

**Escambia Children's Trust Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 13, 2026 5:30pm**

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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| <b>Meeting Title:</b> | Escambia Children's Trust Board of Directors Meeting  |                |            |
| <b>Date:</b>          | January 13, 2026  | <b>Time:</b>   | 5:35pm     |
| <b>Location:</b>      | 221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502  |                |            |
| <b>Presiding:</b>     | Dr. Rex Northup, Chair  | <b>Scribe:</b> | Alma Ellis |
| <b>Participants:</b>  | <p><b>Board Members:</b> Dr. Rex Northup, Stephanie White, Keith Leonard, David Williams, Tori Woods, Judge Williams, Commissioner Lumon May</p> <p><b>Staff/Advisors:</b> Lindsey Cannon, Executive Director, Tammy Abrams, Director, Finance/HR, Alma Ellis, Board Liaison Administrative Specialist, Michael Moore, Community Engagement Coordinator, Deborah Ray, Program Director, Richard Stone, SAMIS Manager, Daniel Joyner, Financial and Contract Analyst, Megan Fry, Esq., Sallie Neese, Esq., Legal Counsel</p>   |                |            |
| <b>Not Present:</b>   | Tina Cain   |                |            |
|                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Call To Order</b> 5:44pm</li><li>• <b>Approval of Agenda</b><p><i>Ms. Woods motioned to approve the agenda, Ms. White seconded, all were in favor. Agenda approved.</i></p></li><li>• <b>Approval of Minutes</b><p><i>Members reviewed the minutes of the December 9, 2025, meeting, no corrections needed, minutes will stand as submitted.</i></p></li><li>• <b>Treasurer's Report</b><p><i>Ms. Abrams reviewed the Financial Report for month November 30, 2025. All Board Members present were in agreement to file the report as presented for the annual audit.</i></p></li><li>• <b>Public Comment</b><p><i>There were no public comments.</i></p></li><li>• <b>Business Operations</b><p><i>Confirmation / Appointment of Committee Members</i></p><p><i>Dr. Northup reviewed the 2025 Committee Members. All members agreed to continue in their positions. Dr. Northup appointed himself to the Policy and Bylaws Committee. Dr. Northup suggested staff reach out to Ms. Cain upon her return to see if she would be willing to serve on the Finance/Operations Committee so that we can meet the Bylaws requirement of five members.</i></p></li></ul> |                |            |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Legal Report</b> (Megan Fry, Esq.)</li></ul>  |
|  | <p><i>Ms. Fry provided a brief update on two items:</i></p>  |
|  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Proposed interlocal agreement to resolve the CRA tax issue with the City of Pensacola. (See entire update and discussion on the ECT website)</i></li><li>2. <i>New World Believers (HOOPS) Issue—Change of Leadership and notification of DJJ investigation. (See entire update and discussion on the ECT website)</i></li></ol> |
|  | <p><b>With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm</b></p>   |
|  | Signature (Board Chair)  |

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