Escambia Children's Trust Board of Directors Meeting
July 14, 2026 5:30 p.m.

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:	July 14, 2026	**Time:**	5:30 p.m.
Location:	221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502		
Presiding:	Ms. Tina Cain, Treasurer / Dr. Rex Northup, Chair	**Scribe:**	Alma Ellis
Participants:	**Board Members**: *(X indicates present)* ☒Tina Cain ☒ Keith Leonard ☐ Commissioner May ☒ Dr. Rex Northup, Chair ☐ Stephanie White, Vice Chair ☒ David Williams ☒ Judge Robinson **Staff/Advisors**: : *(X indicates present)* ☒ Lindsey Cannon, Executive Director ☒ Tammy Abrams, Director, Finance/HR ☒ Alma Ellis, Board Liaison, Administrative Specialist ☒ Michael Moore, Community Engagement Manager ☒ ☐ Deborah Ray, Program Director ☒ Richard Stone, SAMIS Manager ☐ Daniel Joyner, Financial and Contract Analyst ☐ Megan Fry, Esquire ☒ Sallie Neese, Esquire		

- **Call To Order** 5:31 pm
- **Introduction of Judge Robinson by Lindsey Cannon**

  Ms. Cannon introduced Judge Robinson to the Board. Dr. Northup confirmed Judge Robinsons willingness to serve on and appointed him to the Policy and Bylaws Committee.
- **Approval of Agenda**

  Mr. Leonard motioned to approve, Dr. Williams seconded and all were in favor.
- **Approval of Minutes**

  Dr. Williams motioned to approve, Mr. Leonard seconded. No corrections needed, minutes will stand as submitted.
- **Treasurer's Report**

  Ms. Abrams reviewed the Financial Report for month ending May 31, 2026. There were no unusual transactions. Mr. Leonard motioned to file for annual audit, Dr. Williams seconded and all were in favor.
- ***Microsimulation for Property Tax Referendum***

Ms. Abrams covered possible property tax revenue losses due to referendum on the upcoming ballot.

- **Public Comment**

  (See video on website.)

- **Business**

  Programs

  - **RFP 2026-02** Bright Beginnings

  Ms. Cannon brought forth the Bright Beginnings RFP to the Board for approval as directed by the Program Committee. Mr. Leonard motioned to approve, Ms. Cain seconded and all were in favor.

  - *Cost-Neutral Budget Amendments*

    - *Covenant Hospice*
    - *Youths Left Behind*
    - *Dixon School of Arts*
    - *Chain Reaction*
    - *Legal Services of North Florida*
    - *S.A.L.T. Ministries*

  Ms. Abrams presented six cost-neutral budget amendments for approval as directed by the Program Committee. Mr. Leonard motioned to approve all six, Ms. Cain seconded, and all were in favor.

- *CHS Navigators – Updated Budget and Vote for Year 3 Funding*

  *Ms. Cannon presented **Resolution 2026-21** allowing for the updated budget and the final (11 month) funding of the CHS Navigator Program. Ms. Cain motioned to approve, Dr. Williams seconded, Judge Robinson abstained, and all others were in favor.*

  Operations

  - *(Reminder) Budget Conference / Strategic Planning - Finance Committee - August*
  - *(Reminder) TRIM Meetings - September*

I. **Legal Report** (Sallie Neese, Esq.)

- New World Believers (HOOPS) settlement update

Ms. Neese shared a tentative agreement has been reached and requested Board approval allowing the Board Chair to enter into a settlement agreement that contains, among other terms, a full and final reimbursement of expenses to NWB of amounts expended under the Funding Agreement for the disputed months of November, December, and January 1-8th in the amount of $76,437.72; transfer of ownership from NWB to ECT of the 2010 Dodge Caravan and the 2015 Ford Transit 350 purchased with ECT funds; NWB retention of ownership of the 1998 Honda Odyssey, paid in part with ECT funds; resolution of all known or unknown claims arising out of the Funding Agreement; and parties shall bear own attorneys' fees and costs.

Mr. Leonard motioned to approve, Dr. Williams seconded, Judge Robinson abstained and all others were in favor.

- Changes to proposed funding agreements

Ms. Neese presented an updated Standard Funding Agreement, along with a track-changes version, to the Board. The revisions incorporated new and updated policies previously approved by the Board. Mr. Leonard questioned the use of the term "key" staff on page 5, Sections 2(a) and 2(b). Mr. Leonard made a motion to approve the agreement with the removal of the word "key" from those two sections. Dr. Williams seconded the motion. Judge Robinson abstained, and all other members voted in favor.

Adjournment – *With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.*

Signature: (Board Chair)