Board of Directors Meeting

July 10, 2023
THE CHILDREN’S TRUST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
(IN PERSON QUORUM WITH SOME VIRTUAL ATTENDANTS)

MEETING MINUTES

The MDC Children’s Trust Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting was held on July 10, 2023, commencing at 4:01 p.m., at 3250 Southwest 3rd Avenue, United Way, Ryder Room, Miami, Florida 33129. The meeting was called to order by Kenneth Hoffman, Chair.

AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION

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BOARD MEMBER APPEARANCES:

KENNETH HOFFMAN, Chair
PAMELA HOLLINGSWORTH, Vice Chair
KAREN WELLER
LAURA ADAMS
MATTHEW ARSENAULT
BOARD MEMBER APPEARANCES, Cont.:

HON. DOROTHY BEDROSS-MINDINGALL
MORRIS COPELAND
LOURDES DIAZ
REV. RICHARD DUNN II
JACQUELINE EXCEUS
GILDA FERRADAZ
VALROSE GRAHAM
HON. KEON HARDEMON
DR. MALOU HARISON
NELSON HINCAPIE
MARISSA LEICHTER
ANNIE NEASMAN
ASHNA PAUDEL
DR. CLARA LORA OSPINA
HON. ORLANDO PRESCOTT
JAVIER REYES
LEIGH KOBIRNSKI

STAFF MEMBER APPEARANCES:

AMANDA GORSKI
AUNDRAY ADAMS
BEVONE RITCHIE
STAFF MEMBER APPEARANCES, Cont.:  

- DANIELLE BARRERAS  
- EDWARD HUDSON  
- FELIX BECERRA  
- GARNET ESTERS  
- GRETTEL SUAREZ  
- IMRAN ALI  
- JACQUES BENTOLILA  
- JAMES HAJ  
- JUANA LEON  
- JULIETTE FABIEN  
- KATHLEEN DEXTER  
- LINDSAY FRANCOIS  
- LISANNE GAGE  
- LISETE YERO  
- LORI HANSON  
- NATALIA ZEA  
- RACHEL SPECTOR  
- SEBASTIAN DEL MARMOL  
- TATIANA CANELAS  
- VICTORIA GANDUL  
- WILLIAM KIRTLAND  
- XIMENA NUNEZ  
- YULIET ALFONSO
GUEST APPEARANCES:

TANIA ANDRE
LUPE DIAZ
ROBERT QUINN
GRACE BRACAMONTE
SOLEDAD FOUCAULD
DAN BAGNER
RAYMOND DUEÑAS
BEATRICE GONZALEZ
MARK TROWBRIDGE
JULIE LUGONES
MARIA ESPINOZA
LEONIE HERMANTIN
MARK TROWBRIDGE
PROCEEDINGS

(Thereupon, the following proceedings were heard at 4:01 p.m.)

MR. HOFFMAN: Okay. Good after -- afternoon.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Good afternoon.

MR. HOFFMAN: Welcome to the July 10 meeting. We had a scheduled -- like usual, had a scheduled executive committee meeting today. Just in case we didn't get a quorum for this meeting, but we have a quorum, so we're going to cancel the executive committee meeting.

Just like to remind everyone again to turn on their microphones when they speak and turn them off when you're not speaking. And in addition, if you need to recuse yourself, please make sure and state your name and agency and the reason for recusal.

First item, I'd like to welcome our newest board member, Ashna -- I didn't ask your pronunciation, is it Paudel, Padul (phonetic)?

MS. PAUDEL: It's Paudel.

MR. HOFFMAN: Paudel, apologies. Who's a representative of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Student government. Ashna is a rising 12th grade student who attends the school for advanced studies in Kendall.
She demonstrates a strong work ethic and commitment to academic excellence and takes part in several extracurricular activities, including president of the Miami-Dade Student Government Association. And she's a founder of a Little Leaders of Tomorrow, an international organization that's focused on empowering young leaders to innovate, inspire, and influence. Welcome, Ashna, would you like to present it?

MS. PAUDEL: Thank you so much. And I'm honored to be gathered here, and I can't wait to work with you all. Thank you.

MR. HOFFMAN: Okay. Other board news, Mary Donworth, who is a representative of United Way, is no longer with United Way, so will no longer be on our board. Jim is reaching out to United Way to find out who their next representative will be, and we should know by the next meeting.

As some of you know, another director report. Some of you know Mark Trowbridge has been undergoing cancer treatments over the past two months. I communicated with Mark yesterday, and he reported that he's doing very well. He's about a quarter of the way through his chemotherapy. He
really appreciates and thanks everyone for their kind texts and notes and prayers. And he has a very positive outlook and currently expects to be back in September. I think -- is Mark on the -- is Mark on the call? Mark, if you wanted to say anything, now would be a good time.

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Well, first of all, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon, board members. And that was a great report. Thank you very much. I went through a round of chemo earlier today, and usually by the time of the day that we're at now, I'm pretty hyped up on steroids, so you get me at my best today.

And I want to say a special thank you to Matthew Arsenault and the team at Baptist and MCI. They have been taking incredibly good care of me, and this has been certainly a bit of a shock to the system. But I just can't say thank you enough to everybody, not only around the table today for your well wishes, kindness and wonderful words, but for the uplifting spirit that you have instilled in me. So, great to see all of you and great to be with you today. Thank you.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thanks, Mark, and thanks for joining us. Jim will have announcements at the
end, but I just wanted to remind our board members that there will be no meeting in August. In September, we have two trim meetings, and they're very important because we need quorums. We need a special quorum for the second meeting. So, please, the first trim meeting is on September 11th, which immediately follows our regular board meeting. A week later, on September 18th, there's a second trim meeting. It's about a half-hour meeting, 45-minute meeting. So, please, everybody, put those on their calendar and make sure and attend.

With that, are there any public comments?

MS. LEON: There are no public comments, Mr. Chair.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you. So, I'll turn it over to Karen Weller, our secretary, for the approval of the minutes of the last board meeting.

MS. WELLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Board of directors met on June the 12th of 2023. The minutes of the meeting can be found on Pages 5 and 6 for your review.

Could I please have a motion of acceptance for these meetings -- minutes?

MS. HARRISON: I vote, Harrison.

MS. WELLER: Thank you and a second?
MS. NEASMAN: I'll second.

MS. WELLER: And thank you. All those in favor?

(Chorus of aye.)

MS. WELLER: Opposed? The motion carries.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you. Let's see, we done -- we already did the welcome of our new board member. So, we'll move on to the appreciation for Karen Weller. Karen, it's going to be -- I think we talked about this at a recent board meeting. It's going to be difficult to see you go. You've been here for most of my career on the Board, so we're happy to have had your service. So, sorry to see you retiring, but we're looking forward to your next adventure. Right, Jim?

MR. HAJ: Karen, thank you -- thank you for what you've done to this community and your role and your years on your board and the last several years as an officer. You should be exceptionally proud of your career and what you've done for the community and the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

So, we appreciate you. We have a small token of our appreciation, and we wish you the very best as you enjoy your retirement and you enjoy your
grandchildren. Thank you.

MR. HOFFMAN: Not used to having the outgoing board members already at the table, but can certainly speak from yours.

MS. WELLER: I just want to say thank you to everybody. This has been a truly a pleasure and a work that I do from the heart because children and families is something that -- that I've always done in my entire career, so it's been truly a pleasure to -- to be on this board, to actually see the work. I was just telling a -- my fellow board member here that, they see the work actually being done, not only from what we do here, but out in the community, even to my own grand -- my own grandchildren participating and -- and being a part of this.

So, I'm going to miss everyone, but I will still be in the community. And thank you so much. The work we do here is so important, and I'm -- I'm so honored to have been able to be a part of this board. Thank you.

MR. HOFFMAN: Okay. Dan Bagner, the committee chair of our nominating committee is -- is sick today, so I'm going to turn it over to Gilda to give the nominating committee report.
MS. FERRADAZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The nominating committee may -- met on June the 29th to interview clients, to fill the at-large vacancy that was created by Victor Diaz-Herman's resignation, and to recommend a candidate to fill the vacancy being created by Karen Weller, who is retiring from the Department of Health at the end of the month. We wish Victor and Karen all the best and thank them for their service to the board.

Karen leaving the Board created a vacancy for the secretary of the board. Jim sent an e-mail on May the 16th soliciting nominations for the position. And board member Marissa Leichter expressed interest in the position and, as well, two board members also nominated her. So, the committee is recommending that Marissa be appointed as secretary of the board.

May I get a motion to approve this recommendation by the nominating committee?

MR. NELSON: So moved.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Second.

MS. FERRADAZ: Thank you. Any discussion?

All those in favor.

(Chorus of aye.)

MS. FERRADAZ: Any opposed? Thank you.
Congratulations, Marissa. You want to say anything?

MR. HOFFMAN: You've been conscripted.

MS. LEICHTER: What?

MR. HOFFMAN: You've been conscripted.

MS. FERRADAZ: Do you want to say anything?

MS. LEICHTER: No. I mean, I guess, it's -- it's time. It's, you know, evolution. And -- and I'm very sad to see Karen go. And I feel like we came on around the same time, and it's going to be weird not having you, but thank you again for -- for everything. And I hope I can pronounce everyone's names as well as you do when I have to take roll call in September. But thanks, everyone. It means a lot to me for -- for -- to get two fellow nominations, as well, so thank you.

MS. FERRADAZ: Thank you, Marissa.

Additionally, the pending at-large vacancy was advertised from May 16th through June the 6th, 2023 and had seven applications. The nominating committee decided to interview all seven of these candidates. After interviews, the committee overwhelmingly voted to recommend to the Board Jacqueline Exceus to fill the vacancy.

Jacqueline is presently serving as a
prevention education and training specialist at Christie House. Prior to that, she was the regional organizing director for the National Urban League. Jacqueline is part of the Florida National University as a faculty professor since the summer of 2020.

Born in Miami with parents from Haiti, Jacqueline is oriented on all the Caribbean diasporas in the US, earning a Master’s of Science and Criminal Justice and a Certificate of Forensic Technology Investigations from Nova Southeastern University in 2011.

As a retired crime scene investigator with over ten years of experience working in the City of Miami Police Department, in the City of Miramar Police Department, and the -- and in the Miami County Medical Examiners' Department, Jacqueline has a great passion for investigation, and she enjoys lecturing as well.

Can I please get a motion to approve Jacqueline Exceus to fill the -- at-large position on the Board, effective July 10th, 2023?

MR. PRESCOTT: First --

MS. LEICHTER: Second, Leichter.

MS. FERRADAZ: Any discussion? Okay, all
those in favor?

(Chorus of aye.)

MS. FERRADAZ: Any opposed? The motion passes. I believe Jacqueline is here with us today. Like to join us at the table, Jacqueline?

MS. EXCEUS: Yes.

MS. FERRADAZ: I'd like to thank the committee members for -- for all their work in -- in getting these nominations and these interviews. So, thank you, Mr. Chair.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you and thank the nominating committee for -- for the good work that they did. It's -- we did get a great pool of applicants. We interviewed, I think, seven people in total last week and -- or two weeks ago. And it was -- it was really exciting to see both Jacqueline and -- and -- and her passion for becoming involved as well as some of the other people.

Jacqueline, you're welcome to say anything if you'd like, or --

MS. EXCEUS: Yes. I would like to first off by saying thank you to everyone and thank you for the nominee. It's actually such a pleasure to be a part of this committee and to be such with great
honorees. And I want to congratulate you, Marissa, as well, on your secretary. And thank you, Karen, for all the hard work you've done as well.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you. And with that, I'll turn it over to the Finance and Operations Committee, Matthew Arsenault.

MR. ARSENAULT: Thank you. On June 29th, the Finance and Operations Committee met, and I'm going to hand over for the first topic of discussion to Will and Jim.

MR. HAJ: Yeah. Matt, thank you. So, there's a recommendation that came from the Finance Committee for the half mill -- stay at the half millage rate for this year coming forward. Just a couple of highlights for the 23/24 proposed budget.

Our total budget of program services for the fiscal year of 23/24 is $207,295,548. And just to give a little glimpse, in 2017, we were funding programs at 122 million. So, going into next year, we're looking at 207 million, which is a delta of 80 -- $85 million per year, so we're in a much different space than we were in 2017. We have $85 million additional supporting this children and families of this community.

Compared to the final year of the major
funding cycle that just ended, the Trust increases contracted services by 35 million annually and 175 million over the five-year cycle. The Board priorities that drove the funding increases coming out of the last three board retreats and that was approved the last six months with all the solicitations coming down the pike was parenting at 7.9 million, early childcare at 5.5 million. Our largest portfolio is the youth development or after school and summer programs, with an additional 19.5 million. Health and wellness for 960,000 and $1,000,000 for the infrastructure support.

In 2017, we're also hovering around 10 percent administrative costs. We are now at 5.81. Every year, we have been lowering that administrative cost. This is an all-time low for the Trust.

The second page of the PowerPoint is the revenues in the millage scenarios. So, the Miami-Dade property appraiser reported their final assessed tax role at $427,809,390,459 as of July 1st. For the Trust to sustain the best practices in a financial position and support our current level of funding plus the additional funding for services, the proposed millage rate coming out of the finance committee was a millage
rate of a half mill, 0.5 mill.

For the average homeowner, it's a $75 bill on their property tax, which is a $7.17 increase from last year. We are staying -- with the recommendation to stay at the same half mill as last year, but since property values went up, that would increase it by $7.17. It also increased our fund balance and bring total trim revenues to $203,209,460.

One of the asks from the Finance Committee two months ago or last month was would the additional funds, where would the needs be? And be -- going back, looking at the three strategic plans with -- with the Board through the retreats was an additional 5 million and divide by five scholarships. Just to remind everybody here, we have $24 million in need. There's 2,400 kids on the wait list. This cannot alleviate the wait list, but we're looking at all types of partnerships, private, public, to see, to bring additional funds in early childcare.

The book club memberships for a book club we're funding right now at 40,000, it went up to 47. We had to shut it down. This will allow us to continue, open it back up and continue to grow it.
Health and wellness, we're starting next week on our -- our subcommittee to look at school health. We're currently in half the public schools and we want to look at all schools, including charter, private, and how to serve children and families in this community. And the summer youth internship, which we have a results in front of you for next summer, to increase $500,000.

And the last slide is a chart that you have seen. I want to tee it up, then kick it over to Bill, our Chief Financial Officer. So, this chart -- for those new board members, this was similar to the last cycle. We had a five-year chart. We started our last five-year cycle with a fund balance close to $70 million. We put additional funding into the community, reduced the millage rate, and drew our -- and hit our target. We had a five-year projection and it went exceptionally well and we hit our target.

So, we're looking now, in the snapshot in front of you, is the next five years. We're starting a brand new five-year cycle. The next three months, the contracts start with all our providers starting 23/24. If you see the -- the -- the gray line, the dotted line that goes
horizontal, sort of fund balance line, and our fund balance is at 50,745,000.

Over the next five years, we can draw it down in a sustained, prudent manner. And if you also look, by adopting the half million this year, it puts us in great financial shape to start the five-year cycle, and then reduces the taxpayer effect 24, 25, 25, 26. If you see, we have rollback rates with a six, seven increase in the last year to go back to rollback rate. These are all projections. I want to tee it up to Bill to just review this chart a little more detail.

MR. KIRTLAND: Thank you, Jim. I can't quite hear myself. It's a -- it's a new system in here, right? Okay. It sounds great. So, I just wanted to go over a couple of the changes from the last month that we all met and wanted to highlight the fact that we don't have significant or material changes to the plan that was presented last month during June.

It's always a bit of a timing crunch and a dance to bring the numbers to both the committee and the Board during June and July. But this year, the numbers that we get from the property appraiser's office were very accurate during the
month of June as far as the estimated total value
of the county.

So, we went into our planning sessions with
both the committee and here at the Board with very
similar numbers that you see here today. We
projected around 12.1 percent growth, or 12.1
percent growth was provided to us as a projection
from the county appraiser's office last month, and
during the month of July, when we received the
final notice, that percentage increase only went up
to 12.6 percent.

So, we didn't get any information or -- or --
or information that would alter the course of the
original plan that was presented and discussed
during committee meetings in the Board meeting last
month. So, here we are, with a very similar
outcomes and projected revenues, expenditures, and
fund balance that we were looking at a month ago.

MR. HAJ: Matt, thank you.

MR. ARESENAULT: So, with that, I guess we'll
just go into, now, the resolutions that are up for
approval of this and then have opportunity for
discussion of that. So, the first is the Board
acceptance, the recommendation of the Finance and
Operations Committee to set the FY, fiscal year
2023, '24, proposed millage rate of 0.5 mills, which is the equivalent of $0.5 per $1,000 of property tax value in Miami-Dade County.

Do I have a motion?

MS. NEASMAN: So moved, --

MR. DUNN: Second.

MR. ARESENAULT: Any discussion or comment?

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: All right. You have to have recusals. Recusals.

MR. ARESENAULT: Any recusals? Any recusals on the -- on the millage rate?

MS. KOBRINSKI: Yes.

MR. ARESENAULT: Okay. Any recusals?

MS. KOBRINSKI: Judge Prescott?

MR. PRESCOTT: No, thank you for reminding me.


(A chorus of ayes.)


The second -- there's an -- there's an update to the numbers that are -- were posted on the agenda, so I'll read them out to everybody as part of that. So, the -- the -- the -- the current
motion is the Board accepts the recommendation of
the Finance and Operations Committee to propose the
fiscal year 2023, '24 preliminary budget -- budget
including estimates of -- this is the revised,
$203,209,460 of tax revenue, $227,000,521,771 --
521,771 of expenditures, and a projected ending
fund balance, I believe that's funding balance
used, of $27,000,614,477.

Do I have a motion? Second?

MS. OSPINA: Motion.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Second.

MS. NEASMAN: Second, Neasman.

MR. ARESENAULT: Any recusals? I don't think
the Judge has to recuse on this. The budget? No.
Only on the tax. Okay. Great. Any discussion --
no? Any discussion or comment? To that we'll
vote. All in favor, say aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

MR. ARESENAULT: Any opposed? The motion
carries.

Any -- any other items on the budget or
millage before we move on to the resolutions?

Okay. Moving on. There are five resolutions by
the committee that were being brought forward.

Resolution 2023-58, authorization and
negotiate and execute an agreement with Balsera Communications, a public relations agency, for a term of 12 months, commencing on October 1st, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, to plan and execute public relations campaigns on behalf of the Children's Trust in a total amount not to exceed $48,000.

Can I get a motion?

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: --

MS. NEASMAN: Second --

MR. ARESENAULT: Any recusals? Any discussion? None? All in favor, say aye.

(Chorus of aye.)

MR. ARESENAULT: Any opposed? Hearing none, the resolution carries.

Resolution 2023-59, authorization for procurement waiver from a formal competitive solicitation to expend monies to be paid to the SIJ Holdings, LLC, doing business as the McClatchy Company, LLC, parent company to the Miami Herald. For services rendered by the Miami Herald to advertise the Children's Trust Truth-in Millage rate or vacancies and other advertisements related to the funding, announcements, activities, initiatives, events, and programs. In addition to
the 2024 Silver Knight and Spelling Bee
sponsorships, and a total amount not to exceed
$75,000, for a term of 12 months commencing
October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Can I get a motion? Second?

MS. WELLER: Motion.

MS. NEASMAN: Second, Neasman.

MR. ARESENAULT: Any recusals? Any
discussion?

MR. DUNN: Just -- just some more in
readiness. The -- the advertisements for the
vacancies. Are there other media companies that we
advertise with as well?

MR. HAJ: Commissioner, thank you. I'm going
to have -- I'm going to tell you the list of --
yeah, we do. Yes, Commissioner, we do have
additional.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. -- was giving
me the whole list. Yes, Commissioner. It's WLRN,
Left Floridian, and other different outputs. What
was the first? The whole list?

MR. DUNN: Could you read the list?

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: So, yes, is the answer.

MR. DUNN: No. Can -- can you read the list
for us, please?
MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Various radio stations, Haitian Community Radio, 1360 AM, 1320 AM, 1700 AM, 1580 AM, 99.5 FM, The VSS Show, which is radio and digital, Left Floridian, and Caribbean Today.

MR. DUNN: Thank you.

MR. ARESENAULT: Any discussion or comment?

MR. DUNN: -- going to push you just a little further. Was an effort made to adding maybe the WMBM -- also. -- listening audience that cater to the African American community. Did I say the Miami Time?

MR. ARESENAULT: You did.

MR. DUNN: Okay. And lastly, too, from -- from the religious community standpoint moving forward at least.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Reverend Dunn, yes. The -- generally, we have a partnership with the Miami Times. We buy advertisements across the Board with many of these -- and the Gospel Truth and these outlets. The specific board advertisement, I would have to check if those went -- the list that I gave you, I believe, is exhaustive.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: For the Board vacancy,
specifically, but we ongoingly have communication and partnership with all of those outlets that you mentioned. We -- we hold it as a very important source of communications for us.

MR. DUNN: We -- we appreciate the diversity in the advertisements, but I'll tell you, the Miami Herald -- and I will be voting in this matter, in -- in -- in favor for it. But the Miami Herald has a long list of advertisements, things that, you know, they actually are paid to advertise on behalf of many different organizations, Miami-Dade County, Children's Trust, cities -- I mean the list goes on and on and on.

So, if there are -- if there are opportunities for other papers, like was listed earlier, for us to have advertisements on where people will probably notice them better because there aren't as many advertisements as such and we want to make the -- at least the effort to do it. I mean, I would as a board member, and if we could support that across the board, that would be wonderful. Thank you.

MR. ARESENAULT: All right. Any other discussion? So, let's take a vote for Resolution 2023-59. All in favor, say aye.
(A chorus of ayes.)

MR. ARESENAULT: Next resolution, 2023-60, the authorization to negotiate and execute a service agreement with Print Dynamics, to print and prepare for distribution of the Children's Trust trilingual monthly Parenting Our Children newsletter and total amount not to exceed $30,550 per each term of 12 months ends on October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2020.

Is there a motion?

MR. PRESCOTT: Prescott moves.

MS. NEASMAN: Neasman, second.

MR. ARESENAULT: Any recusals? Any comment or discussion? All in favor, say aye.

(Chorus of aye.)

MR. ARESENAULT: All opposed? Motion carries.

Next resolution 2023-61, authorization to execute a service agreement with Yellow Box, Inc., to rent and maintain Yellow Box kiosks in the total amount not to exceed $36,000 for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2023.

Is there a motion?

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Motion.

MS. WELLER: Second
MR. ARESENAULT: Any recusals? Any discussion or comment? It'd help if I put my microphone on.

Any recusals? Any comment or discussion? All right. Hearing none. I'll take to vote. All in favor, say aye.

(Chorus of aye.)

MR. ARESENAULT: Any opposed? All right.

Now, you all can hear me loud and clear.

Next, last one, Resolution 2023-62.

Authorization to expend up to $50,000 for community engagement team support services in the Haitian community with Hermantin Consulting, LLC, for a term of 12 months, commencing on October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Is there a motion?

MS. WELLER: Motion.

MR. DUNN: Second.

MR. ARESENAULT: Any recusals? Any discussion or comment? If none, all in favor, say aye.

(Chorus of aye.)

MR. ARESENAULT: Any opposed? The motion carries. And that's the end of Finance and Operating Committee.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you. And I want to thank the Finance Committee for the work done on -- on
the budget process. I've been in the last two meetings, and they've been quite -- quite animated at times about some of the considerations on -- on the millage rate and the like. And I think the deliberations have been very healthy for the Board. So, thank you. I'll turn it over, now, to Pamela Hollingsworth, the Program Services and Childhood Health Committee Chair.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My tablet is resting. Ah, yes. Thank you.

Directors, the Program Services and Childhood Health Committee met on June 29th to consider the resolutions that we are bringing before you today. Resolution 2023-63. Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with 16 small community-based organizations, CBOs, for the first year of a two-year capacity-building initiative, in a total amount not to exceed $595,000, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with one 12-month renewal. May I have a motion, please?

MR. HARDEMON: So moved, Hardemon.

MS. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Second.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Second, Bendross-Mindingall?
MS. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Yes.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any recusals?

MR. DUNN: Yeah. -- Dunn.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Pastor Dunn.

Other recusals? Moving, then, into discussion.

Directors, many of you will recall that the Board addressed a need to provide capacity building for small CBOs. And that's -- those with a budget of less than 500,000 that needed to be competitive for Trust funding in 2015. And this resolution represents the third cohort forward -- moving forward for your consideration. The funding amount award varies according to the agency's annual operating budget.

And, do note, that the Trust engages in a comprehensive review process, which includes the program proposal and review, scored by a team of reviewers. The review team debriefing, by way of publicly noticed debriefing meetings, to discuss each proposal and to, then, assign a consensus team score. Interviews and site visits as needed, and, finally, staff recommendations.

Discussion, feedback from the directors.

Hearing none. All those in favor?

(Chorus of aye.)
MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

The resolution carries.

Resolution 2023-64. Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with nine providers, identified herein, to deliver -- to deliver health public benefits enrollment, in a total amount not to exceed $1,596,882, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with up to four annual renewals and subject to annual funding appropriations.

May I have a motion, please?

MS. OSPINA: So, moved forward.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. And a second?

MR. PRESCOTT: I second.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Are there any recusals?

MS. FERRADAZ: Recusal Ferradaz, employed by Department of Children and Families.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Gilda.

MS. NEASMAN: Recusal Neasman, employed by Jessie Trice Community Health System.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Any further recusals? And then moving into discussion, I'll remind you that the benefits enrollment supports aims to maximize
economic benefits for children and their families who qualify for means-tested benefits, ultimately contributing to the broader local economy and child well-being. This solicitation is limited to eligible applicants to current direct service Trust-funded agencies to facilitate supporting families enrolled in Trust-funded programs.

Discussion, comments from the directors?

Hearing none. All those in favor?

(Chorus of aye.)

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

Resolution carries.

Resolution 2023-65. Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract renewal with Q-Q Research Consultants, LLC, for research and evaluation services in a total amount not to exceed $185,000, for a term of 12 months commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

May I have a motion, please?

MS. FERRADAZ: I move motion forward.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. And a second?

MS. WELLER: I second.


This resolution is the first renewal with this
vendor who was awarded the work after a competitive procurement process in May of 2023. This resolution seeks to incorporate additional timely feedback from potential and existing Trust-funded program participants who assess program participant needs, input, and satisfaction regarding Trust-funded programs.

Feedback, discussion from the directors?
Hearing none. All those in favor?

(Chorus of aye.)

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?
The resolution carries.

Resolution 2023-66. Authorization to amend Resolution 2023-15, Summer Youth Internship Program, SYIP, to reallocate up to $350,000 of any unused funds earmarked for charter school students to traditional public-school students in the program.

May I have a motion, please?

MS. HARRISON: So, moved, Harrison.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: And a second?

MS. LEICHTER: Second, Leichter.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Any recusals?

MS. NEASMAN: I'm not sure. No. Thank you, Jim.
MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. With no recusals, we move into discussion. What is? Okay. With no recusals, let's move into --

MS. LEICHTER: Do we have to recuse if we have participants in our -- working in our organization or no? Okay.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Okay. So, with no recusals, moving into discussion.

A reminder that the summer youth internship program recruits and connects rising 10th- -- 10th-to 12th-grade students with paid summer internships with an emphasis on engaging at-risk youth. And at least 15 percent of program participants will be youths with disabilities. The program intends to employ at least 3,000 youth interns in the summer of 2023.

Feedback, questions from the directors?

MS. HARRISON: Through the chair, I'd just like to say just how meaningful this program is to the youth during the summer. Not only are they gaining valuable work experience, but several hundred of them are engaged in dual enrollment courses. And so they're earning college credit during the summer as they're participating in this SYIP opportunity. So, it -- it's really a
wonderful opportunity for our youth in this community.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Dr. Harrison.

MS. DIAS: To follow up on Dr. Harrison's comments, we do have about 400 in -- in dual enrollment and we are just about at 3,000, which is a significant increase over our participation of students last year. So, it's very fruitful and indeed close to -- these are preliminary numbers, but close to 400 are students with disabilities. So, we'll be able to provide more of a paid -- we are servicing as promised and it has exceeded our expectations. We're very excited.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: All right. Thank you, Lourdes. Further discussion from the directors? All those in favor?

(Chorus of aye.)

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed? This resolution also carries and back to you, Mr. Chair.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Pamela. We have one more resolution today. It's -- wasn't brought through committee, and it's -- relates to a resolution that we passed at our last board meeting.
The resolution is Resolution 2023-67, authorization to amend Resolution 2023-51, approved by the Board of directors on June 12th, 2023, to revise the name of an approved provider from Netsuite, Inc., to Oracle America/Netsuite, Inc., and to authorize the Trust to enter into contracts with BPM, LLP, EBA, Caravel and partners -- Caravel plus partners --

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: We have Children's Trust.

MR. HOFFMAN: -- and SquareWorks Consulting, LLC, which are Oracle America, Inc.,/Netsuite, Inc., subcontractors.

Do I have a motion for that purpose?

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: So moved, Hollingsworth.

MR. REYES: A second? Okay. Any recusals?

I'll -- I'll just give a brief explanation, which was in the package, which is that, in that resolution, Netsuite, it was listed as an approved vendor or a finance and accounting software contract. When the resolution was approved, the staff utilized the Netsuite, Inc., name as the legal name submitted with the proposal.

During contract negotiations, Netsuite indicated its intent to contract as Oracle America, which is, I guess, its -- its name. In addition,
the vendor asked us to contract directly with their subcontractors to pay them directly. In which case, we need to enter into the contracts directly with them.

Any questions? All those in favor?

(Chorus of aye.)

MR. HOFFMAN: Any opposed? Motion carries.

And with that, I'll turn it over, Jim, to you for your CEO report.

MR. HAJ: Sure, thank you. And I'll speak to some of you who forget -- back there. I don't know if they want to stand up on the -- can stand up right now. We have the -- of environmental research and some school -- studies. So, and we have seven others who are not here but have been working at the --

The stickers -- we have stickers, I just want to highlight. We bring it by every summer, but it's summertime, when it's very hot. And if we do anything to prevent the child from -- in part of the heat. So, we created these stickers that would -- rear view the mirror, on their keychains in the house and we've done three languages. And we're rebranding this, and we will have improved ones coming out. But we will have places that we
believe that this will benefit -- there as well.

Media highlights, that there is a lot of great work this quarter. There is a packet on Pages 35-42 that has a lot of great things. On July 13, we have a Battle of the Books, where all our Trust-funded summer camps across the county will be participating. The quarterly CEO Report is on pages 43-44. And believe it or not, Expo is right around the corner. July 22nd, we start. You have flyers that we'll leave in front of you. We're very excited. This year, too, we also partnered with Uber. Oh, thank you. We partnered with Uber, and Uber will be giving $15 coupons to and from, so that we can have residents come to participate in these community affairs.

So, Booker T. -- again, we learned, we put them under AC this year. Booker T. Washington, July 22nd; Miami Dade College Kendall Campus, July 29th; and Florida Memorial, August 5th. Again, with the school system letting us use Booker T., Dr. Harrison, and Miami Dade College and Florida Memorial, great partners who -- who have been helping us out and getting ready for this to kick off in a couple of weeks.

And, as Kenneth mentioned, Trim I and Trim II,
September 11th and 18th. And, finally, I just want to congratulate Ken for being a grandfather for the first time last week.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you. And good to see you, Mark. Thanks for joining us. And this meeting's adjourned. Thanks. Excellent.

(Thereupon, the proceedings concluded at 4:45 p.m.)
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