



CHILDREN'S TRUST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 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, Tina Certain – Member, Mary Chance – 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 Pinkoson moved to allow Dr. Patton to participate virtually due to extraordinary circumstances; seconded by Member Certain. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Agenda Review, Revision, and Approval

Member Pinkoson moved for approval of the agenda with modification of section 10 to read “Community Development Block Grant Cares Act (CDBG-CV) funding.” Motion was seconded by Member Chance and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda

1. Board Attendance YTD
2. 4.7.2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. 4.7.2025 Board Meeting Evaluation - Survey Results
4. FY 2025 Budget Report (March)
5. FY 2025 Checks and Expenditures Report (March)
6. FY 2025 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (March)
7. FY 2025 2nd Quarter Financial Report
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9. Sponsorship Applications
10. City of Gainesville Community Development Block Grant & Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) Agreement

General Public Comments

Chair's Report

Chair Cornell and Vice Chair Twombly attended a Sunshine Meeting with Alachua County Commissioner Alford

on Thursday, May 8, 2025, to discuss the development of a 24-hour childcare center and workforce development pilot program for first responders and essential public workers. The proposed program would be designed to provide reliable childcare, wraparound support services, and workforce training opportunities in early childhood education and related career fields. Member Pinkoson moved CTAC staff engage with county staff on this issue. The motion was seconded by Member Certain and passed unanimously.

Chair Cornell attended Children's Week with CTAC staff at the Capitol on April 15-16, 2025, and met with lobbyist Tom Griffin. Chair Cornell requests staff be approved to engage his services. Member Pinkoson moved to approve the Chair's request. Member Certain seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Kiner recapped Children's Week events, visits with elected officials in Tallahassee, and potential changes surrounding property and ad valorem taxes.

Committee Updates

Presentations

12. Dr. Herman Knopf, Anita Zucker Center, provided a demonstration on [The Sunshine State Early Childhood Information Portal](#) to the Board, focusing on the website's childcare access tools and metrics.

Public comment was given by Soorya Lindberg, the parent of a four year-old in Alachua County. She shared insight on her family's experience with VPK. Sherry Kitchens asked how the personnel who conducted VPK classroom observations were selected.

13. Mini Grant Award Review

Chief Operating Officer Kristy Goldwire provided a review of the newly titled - Innovation for Impact Mini Grant Pilot Program the Board previously approved. Staff requested the Board make it official and add policies, procedures, and funding up to \$200,000.00 for the total allocation. Member Pinkoson moved the Board approve policies and procedures for this Special Funding opportunity – Innovation for Impact Grant (Policy 6.80), to be included in the FY 2025-2026 budget. Vice Chair Twombly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business

14. Comprehensive Literacy Plan Update

ED Kiner provided updates on the literacy plan. She highlighted the joint meeting with BoCC and the county's approval of \$250,000 for literacy. The BoCC asked their staff to work with CTAC and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence under the Community Foundation to coordinate a plan. Staff requested more time to bring back information on plan development. ED Kiner shared that there is a planned convening of all the partners tentatively set for July. The projected timeline would be to get moving with the plan and some implementation by Fall.

Member Pinkoson moved the Board:

- Allow staff up to 90 days to work with the Community Foundation along with the Center for Non-Profit Excellence to coordinate the next steps in the creation of the comprehensive literacy plan and activities as recommended during the joint meeting with the BoCC.
- Commit \$550,000.00 per year for three years as an initial investment for the comprehensive literacy initiative.

Member Certain seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

New Business

15. Funding/Performance Improvement Plan Updates and Recommendations

Program Operations Director Belita James and Research Coordinator Bonnie Wagner shared the results of the program provider performance and fiscal monitoring process.

Member Pinkoson moved the Board:

- Approve the implementation of the recommended Youth Mentoring Plan.
- Authorize staff to reduce contract award amounts, terminate contracts and increase funding to providers deemed by Trust staff as having capacity to expand their services.

The motion was seconded by Member Certain. Public comments: Aldreka Everett (Aces in Motion) shared the barriers skilled mentors have shared with her (transportation, time, etc.). Sherry Kitchens (Childhood Advocacy Center) spoke about bringing programs together for collaborative professional development. After public comments, the motion passed unanimously.

General Public Comments

Patrick Dodds (Bread of the Mighty Food Bank) requested ways to partner to address food insecurity with a focus on funding school pantries at the middle and high school levels.

Jennifer Reeves (UFLI) introduced herself as the new community outreach coordinator and requested to be included on the literacy plan developments.

Board Member Comments

Member Certain requested TRIM dates.

ED Kiner announced the departure of CFO Scott Sumner. Board members expressed their deep gratitude for his impact at CTAC and wishes for his future endeavors.

For Your Information

Items included for informational purposes:

Provider Highlight – DJ Elo

Maternal Health Contracted Community Partner Updates from Doula Friendly Initiative and Newborn RN Home visiting Program

Final Summer Camp Contract List

Next Meeting Dates

Finance Committee Meeting – May 22, 2025

CTAC Board Workshop on FY26 Budget - Monday, June 9, 2025 @ 2:00 pm

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, June 9, 2025 @ 4:00 pm

CTAC Board Retreat – July 17, 2025

Adjournment

Chair Cornell adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.

From: [Children's Trust of Alachua County Florida](#)
To: [Ashley Morgan-Daniel](#)
Subject: Form submission from: Virtual Comment Card
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 3:35:31 PM

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Submitted values are:

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Meeting Date Mon, 04/07/2025
Comments

The families in our community reached out to us to let us know how deeply thankful they are for your support in providing a safe, fun, and engaging summer camp for their children, as it gives them an opportunity they otherwise couldn't afford. CTAC truly helps our community thrive. We are so grateful for everything you do!

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us/node/5728/submission/1141>



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Approval of the agenda also approves all of the items on the consent agenda.

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Please ensure that the agenda is updated to indicate Community Development Block Grant Cares Act (CDBG-CV) funding . This funding is distinct from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Thanks so much!

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Children's Trust Board Meeting

Sign - In Sheet

5/12/2025 from 4pm-6pm

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