

**Escambia Children’s Trust Board of Directors Meeting  
June 9, 2026 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**

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Escambia Children’s Trust Board of Directors Meeting				
<b>Date:</b>	June 9, 2026	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 am		
<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><u>Board Members:</u></b> ( X indicates present)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Cain  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Leonard  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner May  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Rex Northup, Chair         </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie White, Vice Chair  <input type="checkbox"/> David Williams  <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Williams  <input type="checkbox"/> <del>Tori Woods, Treasurer</del>–Resigned         </td> </tr> </table> <p><b><u>Staff/Advisors:</u></b> : ( X indicates present)</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindsey Cannon, Executive Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy Abrams, Director, Finance/HR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alma Ellis, Board Liaison, Administrative Specialist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Moore, Community Engagement Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Deborah Ray, Program Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Stone, SAMIS Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Joyner, Financial and Contract Analyst <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megan Fry, Esquire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sallie Neese, Esquire			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Cain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Leonard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner May <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Rex Northup, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie White, Vice Chair <input type="checkbox"/> David Williams <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Williams <input type="checkbox"/> <del>Tori Woods, Treasurer</del> –Resigned
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Call To Order</b> 9:00 am</li> <li>• <b>Approval of Agenda</b> <i>Staff requested an amendment to the agenda to add “Board Update” after approval of minutes. Ms. White motioned to approve with addition, Mr. Leonard seconded and all were in favor.</i></li> <li>• <b>Approval of Minutes</b> <i>Members reviewed the minutes of the May 12, 2026, meeting. Mr. Leonard motioned to approve, Ms. White seconded. No corrections needed, minutes will stand as submitted.</i></li> <li>• <b>Board Update</b> <i>Ms. Cannon reported she had received notification from The First Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Florida that Judge Coleman Lee Robinson will replace Judge Thomas Williams on the ECT Board for the period beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.</i> <i>Ms. Cannon also reported that Ms. Tori Woods has resigned her position on the ECT Board of Directors.</i> <i>Ms. White nominated Ms. Tina Cain to fill the position of Treasurer effective immediately and through the January 2027 elections. Ms. Cain was agreeable,</i></li> </ul>				

*Mr. Leonard seconded the motion, and all were in favor.*

*Ms. Abrams will work with Ms. Cain to get necessary paperwork completed and delivered to the appropriate parties.*

### **Treasurer's Report**

*Ms. Abrams reviewed the Financial Report for month ending April 30, 2026. There were no unusual transactions. Mr. Leonard motioned to file for annual audit, Ms. White seconded and all were in favor.*

- **Public Comment**

*(See video on website.)*

- **Special Presentation**

*Coach Mike with Golden Elite Track and Field provided an update on the happenings within the Golden Elite Program. (See video on website).*

- **Business**

Programs

#### **RFP 2026-01 Bright Pathways Out-of-School Program**

*Ms. Cannon discussed RFP 2026-01 (Bright Pathways Out-of-School Program), and the need to clarify exactly what the Program Committee intended to be brought before the Board. After much discussion (see video on website), Ms. White motioned to approve funding all programs that scored 80 or above and using the remaining allocated dollars to fund another round of CAREs grants. Ms. Cain seconded and all were in favor. Staff were then directed to work closely with any program that scored 79 or below that may be interested in applying for the CAREs grant.*

#### **YMCA Budget Amendment**

*Ms. Abrams presented a cost-neutral budget amendment for the YMCA (Year 3 OST) and was available to answer questions from the Board. Ms. White motioned to approve, Mr. Leonard seconded, and all were in favor.*

#### **CMB Visions Budget Amendment**

*Ms. Abrams presented a cost-neutral budget amendment for CMB Visions (Year 3 OST) and was available to answer questions from the Board. Ms. White motioned to approve,*

*Ms. Cain seconded, and all others were in favor.*

**CHS Navigator Contract Extension Request**

**Resolution 2026-19:** *Ms. Cannon presented a contract extension request for The Children’s Home Society on the Navigator Program due to clarification needed on the budget item Indirect Costs. This would extend the second-year funding agreement by one month, or through July 31, 2026. Additional funds in the amount of \$109,000 are being awarded for this extension and will be deducted from the funds awarded under CHS’ third and final funding agreement if awarded.*

*Ms. White motioned to approve, Ms. Cain seconded, and all others were in favor.*

Operations -No New Business

**Legal Report – (RE: New World Believers)** *Ms. Fry reported there has been a persistent \$15K-\$16K delta between what staff can confirm as reimbursable based on receipts submitted by New World Believers and the requested amount by New World Believers. She stated that her office/staff have repeatedly requested documentation and urged New World Believers to submit said documents to their attorney.*

*Ms. Neese added that the contract end date was January 8, 2026, so only approved receipts dated prior to contract end would be reimbursable.*

*Ms. Fry and Ms. Neese will continue to work with the NWB attorney and report pertinent information back to the Board as necessary.*

**Adjournment –** *With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 am*

Signature: (Board Chair)