Recommendation: *The Grant Committee recommends approval of Resolution 2025-03 allowing for one-time funding of the following CAREs Grant applicants:*

Grant Committee Recommendations	Amount Recommended
Children's Home Society of Florida - Western Division	48220.00
ReadyKids!	50000
Hope Above Fear	48,807
ESCAMBIA COUNTY HEALTHY START COALITION, INC.	11475
Gulf Coast Kid's House	50000
Rosa Verde Foundation, Inc.	21000
Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE)	41379
Golden Elite Track and Field Club	50000
Youths Left Behind Corp	50000
Dixon School of Arts and Sciences	50000
General Daniel Chappie James Flight Academy Inc.	40623
James B Washington Education and Sports Inc.	50000
G.I.R.L.S. Incorporated	50000
CMB Visions Unlimited, Inc.	50000

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Ms. Cannon noted three organization names need to be updated:

- *ReadyKids! will be updated to Every Child a Reader in Escambia dba Ready Kids.*
- *Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE) will be updated to Community Organizations Active in Disaster dba Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies.*
- *Golden Elite Track and Field will be updated to Knowledge Ministries dba Golden Elite Track and Field.*

Ms. White motioned to approve the recommendation with updates as discussed, Commissioner May seconded, and discussion ensued. Dr. Northup called for a vote. The recommendation was approved with a vote of 6:1 in favor with Ms. Woods opposed.

- Lamplighter Budget Amendment

Recommendation: The Program Committee recommends approval of the Lamplighter Budget Amendment as presented.

Ms. White motioned to approve, Ms. Woods seconded, Mr. Williams abstained, without further discussion the recommendation was approved by a vote of 6:0.

- Legal Services of North Florida Year 3 Renewal

Recommendation: *The Program Committee recommends approval of Resolution 2025-04 allowing for Year 3 renewal of the Legal Services of North Florida contract.*

Ms. White motioned to approve, Mr. Williams seconded, without further discussion the recommendation was approved by a vote of 7:0.

- **Twin Oaks Change of Scope**

Recommendation: *The Program Committee recommends approval of the Change of Scope requested by Twin Oaks Juvenile Development as presented.*

Ms. White motioned to approve, Ms. Cain seconded, without further discussion the recommendation was approved by a vote of 7:0.

- **Upcoming Contract Renewals**

Ms. Cannon advised the Board of the Help Me Grow and CHS Navigator contracts coming up for renewal on June 30. The Program Committee will meet to discuss and bring a recommendation to the May 13 BOD meeting.

- **Legal Report**

Ms. Bush shared that she has not received a response back from the county regarding the requested TIF exemption.

- **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM

Signature (Board Chair)