

## 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

May 21, 2026

9:30 A.M.

### **Minutes**

#### **Council Members in Physical Attendance:**

Judge Lauren M. Alperstein, Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, School Board Member Debra Hixon, Governor Appointee Julia Musella, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich, DCF Child Protection Director Robert Shea, Health Department Director Paula Thaqi, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood (*Chair*)

#### **Council Members Absent:**

School Superintendent Howard Hepburn

#### **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, Akil Edwards, Jimmy Jean, Felina Rosales-Furer, Keyonia Lawson, Michelle Hagues-Fullwood, Trisha Dowell, Pooja Yajnik, Shira Fowlkes, Leslie Saca, TaiQuay Bogle, Julie Toscano, Shaquoia Wilson, Kyle Jones, Karen Franceschini, Demetria Rawls, Shawanda Spencer, Deidre-Ann Burrell, Julie-Ann Waweru, Madeline Jones, Erin Byrne, S. Lorenzo Benaine, Horace Summers, Marissa Aquino, Gabi Tabib, Carlos Campos, Diego Alvarez, Jessica Rincon, Fern Phillip, Lynn Kalmes, Maya Berryhill-Porter, Radoika Pilarte, Ileana Blanco, Valencia McConnico-Bell, Kandyss Torrence, Gaby Carbonell, Jonathan Corado, Yolanda Meadows, Florence Ukpai, Maxine Goldson, Travis Johnson, Priscilla Cole, Nicolette Picardi, Shantigra Williams, Rhonda Morrison, Cecil Arbiza-Rivera, Natalie Gomes, Brooke Sherman, Arturo Parham, Cristina Castellanos, Jheanelle Henry, Melissa Soza, Andria Dewson, Amber Gross, Latora Steel, Tabitha Bush, Kim Reid, Alexia Bridges, Astrid Cantos, Ashley Brooks, Ashley Cole, Jill Denis-Lay, Liza Khan, Silke Angulo, Roxanne Smith, Zoe Lewis, Jennifer Fletcher, Nancy Adjohan, Celeste Freixas, Mina Razavi, Ivy Pierre, Camila Mathieson, Youseline Jean Baptiste, Maryanne Rodriguez

#### **Guests in Attendance:**

See Attachment 1

## Agenda:

### I. Call to Order

Chair Jeffrey S. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M.

### II. Roll Call

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

### III. Chair's Report

#### Moment to Arrive

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

### IV. President's Report

#### a) Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted activities related to Mental Health Awareness Month, including accepting a proclamation from the Broward County Commission, and a Children's Mental Health Day event hosted by a Broward Partnerships for Kids (BPK) Committee. The BPK event was well attended and featured a panel that shared strategies and resources from lived experiences to support caregivers and family resilience.

CSC held Summer Resource Fairs at North Lauderdale Elementary School, Coral Springs Middle School, and Hollywood Hills High School. These events brought together CSC-funded providers, schools, and community partners directly in the neighborhoods, making it easier for families to access services in one place.

BPK recently hosted its inaugural Meet & Greet at the CSC Office, with 70 members and committee chairs from agencies across Broward County in attendance. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that a video of the event was running on the screens before the meeting. She credited Ms. Diane Choi (Assistant Director of Planning) with the successful reinvigoration and 150% growth of what was previously known as the Children's Strategic Plan. She explained that BPK is the way for the community to connect to solve problems for kids, and it also informs CSC funding.

Another BPK Subcommittee recently hosted a Community Baby Shower, of which CSC was one of the sponsors. More than 200 expectant parents attended and enjoyed workshops on water safety and safe sleep.

The annual Countdown to Kindergarten event, a Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) partnership, was recently held at The Parker for upcoming Kindergarten students and their families to experience what to expect in Kindergarten.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the Cox Media Group Water (CMG) Safety Day held at TY Park in Hollywood. This family event focused on the importance of water watchers and teaching children how to swim. The event was well attended, and CMG is very excited to partner on similar events throughout the County.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer had the honor of presenting the Children's Services Council TIL System of Care Hero Award to Mark and Tiffani Dhooge at the recent FLITE Center Heroes Luncheon. The luncheon was dedicated to the memory of Cara Malave.

Kim Reid (Programs Manager) was recently invited by FLIPANY's President & CEO, Lynne Kunins, to serve alongside her on a panel at the Food Research & Action Center's National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference in Washington, DC. The panel, "Expanding Nutrition Access: How Grassroots Partners and Community Collaborations Increase Afterschool and Summer Meals," highlighted how a strong funder-provider partnership expanded the reach, quality, and sustainability of afterschool and summer meal programs across Broward County and demonstrated how this approach can serve as a model for other communities.

Chief Programs Officer Maria Juarez represented CSC on the panel "Funding Close to Home: Unlocking County Grant Opportunities for Nonprofits." This community workshop, hosted by the City of Miramar, equipped nonprofit leaders and managers with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to identify, pursue, and successfully apply for grant funding through the Community Foundation of Broward, the CSC, and United Way of Broward County. Participants gained a clear understanding of how grants work, where to find them, and how to align programs with grant priorities.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared how CSC funding impacts the City of Sunrise and its residents at a recent City of Sunrise Commission meeting.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer also served on the Social Impact Investing Panel at the recent Community Reinvestment Alliance of Florida (CRAF) Summit. The Summit focused on community reinvestment, business development, social impact investing, and the power of partnership. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer discussed CSC's return on Broward taxpayers' investment in children and families.

OIC of South Florida recently recognized CSC as a Foundational Builder at its Partnership Appreciation Breakfast, which kicked off its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and honored partners who helped shape its impact across South Florida.

b) Legislative Update

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that the state budget has not yet passed, but it appears to be getting closer. She shared that there may be some good news in the budget, with allocations for a new juvenile detention center in Broward and funding for Eagles' Haven, with this year likely being its last for state funding. It's also anticipated that the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) will receive level funding. She stated it is still unclear whether there will be anything related to property taxes on the November ballot.

V. Consent Agenda

- a) April 2026 Council Minutes
- b) CSC Impact Summit 2027
- c) Broward Children's Center Supporting Foundation, Inc.
- d) Additional Funds for the Public Awareness Collateral Plan
- e) Additional FY 25/26 Sponsorship Funding
- f) New Equipment Tracking Threshold for Providers
- g) Budget Amendments & Interim Financial Statements
- h) Managed Fund Quarterly Report
- i) Managed Fund Monthly Statements
- j) CSC Monthly Purchases

**ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion contained approval of the April 16, 2026, Council meeting minutes; approval of the overall projected budget for the 2027 Summit, along with the sponsorship framework and levels, and the authorization of The Agency Ally to contract with the Diplomat Beach Resort as the venue, including deposits; approval of the Broward Children's Center Supporting Foundation, Inc., as the Fiscal Sponsor for Broward Children's Center Inc. for the MOST and Family Strengthening Tri-Party Agreement; approval of additional Funds for the Public Awareness**

**Collateral Plan; approval of an additional \$74,000 in sponsorship funding for FY 25-26, including \$20,000 for high-impact sponsorships and \$54,000 for general sponsorships, to support continued community visibility, engagement, and participation in mission-aligned community events through the remainder of the fiscal year; approval of the new equipment tracking threshold for providers; approval of budget amendments and interim financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2026; acceptance of the Managed Fund Quarterly Performance Report for the period ending March 31, 2026; acceptance of the monthly statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for April 30, 206; and approval of CSC monthly/annual purchases, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.**

VI. Chief Programs Officer Report

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the New DAY Requests for Proposals (RFP) Rating Committee recommendations. She pointed out that Ms. Traci Schweitzer (DCF) was erroneously omitted from the rater list in the meeting packet.

**ACTION: Ms. Hixon made a motion to approve the New DAY RFP Rating Committee Recommendations, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Alperstein and passed with no opposing votes. Dr. Thompson was not in the room for the vote.**

VII. Public General/Non-Budget Comments

There were none.

VIII. Council Members' General/Non-Budget Comments

There were none.

IX. For Your Information

Chair Wood referred Members to the information in the meeting packet.

- a) Read for the Record 2026 Final Report
- b) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- c) SNAC Meeting Minutes
- d) Funders Forum Meeting Minutes
- e) Community Impact

f) Attendance Report

X. FY 26-27 Program Budget Discussion

a) Setting the Stage

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that staff recommendations in the proposed program budget were based on the Council's core mission, previous Council discussions, program performance, persistent staff vacancies, Results Based Accountability (RBA), integration with other funders, emerging community issues, community input from BPK, the impact of potential federal and state funding cuts, and property tax reform.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted various aspects of the proposed budget:

1. While actual property tax numbers are not known before July 1, staff is anticipating utilizing an estimated \$6.8 million of property value growth, along with an additional \$2.3 million from the Fund Balance, to responsibly expand the budget.
2. The Council will consider either a 3% or 4% proposed Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) across nearly all CSC-funded programs. Staff's program budget proposal includes a 3% COLA for FY 26/-27, but an additional 1% has also been included as requested at the last Council meeting. This would be an added cost of \$806,716. The Council will decide on the COLA for program budgets toward the end of the Retreat.
3. In anticipation of receiving \$1 million in leverage requests, staff have included a \$5 million Unallocated pool in the proposed budget.
4. The Federal Promise Neighborhood (PN) Grant expires on December 31, 2026. The estimated cost to continue the programs through September 30, 2027, is \$2.4 million, including \$1.6 million for subcontractors and \$800,000 for staff salaries, fringe benefits, and administrative costs. To date, \$1.2 million in Unallocated and Carry-Forward grant funds are available to help offset the cost of the extension, resulting in an estimated CSC impact of \$1.2 million. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that PN staff have been extremely effective with the community Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) work and evaluating impact. She further explained that, while Grant staff were hired with the understanding that it would be a two-year agreement, she would like to retain them through the end of FY 26-27 so they remain focused on the important Grant work rather than searching for jobs.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer reviewed the projected CSC Budget for FY 26-27, noting that the proposed program budget with a 4% COLA is \$146,750,051, and that the estimated total proposed budget is \$172,267,545.

b) Overview/Council Discussion/Public Comment, Per Tab

Senator Rich commended staff for their incredible work on the budget book/proposal.

**Intro – CSC Leadership**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the CSC Leadership area, noting that this is a new intro section that previously appeared as Tab 19 (collective impact, data) at the end of the Budget Book. This area includes BPK, with about 30 different community committees, as well as CSC's ABCD and Community Participatory Action Research (CPAR) work.

She explained that the small reduction in A Little Help Never Hurt (ALHNN) is due to the contract expiring at the end of the PN Grant. Staff plans to then release an ABCD RFP, for which ALHNN will have the opportunity to apply.

**Tab 1 Maternal & Child Health**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Maternal & Child Health program area, noting that while these are cutting-edge initiatives, more needs to be done. This area includes the Mothers Overcoming Maternal Stress (MOMS), Safe Sleep, Healthy Families, and Nurse-Family Partnership programs. She pointed out a decline in Broward County's birth rate. She shared that many cribs were distributed and that the Nurse-Family Partnership program is doing well.

**Tab 2 Family Supports**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Family Supports program area, which focuses on prevention and is CSC's largest funding area. This area includes Family Strengthening programs, Kinship programs, Supervised Visitation programs, and HEAL Trauma/other trauma services programs. She shared that two Family Support RFPs will be released next year.

She pointed out that the maltreatment rates are declining, as well as the number of calls to the hotline, although there has been an uptick this year. She noted that Family Strengthening services are doing better this year and are needed.

She shared that the HEAL Trauma area recently had a new RFP, so some of the new provider contracts have been deferred until they have enough service

delivery data to evaluate. Those contracts will come to the Council for consideration in August. She noted that they are all doing well and are on track.

### **Tab 3 Child Welfare Supports**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Child Welfare Supports program area, which includes Adoption and Legal Supports services, noting that these programs are doing an amazing job.

Two youth spoke about the value of their court-appointed attorneys and the positive impact they had on their lives.

Ms. Foganholi departed the room and joined the meeting virtually.

Walter Honaman, Legal Aid Service of Broward County, spoke about the impact of the Legal Supports program on the lives of the youth they serve. He thanked the Council for being both programmatically and fiscally responsive to the community.

Dr. Thaqi engaged in conversation with Mr. Honaman to determine if there were more children in the dependency system who could benefit from these services and the capacity of Legal Aid to serve them at this time.

Dr. Thaqi requested that, if Legal Aid can fill the remaining legal vacancies and build capacity, this program be considered for further growth out of Unallocated as the need grows, with the goal of increasing representation to 100% of eligible youth. She asked to be updated on the progress with legal recruitment and youth needs.

### **Tab 4 Economic Self-Sufficiency**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Economic Self-Sufficiency program area, noting that hunger remains an issue and that, while positive progress had been made in reducing child poverty, the number has increased significantly after COVID. She briefly highlighted some of the CSC-funded hunger programs addressing this issue, including the Mobile School Pantry, Harvest Drive, and Summer BreakSpot. She noted that the proposed budget includes stipends for Seniors who serve as pantry distribution workers who work in the Community Enhancement Collaboration program.

She noted that since the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program results are not yet available, it will be deferred.

Walter Honaman, Legal Aid Service of Broward County, pointed out that if families with children are prevented from becoming homeless, there is a lower

risk of them entering the child welfare system. He thanked the Council for its prevention work.

### **Tab 5 Water Safety**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Water Safety program, which includes the swim coupons and water safety instruction for preschool and school-aged children through Swim Central. She noted that the DOH water safety contract is being deferred pending federal and state budget decisions to determine how much CSC funding is needed.

### **Tab 6 Literacy & Early Education**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Literacy & Early Education program area, noting that Broward is doing better than the rest of the state, but that we are still falling way short of where we want to be. She stated that our commitment to literacy remains strong and that CSC has increased literacy outreach and book distribution throughout the County. She touched upon the proposed increase of Story Walks in Broward Reads in Your City parks.

Christine Klima, ELC, stressed the importance and impact of CSC's ELC funding in reaching as many kids as possible in Broward County, noting that the wait list moves quickly. She shared that they are serving 5,000 more kids than before COVID and that CSC's funding and flexibility have enabled them to problem-solve and respond to changes at the state level.

Monica King, Healthy Start Coalition, thanked the CSC and ELC for the vulnerable population services for high-risk families, noting that the Healthy Start team assists families in connecting to these services during their many home visits.

### **Tab 7 School Health**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the School Health program area over the years, noting that nurses are now in schools with higher needs, not just elementary schools.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer gauged Members' desire to continue funding nurses in schools with the highest needs, despite some elementary schools not having a nurse.

Dr. Thaqi clarified that RNs are assigned to the highest-risk schools identified by the School Board, following a risk-based model.

Ms. Hixon added that nurses are in schools where an IEP is required. She noted that more are needed, but funds are lacking. It was noted that an additional 46 schools are in need.

Ms. Hixon and Ms. Musella requested that more school nurses be added to the budget wish list. Ms. Hixon agreed that a risk model makes sense and is what she would prefer. She noted that the School District is also exploring creative ways to address the need and is working with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital to determine what is possible.

Ms. Musella stressed the long-term importance of this issue.

### **Tab 8 Elementary School Initiatives Out-of-School Time (Inclusion)**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Elementary School Out-of-School Time program area, pointing out that these programs were just voted on last month and had been expanded at that time. She shared that the afterschool programs are doing great and are extremely important. She explained that Florida International University's (FIU) Reading Explorers program is outside the RFP and that, while the budget book omitted the deferral, the summary sheet is correct in noting it is deferred pending its summer performance.

### **Tab 9 Out-of-School Time Special Needs & Respite Initiatives**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Out-of-School Time Special Needs & Respite Initiatives program area, noting that these programs were approved by the Council last month.

### **Tab 10 Middle School Initiatives**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Middle School Initiatives, noting improvement in the number of kids absent 15 days or more, but acknowledging that it's still high. She shared that 6.1% of Broward middle school students failed two or more courses, and that 4.6% of total Broward middle school incidents reported in SY 23-24 were bullying-related. She pointed out a few referrals and some reductions due to changes at the school sites.

### **Tab 11 High School Initiatives**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the High School Initiatives, which consist of LEAP High and youth employment programs. She noted these programs have dramatically expanded, especially the employment programs. She pointed out improvement in the number of students with two failing grades, but acknowledged it's still too high and that it is being addressed through our afterschool programs. She noted a lower student-to-Success Coach ratio.

She shared that CareerSource is leveraging CSC funds with Broward cities to serve more youth.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that Bridge2Life has been doing extremely well, with more programming and outreach.

Arlene Connelly, OIC of South Florida, thanked the Council for its forward-thinking approach to creating access and elevating employment, noting that youth's salaries provide additional support to families trying to survive in South Florida. She stated that CSC is strengthening families through its youth employment programs. She thanked the Council for making this happen.

### **Tab 12 Special Needs – Supported Training & Employment Program (STEP)**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Special Needs Supportive Training and Employment Program (STEP) area, noting that these programs offer teens with disabilities opportunities to learn a skill, receive life coaching, and learn to live independently. She stated that she is proud of this innovation and is thrilled that it has continued to grow and thrive. For FY 24-25, it served 276 students during the school year and 279 during the summer.

She corrected a typo related to the United Community Options (UCO) contract, stating that a reduction of 8 youth year-round, as noted in the Budget Book, is the correct number, not the 16 noted on the Summary Sheet.

### **Tab 13 Healthy Youth Transitions & Independent Living**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Healthy Youth Transitions & Independent Living program area, noting that this is a strong system of care for young people aging out of Foster Care. She shared that the providers serve these young people with such heart and compassion, not only providing services to help them cope with being in care but also offering life coaches who are a steady presence that keeps them going. She pointed out that CSC Broward is the only CSC working in this space. She shared that fewer kids are exiting care without permanency, but it still happens.

### **Tab 14 Delinquency Diversion**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the Delinquency Diversion program area, noting that these programs were just approved earlier in the meeting.

### **Tab 15 Children's Health Insurance Outreach (KidCare)**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the Children's Health Insurance Outreach area, noting that more and more children are uninsured. She shared that DOH does a great job of outreach, but that the eligibility criteria makes more difficult to qualify. Staff are recommending level funding.

### **Tab 16 Simplified Point of Entry**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the Simplified Point of Entry program area, noting that 2-1-1 is receiving significantly more calls and website hits. She shared that they are undergoing a leadership change with a new CEO who has recently started. Staff are recommending level funding with a COLA.

### **Tab 17 Public & Community Awareness & Advocacy**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Public & Community Awareness & Advocacy program area, which experienced explosive growth over the last two years, with additional outreach specialists added to ensure that Broward residents were aware of CSC and its services and resources. A recent M Network study found that many residents were unaware of the CSC and were upset that they didn't know about it or how to access its services. That resulted in increased funding for outreach through both earned and paid media. For next year, the focus will be on realignment of the budget, with some innovations and changes. The contract is deferred until those innovations and changes are finalized.

She also noted an increase in sponsorship funding to address increased demand.

Dr. Thaqi asked why there was only a small increase in community awareness if surveys and focus groups showed low awareness. She suggested that staff have more conversations with M Network to see if more needs to be done.

Grace Ramos, The M Network, explained that the funds for M Network are for paid media, such as billboards, digital media, and social media. She stated that they will continue to evaluate along the way to ensure effectiveness, especially in strategically balancing the promotion of initiatives and CSC.

### **Tab 18 Capacity Building**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Capacity Building program area, noting that it was being expanded next year due to increased demand.

c) Council Consensus on Program Budget & Wish List

Members reviewed the program budget and the wish list created during the meeting.

**ACTION: Consensus was gained for the proposed FY 26-27 Draft Budget and wish list/follow-up items. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that staff will bring follow-up and wish list items to the Joint Finance/PPC meeting in early June for recommendations to the full Council at its monthly meeting on June 18.**

d) Tentative FY 26-27 Program Budget

**ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the Tentative FY 26-27 Program Budget, as presented on the FY 26-27 Budget Summary Worksheet. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musella and passed with no opposing votes. Dr. Thompson was not in the room for the vote.**

**ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve a 4% COLA for CSC-funded providers in FY 26-27, as presented on the FY 26-27 Budget Summary Worksheet. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musella and passed with no opposing votes. Dr. Thompson was not in the room for the vote.**

e) FY 26-27 Program Renewals

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that if specific programs within the goal/tab areas were identified as being deferred on the summary sheet and in the budget book, they were not being approved at this time, and that the following votes would not include them. The Council will consider those deferred in the months leading up to the new Fiscal Year, which starts on October 1, 2026.

**ACTION: Judge Alperstein made a motion to approve the FY 26-27 program contract renewals, as presented in the Budget Summary/Budget Book, for Tabs Intro-18, minus the DOH School Health Contract in Tab 7- School Health, the Broward Education Foundation/Bridge2Life Contract in Tab 11- High School Initiatives, the DOH KidCare Contract in Tab 15- Children's Health Insurance outreach/KidCare, and the BECON Contract in Tab 17- Public & Community Awareness & Advocacy. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes. Dr. Thompson was not in the room for the vote.**

**ACTION: Judge Alperstein made a motion to approve the FY 26-27 DOH School Health and KidCare Contract renewals in Tabs 7 and 15, as presented in the Budget Summary/Budget Book. The motion was seconded by Senator Rich and passed with no opposing votes and an**

abstention from Dr. Thaqi, who submitted the attached voting conflict form. Dr. Thompson was not in the room for the vote.

**ACTION:** Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the FY 26-27 Broward Education Foundation/Bridge2Life Contract renewal in Tab 11 and the BECON Contract renewal in Tab 17, as presented in the Budget Summary/Budget Book. The motion was seconded by Judge Alperstein and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Ms. Hixon, who submitted the attached voting conflict forms. Dr. Thompson was not in the room for the vote.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 P.M. with a motion from Dr. Thaqi and a second from Ms. Hixon.



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Nan Rich, Secretary

MEETING ATTENDEES (\* Denotes Speaker)

Name	Organization
Renee Jaffe	Early Learning Coalition of Broward County
Donna Lavallo	Christina G. Smith Community Health Foundation, Inc.
Walter Honaman*	Legal Aid Service
Allie Martinez	Junior Achievement of South Florida
Gloria Moschella	Broward State Attorney's Office
Hilary Winiger	Museum of Discovery and Science
Amy Moore	Early Learning Coalition of Broward County
Denissa F.	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Beatriz Moure	Legal Aid Service of Broward County
Laurie Sallarulo	Junior Achievement of South Florida
Yvonne Pubien	GIFT
Lee R.	Advocate
Robin Neese	CHSFL
Crystal Dernier	CHS
Hudelaine Deus	City of West Park
Milena Brunet	Pace
Dean Vines	OIC
Reggie Printemps	OIC – SFL
Gregory Noel	OIC of South Florida
Nelson Estrada	BSO Community Justice Program
Aurora Colindres	Power for Good Consulting

Name	Organization
Paqui Chinga	Homeless Prevention Program
Frandy Jean-Baptiste	OIC of South Florida
Christine Heft	Memorial Healthcare System
Alison Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Andy Fernandez	Firewall Centers
Jessica Boxer	Legal Aid
Regine Kanzki	Broward Healthy Start Coalition
Jean-Robert Menard	Broward Healthy Start Coalition
Monica King*	Broward Healthy Start Coalition
Savannah Miller	Museum of Discovery and Science, Inc.
Kayla Joseph	Merrell United Methodist Preschool
Jennifer Saint Louis	Arc Broward
Monti Larsen-Theriot	Florida Alliance of Children's Councils and Trusts (FACCT)
Michele Fernandez	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Harrison Grandwilliams	Broward County Commission
Shawn Preston	Arc Broward
Traci Schweitzer	Department of Children and Families
Arlene Connelly*	OIC of South Florida
Christine Klima*	Early Learning Coalition of Broward
Fallon Johnson	Urban League
Mark Reyes	Urban League
Grace Ramos*	The M Network



**APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)**

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**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, Paula Thaqi, hereby disclose that on May 21, 20 26 :

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

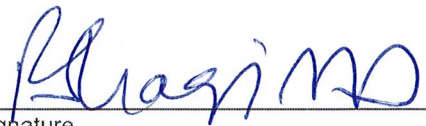
- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of Florida Department of Health in Broward County, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling 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 voting on the FY 26-27 Department of Health Contract renewals for School Health, contained within Budget Tab 7 School Health, and KidCare, contained within Budget Tab 15 KidCare, as I am Director of the Florida Department of Health in Broward County.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

May 21, 2026  
Date Filed

  
Signature

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**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, Debra Hixon, hereby disclose that on May 21, 20 26 :

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

- 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, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling 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 voting on the FY 26-27 Broward Education Foundation/Bridge2Life Program Contract renewal, contained within Budget Tab 11 High School Initiatives, as I serve on the Board of the Broward Education Foundation.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

May 21, 2026

Date Filed

Signature

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

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME <b>Hixon-Debra</b>	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE <b>Children's Services Council of Broward County</b>
MAILING ADDRESS <b>600 SE 3rd Ave.</b>	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:
CITY <b>Fort Lauderdale</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
COUNTY <b>Broward</b>	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED <b>May 21, 2026</b>	MY POSITION IS:
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

## WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

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 and filing the form.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a 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 (CRAs) 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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### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

**IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:**

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

**APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)**

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, Debra Hixon, hereby disclose that on May 21, 2026 :

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

- 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 the School Board of Broward County \_\_\_\_\_ , by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_ , which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling 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 voting on the FY 26-27 BECON Contract renewal, contained within Budget Tab 17 Public & Community Awareness & Advocacy, as BECON is a licensed television station owned by the School Board of Broward County, and I am a Broward County School Board Member.

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May 21, 2026  
Date Filed

Debra Hixon  
Signature

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