

**Escambia Children's Trust
Preliminary TRIM and Budget Meeting
September 16, 2026, at 5:01 PM**

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 Final TRIM and Budget Meeting		
Date:	September 16, 2026	Time:	5:01 PM
Location:	221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502		
Chair:	Dr. Rex Northup	Scribe:	Alma Ellis
Participants:	Board Members: Dr. Rex Northup, Stephanie White, Judge Robinson, Dr. David Williams, Keith Leonard, Commissioner Lumon May Staff/Advisors: Lindsey Cannon, Executive Director, Tammy Abrams, Director of Finance and Operations; Alma Ellis, Board Liaison/Administrative Specialist, Deborah Ray, Director of Programs and Performance, Michael Moore, Communications Manager, Richard Stone, SAMIS Manager, Daniel Joyner, Financial and Contract Analyst, Megan Fry, Esq., Legal Counsel		
Not Present:	Honorable Judge Williams, , Tina Cain		

- **Call To Order 5:01 PM**
- **Roll Call**
- **Open Public Hearing on Proposed Millage Rate for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year**
- **Board Discussion – None**
- **Announcement of Proposed Millage Rage**

Dr. Northup announced the final millage rate of .3661 which is a zero percent increase over rolled-back rate of .3661.

Total millage rate - .3661, Operating millage rate = .3661
- **Reading of Resolution by Title Only**
- **Public Comment - None**
- **Close Public Hearing on Final Millage Rate for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year**
- **Comments from the Board – None**
- **Adoption of the Resolution Adopting the Final Millage Rate for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year**

Recommendation: The Finance and Operations Committee recommends the Board approve Resolution 2026-23 Tentative Millage Rate.

Roll Call Vote to Approve Recommendation:	In Favor	Not in Favor
Dr. Northup	X	
Dr. Williams	X	
Commissioner May	X	
Keith Leonard	X	
Stephanie White	Abstained	
Judge Robinson	Abstained	

(Recommendation Approved 4:0)

- **Open Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for 2026-2027Fiscal Year**
- **Reading of Resolution by Title Only, Adopting the Proposed Budget for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.**
- **Public Comments:** - None
- **Close Public Hearing on 2026-2027 Budget**
- **Comments from the Board** *Commissioner May proposed a friendly amendment requesting the Trust commit \$1M from the 2026-2027 budget toward youth programs focused on children 15-18. Some examples mentioned included vocational training, workforce training and middle school football/sportsl initiatives. Dr. Williams seconded the friendly amendment.*
- **Recommendation:** The Finance and Operations Committee recommends approval of Resolution 2026-24 Proposed Budget (now including Commissioner May's friendly amendment).
- **Motion to Approve Recommendation:**

Roll Call Vote to Approve Recommendation:	In Favor	Not in Favor
Dr. Northup	X	
Dr. David Williams	X	
Commissioner Lumon May	X	
Keith Leonard	X	
Stephanie White	Abstained	
Judge Robinson	Abstained	

(Recommendation Approved 4:0)

- **Motion to Adjourn**
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM

Dr. Rex Northup, Chair *(Signature)*

Date: