



CHILDREN'S TRUST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 09, 2025, at 4:00 PM

CTAC, 4010 NW 25th Place, Gainesville, FL 32606

Call to Order – Chair Cornell called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Ken Cornell – Board Chair, Cheryl Twombly – Vice Chair, Dr. Maggie Labarta – Board Treasurer, Tina Certain – Member, Lee Pinkoson – Member, Hon. Susanne Wilson Bullard - Member

Board Members Attending Virtually: Dr. Nancy Hardt – Member, Dr. Kamela Patton – Member.

A quorum of the Board was physically present. Member Certain moved to allow Dr. Patton to participate virtually due to extraordinary circumstances; seconded by Dr. Labarta. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Agenda Review, Revision, and Approval

Member Pinkoson moved for the approval of the agenda and all the items on the consent agenda. Member Certain seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda

1. Board Attendance YTD
2. 5.12.2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. 5.12.2025 Board Meeting Evaluation - Survey Results
4. FY 2025 Budget Report (April)
5. FY 2025 Checks and Expenditures Report (April)
6. FY 2025 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (April)
7. CTAC Strategic Plan Professional Services
8. CTAC Governmental Relations Consulting Services Contract - The Griffin Group

General Public Comments

Oşubi Craig, Director of the University of Florida's Center for Arts, Migration, and Entrepreneurship spoke of funding challenges for the SPARC352 Initiative and requested a conversation with CTAC on ways to partner on some of their programming. Their funding shortfall is \$240,000.00 effective in January 2026.

Dr. Dionne Champion, UF Center for Arts, Migration, and Entrepreneurship, echoed Mr. Craig's request to partner with CTAC in the community.

Izzy Brazzel, Assistant Director of the Gainesville Circus Center personally invited the Board to the summer camp's weekly showcases put on by the youth – every Friday from 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm for the next 6 weeks.

Chair's Report

Chair Cornell will now begin speaking with the Griffin Group to get assistance with filling in the four vacant board seats appointed by the Governor as well as identifying grant funding for the Trust.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Kiner highlighted the recent provider trainings the Trust has conducted – kudos and thanks to UF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) for coming out to professional development training for providers. She highlighted the CTAC Staff Retreat which took place on May 30. Special thanks to Chair Cornell for attending. ED Kiner expressed gratitude to the departing Chief Financial Officer Scott Sumner and gave kudos to Chief Operating Officer Kristy Goldwire for graduating Leadership Gainesville Class 51. ED Kiner invited and encouraged everyone to attend the Early Learning Collaborative (Thursday, June 12th at the Santa Fe Blount Center) and the Doula Friendly Initiative Launch (Tuesday, June 17th at Harold Medical Education Building), which are both CTAC supported events. CTAC staff met with the county and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence and drafted a framework which was distributed to the Board. There is a tentative plan for a Literacy Townhall in July.

Presentations

10. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget

CFO Sumner provided an overview of the 2025-2026 preliminary budget of \$18.9 million and a millage rate of .4500 mills.

Member Pinkoson moved the Board approve Resolution 2025-07 Establishing a Proposed Millage Rate of .4500 mill for 2025/2026. Dr. Labarta seconded the motion. In discussion, Member Certain suggested a .50 millage be considered. The motion to set .4500 millage was carried by a majority voice vote with the Hon. Judge Wilson-Bullard and Member Certain abstaining.

Member Pinkoson and Dr. Labarta moved the following:

- The Board approves Resolution 2025-07 Establishing a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2025.
- Request staff to come back with a policy recommendation that providers are allowed 105% of the previous year's expenditure.
- One-time, non-recurring expenditures are reserved to come from fund balance.

Vice Chair Twombly seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Member Pinkoson moved for approval of the preliminary budget; seconded by Judge Bullard. Dr. Labarta stated part of the conversation includes looking at which CTAC goals

have a lot of expenses to evaluate programs and how the strategic plan is being fulfilled.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business

New Business

11. Fiscal Year 2024 Audit

Ron Whiteside and Heather Donovan from Purvis Gray, presented an overview of the 2024 audit. The board received an unmodified (clean) opinion on CTAC financial statements, which is the highest form of assurance from the auditor. Two recommendations were made: improving the bank reconciliation process and enhancing the financial close process. The board's financial position remains healthy with a net position of \$12.8 million at year-end. Board members discuss the audit results, noting the clean opinion and the need to address the recommendations, particularly regarding monthly financial processes.

General Public Comments

Board Member Comments

Dr. Hardt shared there were sound issues on her end. Dr. Patton stated she was able to hear very well.

Member Certain shared her regrets for missing the Early Learning event but hopes to attend the next one. Impact GNV is having an open house on Thursday.

For Your Information

Items included for informational purposes:

Partnership for Strong Families - Family Resource Center Child Welfare Data Outcomes
Early Childhood Collaborative
Launching the First Doula Friendly Hospital at UF Health
Alachua County Gun Violence Update
Provider Highlight – Chef Carl Watts

Next Meeting Dates

CTAC Board Planning Retreat - July 17, 2025, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, August 11, 2025

Adjournment

Chair Cornell adjourned the meeting at 5:01 pm.