

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

August 6, 2020, 4:30 pm

Via Skype/Teleconference

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Bean called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Present:

Thomas Bean

Vince Goodman

Kathleen Kroll

Dennis Miles

Debra Robinson, M.D.

Jose Luis Rodriguez

Thomas P. Weber

Excused: Donald E. Fennoy II, Ed.D.; Melissa McKinlay

A. Invocation – led by Tom Weber

Chair Bean took a moment to say farewell to Dennis Miles, Regional Manager Director at DCF and thanked him for his leadership, expertise and passion for keeping children safe. He welcomed Elisa Cramer, Community Development Administrator at DCF, to the Council, who will be the DCF designee starting next month.

Chair Bean noted the following for the record:

If you have called in as a member of the public or submitted a comment via e-mail, please hold all comments until we reach the time for Public Comment on our agenda.

This is a reminder to the Council and any public participants that this meeting is open to the public by telephone and a "virtual" quorum is permitted pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders #2020-69 and extension provided for in orders #2020-112, #2020-123, #2020-139, #2020-150 and #2020-179.

B. Presentations – Presentation of Racial and Ethnic Equity Plan – Lisa Williams-Taylor, P.h.D., Chief Executive Officer

Lisa Williams-Taylor did a high level review of the draft of the Racial and Ethnic Equity Plan.

Chair Bean emphasized the importance of seeing this equity work as critical to the organization.

2. Minutes

A. June 25, 2020 Council Meeting

A motion by Goodman/Miles to approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2020 Council meeting as presented was approved by unanimous vote.

3. Public Comment – Agenda Items – N/A

- A. Email
- B. Phone

No public comments via email or telephone.

4. Council Committees:

- Finance Committee

Chair Bean stated that the Finance Committee met via Skype to review the following:

- Items for Approval:
 - May 28, 2020 Minutes
 - May 31, 2020 and June 30, 2020 Financial Statements

A motion by Goodman/Weber to approve the May 28, 2020 minutes and the Financial statements for the months ended May 31, 2020 and June 30, 2020 was approved by unanimous vote.

- Items Discussed (no action required):
 - Quarterly Investment Report – June 30, 2020
 - Monthly Investment Report – May 31, 2020
 - Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Budget
 - ✓ In anticipation of next month's TRIM Hearings, the Finance Committee reviewed the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 20/21 and tentative millage rate of .6497 that was tentatively approved by Council last month.
 - Finance Committee Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair
 - ✓ The Finance Committee elected Thomas Bean as Chair and Jose Luis Rodriguez as Vice Chair.
 - ✓ Chair Bean advised the Council that we have not received any new applicants for the vacant position on the committee. In light of the current situation, the Council will continue its efforts to fill this vacancy.

- **Human Resources Committee – N/A**

5. Consent Agenda

1. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions – N/A
2. Items to be Pulled for Discussion – N/A
3. Adoption of the Consent Agenda and Walk-in Warrants List

A motion by Goodman/Weber to approve the Consent Agenda and approve the Walk-in Warrants list was approved by unanimous vote.

A. Program – N/A

B. Business

1. Warrants List – Approved by Consent

6. **Non Consent Agenda**

A. Program

1. Resolution #20-024 Authorizing Reimbursement of Child Care Providers

Lisa Williams-Taylor stated that this is similar to a previous agenda item the Council approved. It is being presented for approval today as a non-consent agenda item as it is retroactive to July 1st.

Judge Kroll asked if there is a way that we can help those child care providers that are not open now. Tanya Palmer explained that the majority of the child care providers are currently open. This resolution asks that we continue to pay based on enrollment rather than attendance. Some child care providers needed to close intermittently because of COVID-19, and this will allow for their continuity and ability to provide services. The vast majority of child care providers are open and are providing services, but attendance may vary.

Jose Luis Rodriguez expressed a concern about continuing paying those providers that are currently closed.

Tanya Palmer stated that we only have four child care providers that are currently closed, the rest of them continue providing services. We are following the state's guidance and those providers that have not been responsive will not receive payments. Early Learning Coalition has been following all child care providers, ensuring that each one has a plan for continuing to provide services.

A motion by Weber/Goodman to approve Resolution #20-024 authorizing the CEO to continue payments to child care providers through the Early Learning Coalition, with the exception of school-district and municipality operated afterschool programs, and authorizing continued provision of Head Start local match dollars through Lutheran Services Florida, RCMA, and PEPPI through August 31, 2020 was approved. Jose Luis Rodriguez abstained.

B. Business – N/A

C. For Informational Purposes Only – N/A

7. **Walk-In Items** – N/A

8. **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Lisa Williams-Taylor, CEO, highlighted items from the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

9. Legal Reports

A. Important dates to remember:

The Governor issued an Executive order on July 29 allowing our TRIM hearings to be held virtually, however, this extension does not apply to regular public meetings.

The first TRIM hearing in September will be electronic, with the public attending in-person at CSC.

The second TRIM hearing will also be electronic per the Governor's order.

We should know by August 31st how we will handle our regular Council meetings for September.

- September 10, 2020: Council meeting at 4:30 pm and TRIM Hearing at 5:01 pm
- September 24, 2020: Council meeting at 4:30 pm and TRIM Hearing at 5:01 pm
- October 22, 2020: Council Workshop at 3:30 pm followed by a Council meeting
- December 3, 2020: Council Workshop at 3:30 pm followed by a Council meeting

B. Legislative Update

- Debra Gotlib let the Council know that two of the bills the Council was advised of earlier this year did not pass. A bill relating to special districts did pass. It relates to a 2018 Constitutional Amendment and will take effect at the end of December, prohibiting public officers to abuse their position. This changes no ethics obligations for Council members. This same bill allows us to post less information on our website than previously required.

10. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

A. Email

B. Phone

No public comments via email or via telephone.

11. Council Comments – N/A

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Thomas Bean, Chair

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