

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

February 26, 2026 Council Meeting

2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33426

MINUTES

Present (in person):

Thomas Bean
Joel Flores
Kathleen Kroll
Jose Luis Rodriguez
Robert Shea
Tom Weber
Erica Whitfield

Excused:

Mike Burke

1. Call to Order

Chair Bean called the meeting to order at 4:39 pm.

- A. Invocation - Led by Tom Weber
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Presentations – N/A

2. Minutes

- A. January 22, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes 1

Recommendation: I recommend the Council approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2026 Council Meeting as presented.

A motion by Kroll/Flores to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2026 Council Meeting, as presented, was approved by unanimous vote.

3. Public Comment – Agenda Items

No public comments.

4. Council Committees:

- **Human Resources Committee**

○ **The Human Resources Committee reviewed the following items:**

- Minutes from October 23, 2025 Human Resources Committee Meeting
- Employee Handbook/Human Resources Policies Update

A motion by Whitfield/Kroll to approve the items listed above as presented was approved by unanimous vote.

○ **The committee also discussed the following, with no action required:**

- CEO Annual Performance Evaluation (A recommendation for approval will be presented to the Council at the meeting on March 26th)

• **Finance Committee**

○ **The committee reviewed the following items:**

- Minutes from January 22, 2026 Finance Committee meeting
- Financial Statements as of January 31, 2026

A motion by Whitfield/Flores to approve the items listed above as presented was approved by unanimous vote.

The committee also discussed the following, with no action required:

- Monthly Investment Report for the period ending January 31, 2026
- Budget Assumptions for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
- Third Floor Office space
- Budget consideration requirements as a follow-up from the Joint Board meeting

5. Consent Agenda

1. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions – None
2. Items to be pulled from Consent Agenda - None
3. Adoption of Consent Agenda and walk-in Warrants List

A motion by Kroll/Flores to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Warrants List and Walk-In Warrants List, as presented, was approved by unanimous vote.

A. Program – N/A

B. Business

1. Resolution #26-002 Acknowledging Vendor Name Change

Recommendation: I recommend the Council approve Resolution #26-002 acknowledging the vendor legal name change from Sniffen & Spellman, P.A. to Sniffen & Harmon, P.A. and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute any necessary documents to reflect the name change, effective January 1, 2026.

2. Warrants List

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Recommendation: I recommend the Council approve the Warrants List, in accordance with the established budgets for each of the expensed items, as presented.

C. Proclamations – N/A

6. Non-Consent Agenda

A. Program – N/A

B. Business – N/A

C. Proclamations – N/A

7. Walk-In Items – N/A

8. Annual Election of Officers

Chair Bean stated that every year at our annual meeting in February we elect officers. The current slate is as follows:

Current Officers:

Chair – Thomas Bean

Vice Chair – Jose Luis Rodriguez

Secretary – Thomas Weber

A discussion of nomination practices of other CSCs, the County and the School District took place.

Erica Whitfield nominated Jose Luis Rodriguez as Chair

Jose Luis Rodriguez nominated Tom Weber as Vice Chair

Kathleen Kroll nominated Thomas Bean for Secretary

The following slate was elected:

Chair - Jose Luis Rodriguez

Vice Chair – Tom Weber

Secretary – Thomas Bean

A motion by Flores/Whitfield to approve the slate of officers nominated was approved by unanimous vote.

Per our committee policies, every other year, we select members of our Finance and HR committees. The members of our committees are:

Human Resources Current members:

Thomas Bean (Chair of Council is mandatory member)
Jose Luis Rodriguez
Robert Shea

The following slate was nominated:

Jose Luis Rodriguez (Chair of Council is mandatory member)
Thomas Bean
Robert Shea

A motion by Flores/Whitfield to approve the slate of officers nominated by Bean was approved by unanimous vote.

Finance Committee Current members:

Thomas Bean (Chair of Council is mandatory member)
Jose Luis Rodriguez
Heather Frederick
Paul Dumars

The following slate was nominated:

Jose Luis Rodriguez (Chair of Council is mandatory member)
Tom Weber
Heather Frederick

A motion by Kroll/Flores to approve the slate of officers nominated by Bean was approved by unanimous vote.

9. Chief Executive Officer's Report

The CEO reviewed highlights from her report.

10. Legal Reports

A. Legislative Update

Debra Gotlib gave an update on the status of property tax bills and advised that there may be a special session in late July or August to address property taxes.

11. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

Warren Eldridge from the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County (ELC) followed up on a question posed by Thomas Bean at a past Council Meeting, he advised that ELC is collecting data on clients that were in their program in the past. He informed the Council that one former client, now an accountant, has a podcast. Mr. Eldridge shared a QR code to her podcast.

Mr. Edridge also advised that due to the 2 million dollars provided by CSC earlier in the year, there is no longer a waitlist and that clients would receive services immediately.

As a follow-up to a meeting with CSC, ELC, Commissioner Flores and managers from his District, ELC had an event with Palm Springs City Manager. The City Manager wants to challenge the other town and city managers to have similar events.

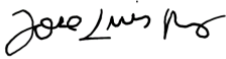
Mr. Eldridge thanked the Council for their investment.

Joel Flores stated that a redevelopment master plan for District 3 is in process and one of the priorities of the master plan is school grades.

12. Council Comments

13. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

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Jose Luis Rodriguez, Chair

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Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer