

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

Truth In Millage (T.R.I.M.) Final Public Hearing

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

September 17, 2026

5:01 P.M.

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Judge Lauren Alperstein, School Board Member Debra Hixon, Governor Appointee Julia Musella, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich, DCF Community Development Administrator Robert Shea, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood (*Chair*)

Council Members Virtual:

Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi

Council Members Absent:

School Superintendent Howard Hepburn, Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (President/CEO), David Kenton, Maria Juarez, Sue Gallagher, Dion Smith, Alicia Williams, Lisa Bayne, Kathleen Campbell, Kenneth King, Kimberly Adams Goulbourne, Marissa Greif-Hackett, Carl Dasse, Marlando Christie, Michelle Hamilton, Amy Jacques, Marissa Aquino, Angie Buchter, Yolanda Meadows, Felina Rosales-Furer, Julie-Ann Waweru, Tracy Graham, Deidre-Ann Burrell, Betty Dominguez, Shaquoia Wilson, Jimmy Jean, Johnsingh Jeyasingh, Karen Franceschini, Kim Reid, Nelson Giraldo, Akil Edwards, Jill Denis-Lay, Alexandra Lemoine, Keyonia Lawson, Latora Steel, Radoika Pilarte, Michelle Hagues-Fullwood, Melissa Soza, Jonathan Corado, Trisha Hines, Trisha Dowell, Erin Byrne, Kandyss Torrence, Alexia Bridges, S. Lorenzo Benaine, Ashley Cole, Janine DeLeon, Horace Summers, Pooja Yajnik, Jheanelle Henry, Ivy Pierre, Maya Berryhill-Porter, Fern Phillip, Jennifer Fletcher, Alexia Bridges, Andria Dewson, Tabitha Bush, Florence Ukpai, Amber Gross, Astrid Cantos, Rhonda Morrison, Brooke Sherman, Cynthia Reynoso, Shira Fowlkes, Roxanne Smith, Natalie Gomes, Travis Johnson, Gabi Tabib, Lynn Kalmes, Kyle Jones, Cristina Castellanos, Erica Ansley, Sharena Stinson, Arturo Parham, Maxine Goldson, Maryanne Rodriguez, Diane Choi, Celeste Freixas, Diego Alvarez, Shantigra Williams, Ileana Blanco, Fabiola Lagardere, Silke Angulo, Youseline Jean Baptiste, Shawanda Spencer, Liza Khan, Madeline Jones

Guests in Attendance:

Harrison Grandwilliams (Broward County Commission), Dale Mandell (HandsOn South Florida), Lauren Zuchman (Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County), Kasha Kitts (Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County), Donna Lavalley (Smith Community Mental Health), Jolene Mullins (South Florida Hunger Coalition), Larry Cooper (Children's Home Network), Sandra Einhorn (Coordinating Council of Broward), Monti Larsen (Broward County Resident), Lisa Mozloom (The M Network), Amy Lora (Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County), Joseph McCrary (Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County), Madline Noel (Madeline for Lauderhill), Gail Moore (211 Broward), Debra Heim (Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County), Thom Mozloom (The M Network), Grace Ramos (The M Network), Arlene Connelly (OIC of South Florida), Tim Dwyer (Hispanic Unity of Florida), Terrence Powell (Music is Good for the Soul, Inc.)

Agenda:

I. Millage Hearing

CSC Chair Jeffrey S. Wood called to order at 5:04 P.M. the final public hearing on the final millage rate and final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

The roll was called and a quorum was established.

Mr. Wood opened the public hearing for the adoption of the final millage rate for FY 2026-2027. He read the final millage rate of 0.4500. The said millage rate is a 4.09% increase over the Rolled-back Rate.

Attorney Garry Johnson read Resolution 2026-03 by title only.

Mr. Wood opened the floor for comments from the public regarding the final millage rate. Hearing none, he closed the public comment period and opened the floor for comments from Council members. There were none.

ACTION: Senator Rich made a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting the final millage rate of 0.4500 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member	Vote
Lauren Alperstein	Prohibited from voting on the millage rate, per statute
Alyssa Foganholi	Yes
Howard Hepburn	Absent
Debra Hixon	Yes

Julia Musella	Yes
Nan Rich	Yes
Robert Shea	Yes
Paula Thaqi	Absent
Christine Thompson	Yes
Jeffrey S. Wood	Yes

II. Budget Hearing

Mr. Wood opened the public hearing for the adoption of the final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Attorney Garry Johnson read Resolution 2026-04, by title only, adopting the final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Mr. Wood opened the floor for comments from the public regarding the final budget. Hearing none, he closed the public comment period and opened the floor for comments from Council Members. There were none.

ACTION: Senator Rich made a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting the final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member	Vote
Lauren Alperstein	Yes
Alyssa Foganholi	Yes
Howard Hepburn	Absent
Debra Hixon	Yes
Julia Musella	Yes
Nan Rich	Yes
Robert Shea	Yes
Paula Thaqi	Absent
Christine Thompson	Yes
Jeffrey S. Wood	Yes

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M., with a motion from Ms. Hixon and a second from Ms. Musella.

Signed by:

Senator Nan Rich

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Nan Rich, Secretary