

**CHILDREN'S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2020-20**

**BOARD MEMBER AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD AND
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the Trust desires to establish policies for board member participation at Board and Committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Trust desires to establish policies and procedures to ensure participation from the public; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Children's Trust of Alachua County, in the State of Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT “1.10 Board Member Participation At Board And Committee Meetings” of the Children's Trust of Alachua County Board Policies is hereby *amended* as follows:

A M E N D M E N T

1.10 Board Member Participation At Board And Committee Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Children’s Trust of Alachua County (the “Trust”) shall be open to the public and are governed by the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes. A majority of the Board must be physically present at any meeting to constitute a quorum to transact business. Thus, if the Board has 10 members, 6 members of the Board must be physically present to transact business at a regular Board meeting of the Trust. These requirements also apply to Committee meetings, modified as necessary to account for the number of individuals serving on the Committee. **These requirements do not apply to Virtual Workshops where no formal action will be taken. (Added)**

If a quorum of the Board is physically present, the Board may determine that there is an “extraordinary circumstance” that allows a Board member to participate by electronic means. If the Board makes such a finding, then the Board member (or members) that are attending the Board meeting by teleconference or other technological means may participate in Board discussions and vote on Trust business. Such a finding of an “extraordinary circumstance” may be made by a resolution of the Board or simply by motion, along the following lines: “In light of _____, Board member _____ (and Board member _____) have requested to participate in the Board meeting remotely. Due to _____, the Board deems this an ‘extraordinary circumstance.’ Therefore, I make a motion to allow _____ (and _____) to participate remotely in this meeting.”

SECTION 2: ADOPTION “1.30 Virtual Workshops” of the Children's Trust of Alachua County Board Policies is hereby *added* as follows:

A D O P T I O N

1.30 Virtual Workshops (*Added*)

The Board may conduct informal discussions and workshops using electronic media technology (such as video conferencing and telephonic) (hereinafter, “Virtual Workshops”), provided proper public notice is given, interactive access by members of the public is provided, and no formal action will be taken (meaning no motions and votes).

The physical presence of a quorum is not required at Virtual Workshops and Virtual Workshops are the only public meetings of the Trust that may be conducted virtually (i.e., not in-person).

Interactive access to Virtual Workshops should include not only public access via the Internet, but also at designated places within Alachua County where computers with Internet access are available to members of the public who may not otherwise have Internet access. Notice of these workshops should include the locations where such computers will be available.

With respect to no formal action being taken at a Virtual Workshop, the Board will not vote to adopt the agenda, will not approve any minutes, but the Board may receive any presentations and may engage in discussion. Any Board member who wishes to take action on a Virtual Workshop item must place that item on the meeting agenda for a future in-person meeting.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CHILDREN'S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTY BOARD _____.

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Lee Pinkoson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dr. Maggie Labarta	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tina Certain	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dr. Karen Cole-Smith	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ken Cornell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dr. Nancy Hardt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dr. Patricia Snyder	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cheryl Twombly	_____	_____	_____	_____
Susanne Wilson Bullard	_____	_____	_____	_____

Presiding Officer

Attest

Lee Pinkoson, Chairman
Children's Trust of Alachua County

Tina Certain, Treasurer
Children's Trust of Alachua County