

**Escambia Children’s Trust Board of Directors Meeting
July 8, 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

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Meeting Title:	Escambia Children’s Trust Board of Directors Meeting		
Date:	July 8, 2025	Time:	5:30 PM
Location:	221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502		
Presiding:	Dr. Rex Northup, Chair	Scribe:	Alma Ellis
Participants:	<p>Board Members: Dr. Rex Northup, Stephanie White, Tina Cain, Keith Leonard, David Williams, Commissioner Lumon May</p> <p>Staff/Advisors: : Lindsey Cannon, Executive Director, Alma Ellis, Board Liaison Administrative Specialist, Michael Moore, Community Engagement Coordinator, Deborah Ray, Director of Programs and Performance, Richard Stone, SAMIS Manager, Meredith Bush, Esq., Megan Fry, Esq., Legal Counsel</p>		
Not Present:	Tori Woods, Judge Williams		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call To Order 5:30 PM • Approval of Agenda <i>Ms. White motioned to approve the agenda, Mr. Williams seconded, all were in favor. Agenda approved.</i> • Approval of Minutes <i>Minutes of June 10, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed and stand as submitted. Minutes of June 25, 2025, Special Board meeting were reviewed and stand as submitted.</i> • Treasurer’s Report <i>Ms. Cannon reviewed the Financial Report for month ending May 31, 2025. Members were in agreement to file the report as presented.</i> • Public Comment <i>There were no public comments.</i> • Special Presentation <i>Mr. James B. Washington and Ms. Tiara Smith provided a special presentation. (See video on website.)</i> • Business <u>Operations</u> <i>Ms. Cannon stated the original planned date of July 23 for the Board workshop is not going to work. Ms. Ellis will work to find another day and send calendar invites.</i> <u>Programs</u> 		

Ms. Cannon advised the Board of upcoming contract renewals:

- *Early Learning Coalition*
- *Mental Health*
- *Healthy Schools Escambia*
- *National Flight Academy*

- **Legal Report (Meredith Bush, Esq.)**

- **County Interlocal Agreement**

Ms. Bush stated the draft agreement approved by the Board on June 25, 2025, has been sent to the County for a vote on July 10.

- **City of Pensacola TIF request**

As discussed at the June 25, 2025, meeting, Ms. Bush reminded the Board that City TIF payment has been demanded, and she is working on the draft exemption request. The payment deadline issued by the city is July 31 and the Trust should be positioned to submit the exemption by July 18 - or early the following week. She also shared that the process for exemption will likely be the same as the County's.

Ms. Bush announced that she will be transitioning into solo practice at the end of July. She introduced Ms. Megan Fry, Esq., who will now be counsel for the Trust, along with Will Dunnaway.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Signature (Board Chair)