

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

Held @ 6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33319
and by Zoom Webinar with public access by computer or phone

February 19, 2026

9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Council Members in Physical Attendance:

Judge Lauren M. Alperstein, School Superintendent Howard Hepburn, Governor Appointee Julia Musella, DCF Child Protection Director Robert Shea, Health Department Director Paula Thaqi, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood (*Chair*)

Council Members Virtual Attendance:

School Board Member Debra Hixon, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich

Council Members Absent:

Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (President/CEO), David Kenton, Maria Juarez, Sue Gallagher, Michelle Hamilton, Dion Smith, Lisa Bayne, Marlando Christie, Ken King, Marissa Greif-Hackett, Kathleen Campbell, Alicia Williams, Carl Dasse, Kimberly Goulbourne, Amy Jacques, Angie Buchter, Tracy Graham, Nelson Giraldo, Johnsingh Jeyasingh, Jimmy Jean, Akil Edwards, Keyonia Lawson, Michelle Hagues-Fullwood, Trisha Dowell, Jennifer Wennberg, Ashley Cole, Felina Rosales-Furer, Pooja Yajnik, Shira Fowlkes, Brooke Sherman, Leslie Saca, Diane Choi, Jheanelle Henry, TaiQuay Bogle, Melissa Soza, Julie Toscano, Shaquoia Wilson, Demetria Rawls, Arturo Parham, Shawanda Spencer, Deidre-Ann Burrell, Julie-Ann Waweru, Roxanne Smith, Camila Mathieson, Madeline Jones, Amber Gross, Astrid Cantos, Erin Byrne, S. Lorenzo Benaine, Horace Summers, Kimberlee Reid, Janine DeLeon, Marissa Aquino, Gabi Tabib, Latora Steel, Ivy Pierre, Alexia Bridges, Carlos Campos, Diego Alvarez, Jessica Rincon, Fern Phillip, Silke Angulo, Lynn Kalmes, Cristina Castellanos, Alexandra Lemoine, Karen Franceschini, Tabitha Bush, Maya Berryhill-Porter, Radoika Pilarte, Maryanne Rodriguez, Ileana Blanco, Valencia McConnico-Bell, Kandyss Torrence, Andria Dewson, Mina Razavi, Gaby Carbonell, Jonathan Corado, Trisha Hines, Yolanda Meadows, Betty Dominguez, Zoë Lewis, Erica Ansley, Kyle Jones, Clarice Horton, Jennifer Fletcher, Nancy Adjohan, Jocelin Eubanks, Maxine Goldson, Travis Johnson, Celeste Freixas, Cynthia Reynoso, Shantigra Shae Williams, Youseline Jean-Baptiste

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Chair Jeffrey S. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

III. Chair's Report

a) Moment to Arrive

Council Members took a moment to allow their bodies and minds to settle and focus before considering the meeting agenda items.

b) January 2026 Council Minutes

ACTION: Ms. Musella made a motion to approve the January 15, 2026, Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Farewell to Judge Viamontes

Council Members said farewell to Judge Viamontes and presented her with a framed photo to commemorate her time with the Council. Cindy thanked her for fulfilling the commitment to a two-year term and expressed gratitude for bringing supervised visitation to fruition.

Judge Viamontes stated that it has been an honor to serve on the Council and be a part of its great work in the community. She noted that she is now back on the criminal bench.

IV. President's Report

a) Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the Anti-Human Trafficking Summit, the theme of which was "Behind the Mask: Are you Getting Played?" It focused on the dangers of online gaming. The Broward Human Trafficking Coalition, in collaboration with its STARS Committee (Stop Trafficking and Rescue Survivors), partnered with NSU's Sociodrama Student Organization, Stage for Change, and Dr. Grace Telesco, to promote audience interaction with the youth. Summit

participants included 40 youth, 11 community-based organizations, and other community members.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared positive feedback on CSC-supported Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) work from elected officials and community leaders.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer and Chair Wood will announce the winner of the Children's Services Council of Broward County Collective Impact for Youth Award at this year's Non-Profit Awards. They also recently announced the finalists in that category – Mobile School Pantry, Voices for Children of Broward County, and Volta Music Foundation -- at the recent VIP Announcement Reception. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer was also selected to receive the Greenspoon Marder Leader of the Year Award.

As part of the Subaru Loves to Help initiative, CSC partnered with Operation Warm and Subaru of Pembroke Pines to provide shoes and socks to children from economically disadvantaged families. CSC hosted a shoe gifting event at North Lauderdale Elementary School, where approximately 200 students received new shoes and socks. The experience also included a literacy component, with children participating in a group read of *Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes*.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that she served as a panelist at a recent Tower Forum meeting. Moderated by Bob Swindell, she was joined by CEOs, Ms. Kathleen Cannon (United Way) and Mr. Mark Wilson (Florida Chamber of Commerce), to discuss the benefits cliff, where a small increase in salary can cause a person to disproportionately lose benefits such as subsidized childcare, food assistance, and housing supports.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer also served on a panel at the National South Florida Addiction Prevention & Solutions Summit, where she was joined by Silvia Quintana (Broward Behavioral Health Coalition) and Kathleen Cannon to discuss the overall environmental landscape of substance use in Broward County. She provided insights into the challenges facing children, youth, and families, as well as the opportunities for our community to strengthen prevention, early intervention, and coordinated support.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer reported that she recently served as the guest speaker for the Kol Tikvah Social Action Shabbat, sharing information about CSC's work in the community. She recruited several volunteers for the upcoming Read for the Record event and connected several people with Broward Partnerships for Kids (BPK).

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer received the Spirit of Community Award at the YMCA's Martin Luther King, Jr., Inspirational Breakfast.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer promoted the upcoming Read for the Record event, letting Members know that it wasn't too late to sign up to read at a school. She drew Members' attention to the bag of props on the dais for use during their reading.

b) Legislative Update

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefed the Council on her and Chair Wood's recent trip to Tallahassee for this year's Broward Days and Florida Alliance of Children's Councils and Trusts (FACCT) Legislative Fly-In, which occurred at the same time. She noted that they met with several legislators, sharing information about CSC and its impact in Broward. She updated the Council on the status of various property tax bills and their potential impact on CSC's services. Senator Rich suggested creating a handout like the County's that explains where ad valorem taxes go. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that such a document is currently being developed and will be available before the next meeting.

V. Executive Committee Report

Retention of the President/CEO and Amendments to the Current Employment Contract

Chair Wood thanked members for completing the CEO evaluation tool and noted that the comments were appreciated. He stated that the evaluation reflects the positive things Ms. Arenberg does in the community on behalf of CSC and Broward's children and families. The Executive Committee recommended retaining her and amending her contract to allow for annual salary adjustments. He explained that those adjustments were approved last year and need to be reflected in the employment contract.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared how much the many thoughtful comments meant to her and noted what a blessing the Council's support has been. She described her job as worthwhile and impactful, noting that her evaluation also reflects the work of CSC staff, who make her look good. She expressed her appreciation for everything CSC staff does for Broward's children and families.

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the retention of the President/CEO and amend the current employment contract to allow for annual salary adjustments, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musella and passed with no opposing votes.

VI. Chief Program Officer (CPO) Report

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the items under the CPO Report, as presented in the meeting information packet.

a) DCF IV-E Data Sharing Agreement

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the Data Sharing Agreement with DCF, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musella and passed with no opposing votes.

Dr. Thaqi inquired about the status of Legal Aid's attorney recruitment and retention for representing children in the Dependency System. Mr. Walter Honaman (Legal Aid) indicated that some of those issues may have been resolved. Dr. Thaqi further inquired whether the program could expand representation to all children in the Dependency System.

Ms. Juarez promised to follow up with Legal Aid to see if there is capacity to expand. If so, it will be recommended and discussed at the May Budget Retreat.

b) New DAY RFP Raters

Ms. Juarez noted that Members are permitted to rate or appoint a designee. No Members requested any additions to the list. Ms. Juarez pointed out that the current New DAY contracts sunset on September 30, 2026, and that the new RFP has been released.

ACTION: Mr. Shea made a motion to approve the New DAY 2026 RFP Rating Committee source experts as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musella and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Homeless Prevention Program Update

Ms. Juarez briefly summarized the background and gave a current status update on Legal Aid Services of Broward County's Homeless Prevention Program (HPP), as presented in the meeting information packet. After addressing challenges of limited accessible funds and significant demand by transitioning from a cost-reimbursement model to an advance payment model, nine families with 21 children received eviction-prevention financial assistance between October and December of 2025. Eight families' rental situations were determined to be unsustainable and were connected to other community resources or offered relocation support, housing search assistance, and CareerSource Broward employment services. She noted that the CSC-funded program does not currently assist families facing foreclosure, but that the Council can discuss expanding the program to include that assistance at the May Budget Retreat.

VII. Chief Innovation Officer Report

Dr. Gallagher gave a brief update on the CSC Impact Study. Consultants and staff are currently delving into 10 years' worth of individual participants' data from the Family Strengthening and New DAY Programs, pulling together financial data and conducting 40 qualitative interviews. She thanked Camila Mathieson (Senior Executive Assistant) for scheduling those interviews and Senator Rich for taking the time to be interviewed. Dr. Gallagher praised the cross-departmental effort to create data sets for deeper analysis.

VIII. Public Affairs & Organizational Development Report

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that Dr. Remikie resigned her position as Chief Public Affairs Officer at the end of last week. Dr. Kenton, CSC's COO, has stepped into the breach to provide leadership for the department until the next steps have been determined. She pointed out that the two department Directors, Ken King and Kimberly Goulbourne, are doing well.

Dr. Kenton highlighted the items under the Public Affairs & Organizational Development Report, as presented in the meeting information packet.

a) U-Turn Youth Teen Chat Training Series and Summit

ACTION: Judge Alperstein made a motion to approve the leverage contract with U-Turn Consulting for a teen chat training series, provider training sessions, and high-impact sponsorship of We the People Summit; and accept funds and related expenditures from the State Attorney's Office for U-Turn Youth Consulting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hepburn and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Return of Unused Heart Gallery Funds to CSC Unallocated Funds

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the return of unused Heart Gallery of Broward County funds to CSC Unallocated Funds, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shea and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Purchases for Back-to-School Extravaganza (BTSE)

ACTION: Judge Alperstein made a motion to approve Purchases for BTSE 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hepburn and passed with no opposing votes.

- d) Increased Funding to Cox Media for Water Safety Awareness Day

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve an increase in the budget with media partner Cox Media Group to support the 2026 Water Safety Awareness Day, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Alperstein and passed with no opposing votes.

- e) Training Cadre Skill Building Budget

ACTION: Ms. Musella made a motion to approve the allocation of an additional \$30,000 to the Trainer Cadre Skill Building Budget for the remainder of the Fiscal Year to ensure continuity of training services, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Alperstein and passed with no opposing votes.

IX. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

Dr. Kenton briefly highlighted the items under the COO Report.

- a) Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Alperstein and passed with no opposing votes.

- b) Managed Fund Monthly Statements

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to accept the monthly statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for January 31, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Alperstein and passed with no opposing votes.

- c) CSC Purchases

ACTION: Judge Alperstein made a motion to approve the CSC monthly purchases, as presented and minus the Broward Education Foundation Sponsorship & KID Sponsorship. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Mr. Shea made a motion to approve the Broward Education Foundation sponsorship, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Alperstein and passed with no opposing votes and abstentions from Dr. Hepburn and Ms. Hixon, who submitted the attached voting conflict forms.

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the KID sponsorship, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Alperstein and passed with no opposing votes.

d) Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) Award

Dr. Kenton announced that for the fifth consecutive year, the CSC PAFR has been awarded Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting. He noted that the reviewers highlighted the PAFR's approach to engaging readers and making financial information easy to understand.

Dr. Kenton announced that the CSC Finance Committee will meet on February 24 at 1:30 P.M. at the Health Department and via Zoom. The Committee will receive the Auditor's required communication, review the draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and discuss the quarterly investment report. He noted that all CSC Members are welcome to attend.

X. Broward Reads Coalition Meeting Report

Senator Rich highlighted the recent meeting of the Broward Reads Coalition and referred Members to the minutes in the information packet. She noted that the draft minutes should reflect the consistent spelling of HIPPY (Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youth).

XI. Special Needs Advisory Coalition (SNAC) Report

Ms. Hixon briefly highlighted the recent meeting of the SNAC and referred Members to the minutes in the information packet. She shared that the January meeting had 50 participants from 20 organizations, and that the Coalition has increased its membership to 87. She noted that the Coalition continues to promote water safety for those with special needs, especially those with Autism. She highlighted a first-ever job fair connecting businesses with job seekers with disabilities. The Helping Industries Recruit Exceptional Employees (HIREE) will be held on March 28 at JA World. The next SNAC meeting will be held on April 17 at 9:00 A.M. at the CSC office.

XII. Funders Forum Meeting Report

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the recent Funders Forum meeting and referred Members to the minutes in the information packet. She highlighted the Care Solace presentation, which highlighted its platform that connects families to mental health providers, substance use treatment, and social services. She noted that this could be an option to consider in addressing challenges with families understanding what is available and how to access it. She pointed out that Opioid Trust Fund monies have been used in other states to provide this service.

Ms. Juarez also highlighted a presentation by CSC's Assistant Director of Planning, Diane Choi, who had been directed by the Funders Forum to gather information on youth employment programs in Broward County. Her presentation is attached to the Funders Forum meeting minutes.

XIII. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

XIV. Council Members' Roundtable

Mr. Ken King (Director of Public Affairs and Organizational Development) and Mr. Thom Mozloom (The M Network) highlighted the CSC 2026 Communications Strategy Plan. Mr. King outlined the goals of the communication strategy: increase public awareness of CSC and its funded programs, connect tax dollars to real community impact, highlight prevention and Return On Investment (ROI), and position CSC as a trusted, local leader.

Mr. King shared strategies for connecting with CSC's funded providers, including a co-branding provider toolkit to amplify the brand and build consistency. The CSC provider toolkit will include ready-to-use social media and messaging templates, ROI storytelling frameworks, clear funding acknowledgment language, and unified messaging that strengthens countywide visibility. He also shared strategies to maximize owned, earned, and paid media.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 A.M.



Nan Rich, Secretary

MEETING ATTENDEES (* Denotes Speaker)

| Name | Organization |
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| Traci Schweitzer | Department of Children & Families |
| Mark Reyes | Urban League of Broward County |
| Thom Mozloom* | The M Network |
| Donna Lavallo | Smith Community Health |
| Otto Valenzuela | Hispanic Unity of Florida |
| Alison Rodriguez | YMCA of South Florida |
| Joy Oglesby | Leadership Broward |
| Eugenia Nikitina | Broward County |
| Elizabeth Dorante | Hispanic Unity of Florida |
| Paqui Chinga | Legal Aid – Homeless Prevention Program |
| Monica King | Broward Healthy Start Coalition |
| Hudelaine R. Deus | City of West Park |
| Walter Honaman* | Legal Aid |

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

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| LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME <i>Hepburn - Howard</i> | NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE <i>Children's Services Council of Broward County</i> |
| MAILING ADDRESS <i>600 SE 3rd Ave., 10th Floor</i> | THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY |
| CITY COUNTY <i>Fort Lauderdale Broward</i> | NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: _____ |
| DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED <i>February 19, 2026</i> | MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE |

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

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Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing the reverse side and filing the form.

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A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which inures to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also is prohibited from knowingly voting on a measure which inures to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Howard Hepburn, hereby disclose that on February 19, 2026:

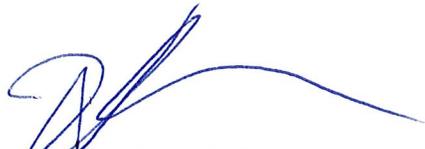
(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of Broward Education Foundation (BEF), by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

I abstained from the Broward Education Foundation (BEF) Sponsorship contained within Agenda Item IX.c., "Approve CSC Monthly Purchases," as I serve on the Board of the Broward Education Foundation.

February 19, 2026
Date Filed


Signature

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Debra Hixon
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