

1 The Children's Trust
2 Monday, March 16, 2026
3 3250 S.W. 3rd Avenue (Coral Way)
4 United Way - Ryder Room
5 8:30 a.m. - 9:02 a.m.

6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

7 Board Members
8 (Present)

9 Kenneth C. Hoffman, Chairman
10 Pamela Hollingsworth, Vice-Chair
11 Matthew Arsenault, Treasurer
12 Laurie W. Nuell, Secretary
13 Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi
14 Daniel Armstrong
15 Alex Auguste
16 Daniel Bagner, Ph.D.
17 Cathy Burgos
18 Silvia Castellanos
19 Norie del Valle
20 Lourdes Diaz
21 Gilda Ferradaz
22 Hon. Norman Gerstein
23 Lourdes P. Gimenez
24 Valrose Graham
25 Mindy Grimes-Festge
Osmani Gonzalez
Ilia Molina
Benjamin Nussbaum
Dr. Clara Lora Ospina
Hon. Isaac Salver
Alfred Sanchez
Miriam Soler Ramos
Luis Suarez

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27 James R. Haj
28 President & CEO

29 County Attorney's Office

30 Leigh Kobrinski
31 Assistant County Attorney

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3	Aliya Dhanji	Nandy Smith
4	Amanda Gorski	Patricia Leal
5	Bevone Ritchie	Rachel Spector
6	Blake (George) Brown	Robert Levia
7	Carol Berkhimer	Sebastian Del Marmol
8	Danielle Barreras	Shujia Sun
9	Elainne Rodriguez	Victoria Gandul
10	Eleine Celaya	Wendy Duncombe
11	Elizabeth Garland Lauren	William Kirtland
12	Eric Guerra	Zimena Nunez
13	Grettel Suarez	Yesenia Reyes
14	Imran Ali	Yuliet Alfonso
15	Jacques Bentolila	
16	James R. Haj	
17	Jana Wright	
18	Jennifer Ulysse	
19	Jorge Ibarra	
20	Juana Leon	
21	Juliette Fabien	
22	Kristin Xelani	
23	Lisete Yero	
24	Michele Mordia	
25	Natalia Zea	

1 (Thereupon, the following
2 proceedings were had:)

3 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: All right.
4 Let's get started, please.

5 Good morning. We were going to
6 have our guest speaker, but it appears
7 that she's running a little late. So
8 we'll let her into the meeting when she
9 arrives in a few minutes.

10 Thank you all for attending our
11 Board Retreat.

12 On the table in front of you, for
13 your review, is a sheet that contains the
14 summary of the topics that were
15 introduced or discussed by the staff as
16 well as the Board's discussion.

17 I have to say that I can't recall
18 in my 10 plus years that I've attended
19 Children's Trust Board Retreats, as
20 engaged to Board discussions we had at
21 this one. I think it was an open-ended
22 discussion when we just got to the first
23 lead-in question, and nothing more. But
24 as I said, you can see the product of
25 that discussion. The discussion themes

1 are at the bottom of the page here. I
2 really appreciated the participation and
3 engagement of the directors.

4 I don't know if anybody who was
5 there would like to say anything
6 additional about it.

7 I just wanted to remind, I'm sure
8 Jim will at the end of the meeting as
9 well, that our Champions for Children
10 event will be held April 16th at 11:30
11 a.m. It's our chance to recognize and
12 acknowledge some of the remarkable
13 individuals and programs that are
14 dedicated to serving children and
15 families in our community. And I look
16 forward to seeing everyone there.

17 Do we have any public comments?

18 MS. LEON: We do not have public
19 comments, Mr. Chair.

20 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Okay. Then
21 we'll move into the approval of the
22 minutes of the last meeting -- the
23 minutes of the last meeting of the Board
24 of Directors.

25 BOARD MEMBER HON. SALVER: I'll

1 move it, Salver.

2 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Thank you.

3 BOARD MEMBER SANCHEZ: And I'll
4 second.

5 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Any comments,
6 questions?

7 All those in favor?

8 BOARD MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Any opposed?
10 Okay, that motion carries.

11 And so we'll move on to the
12 Nominating Committee Report. Gilda?

13 COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR FERRADAZ:
14 Good morning, Everyone.

15 An e-mail was sent to the Board on
16 November 17th to solicit applicants for
17 Board officers. The application deadline
18 closed on December 3rd.

19 The Nominating Committee met on
20 January 26th, 2026 to review applicants
21 and nominations, and is recommending a
22 slate of officers for the Board of
23 Directors of the Children's Trust for a
24 two-year term ending April, 2028.

25 The slate is, Chair, Ken Hoffman,

1 Vice Chair, Pam Hollingsworth,
2 Treasurer, Judge Norman Gerstein.
3 And Secretary, Luis Suarez.

4 I would like to request a motion to
5 approve the Nominating Committee's
6 recommendation for the slate of officers
7 to serve the term from April 2024 (sic)
8 to April 2026 (sic).

9 BOARD MEMBER NUELL: So moved,
10 Nuell.

11 COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR FERRADAZ: Is
12 there a second?

13 BOARD MEMBER DR. OSPINA: Second,
14 Lora Ospina.

15 COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR FERRADAZ:
16 Any discussion?

17 BOARD MEMBER HON. SALVER: One
18 quick question.

19 Aren't there term limits?

20 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: This would be
21 the last term, I believe, that I'm
22 eligible to serve.

23 BOARD MEMBER HON. SALVER: Okay.
24 Because it says if it's broken up from,
25 like, your first cluster of terms.

1 MR. HAJ: There was a break in
2 service, because Mark Trowbridge took
3 over as the Chair for three months.

4 BOARD MEMBER HON. SALVER:
5 Wonderful.

6 COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR FERRADAZ: Any
7 other discussions?

8 Hearing none, all those in favor?

9 BOARD MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR FERRADAZ: Any
11 opposed?

12 Thank you.

13 The motion is approved.

14 Congratulations to our officers,
15 and thank you for your willingness to
16 serve.

17 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Isaac, I do
18 appreciate sticking to protocol. And it
19 has been an honor to serve as Chair, and
20 I really do encourage some of our other
21 members to either nominate themselves or
22 nominate others to be Chair as well. But
23 I'm thrilled to serve for my last term.

24 Thank you.

25 Okay, moving on to the Finance and

1 Operations Committee Report.

2 Matt?

3 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Thank
4 you.

5 The Finance and Operations
6 Committee met, and we're going to hand it
7 over to Bill and our outside auditors to
8 go over the Annual Comprehensive
9 Financial Report.

10 I just wanted to tee it up. I
11 think we have a table that we're going to
12 put up here. This is a 130 some-odd
13 paged document that the team does a great
14 job with. And, you know, part of it in
15 the supplemental disclosures is a 10-year
16 view of the financials of the Trust.

17 And one of the thing that is really
18 interesting, if you look in the back of
19 it -- if you look at just the growth rate
20 of the tax revenue over that time period
21 of 10 years, it's gone up about 8 percent
22 annually every year. And then, however,
23 the amount distributed, because part of
24 the plan was to reduce the fund balance,
25 has gone up about 9 percent. But really,

1 one of the -- here's our chart. Yep,
2 that's it.

3 So, you look at compound annual
4 growth rate in the middle. This compares
5 2016 to '25. This is way back buried in
6 the pages. So the amount of tax revenue
7 has gone up about 8.5 percent per year on
8 average for compounding, whereas the
9 amount we've given out to providers is
10 about 9.4. But, to me, I just want to
11 really highlight. I do think it merits
12 us understanding this as a Board. The
13 G&A expense over that time period has
14 only gone up two percent. And the FTEs
15 have actually only gone up two FTEs over
16 that 10-year period. You know, I just
17 want to, you know, give credit to the
18 management team, to the Finance Committee
19 and the Board. Really, that's, I would
20 say, very unique for an organization this
21 size to be able to manage.

22 This is -- to me, this is the
23 manifestation of doing more with less.
24 And as you grow, and being able to grow
25 and leverage scale. So, to me, it was

1 the biggest takeaway in my review of the
2 report, and thought it was important to
3 make sure that the Board was aware of
4 that as well.

5 I will look up the page in a
6 moment, and show that to you. I don't
7 know if Bill knows it offhand, but I'm
8 going to go ahead and turn it over to
9 Bill or Jim.

10 MR. HAJ: Go ahead, Bill.

11 MR. KIRTLAND: Okay. So I'll say
12 good morning to everybody. I think the
13 question was if this is in the report.

14 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: No.
15 This chart is not in the report, however,
16 those numbers are in the report. So, I
17 will point you there, but you'll have to
18 do your own math or trust us. We've
19 double checked that.

20 MR. KIRTLAND: Thank you, Matt, for
21 kicking this off. Good morning,
22 Everyone. We're pleased to present to
23 you the September 30th, 2025 financial
24 statements on March 16th, today, which,
25 you know, puts us just inside, I guess,

1 as a six-month goal to have this report
2 completed and presented to the Board.

3 Having the report complete before
4 six months makes us eligible to submit
5 for review and award from the GFOA, the
6 Government Finance Officers Association
7 for the Certificate of Achievement in
8 Financial Reporting. There's a lot of
9 acronyms to go through.

10 And we hope that given the results
11 of this audit, which are consistent with
12 results of the previous year's audits,
13 we've been awarded the certificate of
14 achievement in financial reporting for 13
15 years in a row. We're hoping that this
16 report makes us eligible again for 14
17 years in a row, because it's a clean
18 opinion, unmodified opinion with no
19 instances of significant deficiencies or
20 material weaknesses.

21 But to go through the details of
22 the report, since it is lengthy, over 130
23 pages, I'm going to now kick it over to
24 Eddy Castañeda, who is the Director
25 assigned to this audit for the past three

1 years. Where now we have completed three
2 years of a five-year contract with Forvis
3 Mazars.

4 And with that, Eddy, take it over.

5 MR. CASTAÑEDA: Good morning,
6 Everyone. My name is Eddy Castañeda.
7 I'm an Audit Director for the firm Forvis
8 Mazars, The Children's Trust external
9 auditor.

10 As Bill mentioned, the audit is a
11 clean report. That just means it's
12 unmodified and that just means everything
13 in this document is free from material
14 misstatement. Material misstatement
15 would be the key.

16 I'd like to thank Bill and Wendy,
17 especially Wendy, who puts together this
18 document for us. It's a lot of hard
19 work. A lot of information goes into
20 this document.

21 Also, as Bill mentioned, we do take
22 a look at the Trust's internal controls
23 as it relates to financial reporting, and
24 we're happy to report that there's no
25 significant weaknesses or material

1 weaknesses in the report.

2 We also issue a letter to the
3 Florida AG, which requires us to look at
4 specific statutes that all local
5 governmental entities have to follow.
6 We're happy to report that the Children's
7 Trust is in accordance with those
8 statutes as prescribed by the Florida
9 Auditor General.

10 And other than that, great year,
11 healthy fund balance. That information
12 is in the back. The statistical section
13 has all that information on a 10-year
14 history. Actually, that goes above and
15 beyond what is required to be reported.
16 That's why the Trust does get that GFOA
17 Certificate of excellence for financial
18 reporting, because the Trust actually
19 does include more information than
20 required. So, that's why they get that
21 award, and we're looking for Number 15.

22 And with that, I'll just open it up
23 if the Board Members have any questions,
24 anything specific in the report that they
25 want to discuss.

1 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Thank
2 you, Eddy. The report was reviewed and
3 discussed at the most recent Finance and
4 Operations Committee as part of this.

5 Any other questions or comments?

6 BOARD MEMBER HON. SALVER: Yes,
7 I'll just raise one concern. I'm sure,
8 you know, I apologize, because I was not
9 at the strategic plan with you guys, but
10 I see that for the fiscal year -- for
11 the fiscal year in 2025, our kind of net
12 earnings or net reserves or whatever went
13 up by about 12 million bucks. And I know
14 that, you know, through part of Ken's
15 leadership, and I know during Laurie's
16 leadership also, we discussed the fact
17 that we have -- you know, our goal really
18 is to keep a minimal amount of reserves.
19 There's a minimal amount of reserves
20 compliant with best practices for an
21 organization of this size and this
22 nature. And, I think, we have -- the
23 perception is that we're not in the
24 business of aggregating cash to keep in
25 a bank account.

1 We are assembled to put money on
2 the streets of Miami-Dade County making
3 life better for our kids. So, I don't
4 see how we achieve that particular goal
5 in this transition. The firm did well.
6 Don't get me wrong. I mean, we manage
7 everything very, very well. Maybe a
8 little bit too well.

9 So, when we look at that, you know,
10 I think we need to take into
11 consideration when we do set our millage
12 rate, and, you know, perhaps even what
13 our benchmarks are for qualifications,
14 that, you know, we should think about the
15 money that's sitting in the bank, and how
16 we could leverage that to make
17 programming more, you know, more
18 widespread, more intense, and more
19 available to the children of Dade County.

20 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Yeah,
21 I'll kick it off and hand it over to Jim.

22 I believe the benchmark that is
23 used for fund balance is a certain amount
24 of months of total projected
25 expenditures. And then I know, as part

1 of the process, which the Finance
2 Committee will go through now, this
3 summary is forecasting that out and
4 making the recommendation -- the
5 recommended millage rate accordingly.
6 Which we did for the current year, as
7 well as that.

8 So, I don't know if Jim or Bill
9 want to speak more to that.

10 MR. HAJ: Do you want to go first,
11 Bill?

12 MR. KIRTLAND: Yeah. Let me just
13 interject, because, again, it is
14 something that I know the Finance
15 Committee -- and I certainly still focus
16 on, Isaac. You're absolutely right. I
17 think that there's money at the end of
18 the year that's going into the fund
19 balance that could have been on the
20 street. I think the important thing to
21 remember is that when we started doing
22 this maybe seven, eight, 10 years ago,
23 the fund balance had ballooned to two or
24 three times the amount of the recommended
25 amount from the Government Finance

1 Officers Association. And I think we're
2 in line with that.

3 In fact, when you look at the
4 Committee level, and I think we show it
5 at the Board level during the budgeting
6 process, when you look at where we are in
7 the fund balance, we're really towing the
8 line a little bit up, a little bit down
9 from what the ideal fund balance is.

10 I think that the one thing that's
11 always concerned me is that we've
12 actually gotten very efficient in terms
13 of budgeting versus spend. So, while
14 it's not welcome to see extra money that
15 may or may not have been spent during the
16 Trust fiscal year, I think we are running
17 much closer to the budget than we ever
18 have been. And I think, you know, good
19 news to Bill and the finance team for,
20 again, refining our forecasting over the
21 years and helping us determine what the
22 appropriate millage rate should be.

23 But Matt, I'll turn it over to you.

24 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Yeah.

25 I think the other side of the coin is

1 that ensuring that any additional spent
2 is going to be impactful, right. So, we
3 don't want to just spend money just to
4 spend money. I think that the team -- I
5 know the Finance Committee, we look at
6 that. That's why I think that those
7 millage rate discussions, I think the
8 last few years have been very, very good
9 in the forecasting and discussion of
10 that.

11 So, understood, the concern is
12 valid. I do think, though, in the long
13 haul, when you look at everything that
14 we're doing, I'm at least personally
15 happy with the direction that we're going
16 in being stewards of the resources of the
17 Trust.

18 BOARD MEMBER HON. SALVER: Right.
19 Just to, I guess, support what I was
20 saying. If you look at the restricted
21 fund balance as of '21 or '22, 2021 or
22 2022, we've pretty much more than doubled
23 that.

24 That's it.

25 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Thank

1 you.

2 So, I believe we need a vote to
3 accept the annual report.

4 BOARD MEMBER HON. SALVER: I'll
5 move it, Isaac Salver.

6 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Is
7 there a second?

8 BOARD MEMBER HON. GERSTEIN:
9 Second, Norm Gerstein.

10 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Any
11 comment or other question?

12 All in favor, say aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Any
15 opposed?

16 The report is accepted.

17 Thank you very much. The next item
18 is our consent agenda from the Finance
19 and Operations Committee. We're
20 considering Resolutions 2026-24 through
21 2026-26, which were all recommended
22 through the Finance and Operations
23 Committee in our most recent meeting.

24 Can I get a motion to consider
25 these items as part of the consent

1 agenda?

2 BOARD MEMBER SANCHEZ: So moved,
3 Alfred.

4 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Is
5 there a second?

6 BOARD MEMBER DR. OSPINA: Second,
7 Lora Ospina.

8 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Are
9 there any recusals of any of the items
10 considered therein?

11 BOARD MEMBER DR. ARMSTRONG: Daniel
12 Armstrong will recuse on the school
13 millage.

14 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Okay.
15 Any comment or question on any of the
16 items included therein?

17 MS. LEON: Chair, Armstrong's -- I
18 don't think that one is in this group.

19 BOARD MEMBER DR. ARMSTRONG: Sorry.
20 Which one is it in?

21 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: All
22 right. Hearing none, we'll take it to
23 a vote.

24 All in favor? I'm sorry?

25 MS. LEON: Programs Services.

1 BOARD MEMBER DR. ARMSTRONG: Okay,
2 Programs Services.

3 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: We're
4 good. Okay.

5 So, this is voting on the consent
6 agenda Resolutions 2026-24 through
7 2026-26.

8 All in favor, say aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CHAIR ARSENAULT: Any
11 opposed?

12 The item's carries.

13 Thank you.

14 And that's our report for Finance.

15 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Thank you.

16 We're going to take a little break
17 from the business of the meeting to
18 welcome Alina Garcia, the Supervisor of
19 Elections for Miami-Dade County.

20 During the past few meetings we've
21 invited some of our elected officials to
22 address the Board.

23 Alina, who in 2024, became the
24 first constitutionally elected Supervisor
25 of Elections for Miami-Dade County.

1 She's a former State Representative for
2 District 2015 in the Florida House from
3 2022 to 2024 focusing on advocating for
4 foreign families, overseeing State
5 budgets, and championing policies that
6 benefit foreign families.

7 With over 30 years of experience in
8 public service and leadership, she's
9 worked tirelessly to improve our current
10 community.

11 Alina was raised in Miami by
12 immigrant parents who escaped Cuba's
13 oppressive regime, and is a proud product
14 of Miami-Dade Public Schools and
15 Miami-Dade College.

16 Welcome, Alina.

17 MS. GARCIA: Good morning.

18 Thank you. I want to thank The
19 Children's Trust Board of Directors for
20 this kind invitation.

21 The Trust is truly a treasure in
22 our community. And Miami-Dade is
23 incredibly fortunate to have an
24 organization and leaders so committed to
25 improving the lives of our children and

1 families.

2 A special thank you to Chairman
3 Hoffman, and to so many of your friends
4 serving on this Board.

5 As many as you know, public service
6 is not always the easiest path, but it is
7 certainly one of the most meaningful.

8 As Miami-Dade's first elected
9 Supervisor of Elections, my
10 responsibility is simple but profound; to
11 protect the voice of every voter. It is
12 a responsibility I take very seriously,
13 and the honor of a lifetime.

14 Your mission to partner with the
15 community to plan, advocate for, and
16 fund strategic investments that improve
17 the lives of children and families across
18 Miami-Dade is absolutely essential.

19 And speaking of our young people,
20 one fact that many do not realize is
21 that 16-year-olds can preregister to
22 vote. Ensuring they are election ready
23 the moment they turn 18, is something I
24 highlight at every speaking engagement,
25 because civic engagement should begin

1 early. Creating a culture of voting
2 from a young age is something we should
3 all champion.

4 At the Elections Department, my
5 team and I are committed to delivering
6 elections that are secure, accurate,
7 transparent, accessible. And I am proud
8 to say that we have an extraordinary team
9 of dedicated public servants working
10 every day to uphold these principles.

11 Public trust in elections must be
12 earned every single day. Much of our
13 work happens behind the scenes and
14 year-round, contrary to what some may
15 think, that we only, you know, work once
16 every four years.

17 In addition to administering
18 elections, our team manages petitions,
19 voter registrations, voter lists,
20 maintenance, community outreach, logic
21 and accuracy testing of voting equipment,
22 polling place preparation, full working
23 training, and so much more.

24 In fact, with 34 municipalities in
25 Miami-Dade County, if it's Tuesday,

1 there's likely an election somewhere in
2 the County. For example, tomorrow we
3 have the Surfside General Municipal
4 Special Elections. And next month we
5 will have Bay Harbor and West Miami
6 elections on April 14th. And Coral
7 Gables voters will participate in a mail
8 ballot election on April 21st.

9 And this year is especially
10 significant, as we prepare for the August
11 18th primary election and the November
12 3rd election, general election, which
13 includes the statewide midterm, and the
14 gubernatorial elections.

15 The Miami data throughout our State
16 of Florida, a national model for election
17 administration integrity and efficiency.
18 Voters have three convenient ways to
19 vote.

20 Vote by mail.

21 It's important to remember that in
22 Florida, vote by mail requests expire
23 after each general election. This
24 safeguards and helps ensure voter records
25 remain accurate and secure. If you voted

1 by mail in the last presidential
2 election, you must submit a new request
3 to continue voting by mail.

4 Early voting.

5 This provides voters with
6 flexibility and convenience during the
7 days leading up to election day.

8 And, of course, the traditional
9 way, election day.

10 Many would still prefer to cast
11 their votes in person.

12 I came to the United States from
13 Cuba at the age of three after free and
14 fair elections were abolished there. The
15 importance of protecting democracy and
16 the right to vote was instilled in me
17 from a very young age by my parents.
18 Voting is not only a precious right, it
19 is also a great responsibility.

20 Our vote is our voice. And
21 participating in every election helps
22 keep our demography vibrant and strong.
23 That's why it's important to remind you
24 all how the Children's Trust started.

25 Can anyone remind us?

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A vote.

2 MS. GARCIA: That's right. With a
3 vote by the people of Miami-Dade County.
4 That's how, you know, you get your
5 funding.

6 In closing, faith, family, and
7 service, in that order, are the guiding
8 principles of my life. And they have
9 never steered me wrong.

10 So, I want to wish you all a happy
11 Easter and happy Passover. And most
12 importantly, let's vote Miami-Dade.

13 Thank you, again, for the
14 opportunity to be with you today.

15 And if you have any questions, I
16 would be happy to answer them.

17 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Does anybody
18 have any questions?

19 MS. GARCIA: Thank you.

20 Any questions? No? Well, thank
21 you very much -- you know, another thing
22 that I wanted to tell you. We're always
23 trying to recruit poll workers. Poll
24 workers are the lifeline of elections.
25 And if your organization or you,

1 yourself, would like to participate, it's
2 a great way to see how elections work,
3 and how effective they really are. And
4 it's a wonderful experience.

5 So, I urge you to consider that.

6 Thank you, and God bless you.

7 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Thank you.

8 Okay, with that I'm going to turn
9 it over to Pamela Hollingsworth with the
10 Program Services Committee.

11 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:

12 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

13 Good morning, Everyone.

14 The Program Services Committee met
15 on March 3rd to consider the resolutions
16 that we bring before you today. We are
17 going to be bringing you a consent agenda
18 for Resolutions 2026-27 through 2026-34.

19 Prior to doing so, I'd like to ask
20 if anyone would like any resolution
21 pulled out, please.

22 BOARD MEMBER ADEBISI: 2026-28.

23 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Do you want to

1 pull the resolution?

2 BOARD MEMBER ADEBISI: Yes.

3 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:
4 She's pulling it out of the consent
5 agenda.

6 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Okay.

7 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH: I'm
8 sorry? Any others being pulled out of
9 the consent agenda?

10 Okay. Then we will be presenting a
11 consent agenda for resolutions
12 2026-27 and --

13 MS. KOBRINSKI: That's 2026-29
14 through 2026-34.

15 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:
16 Thank you, Leigh.

17 May I have a motion please?

18 BOARD MEMBER HON. GERSTEIN: So
19 moved, Norm Gerstein.

20 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH: And
21 a second?

22 BOARD MEMBER NUELL: Second, Nue11.

23 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH: Are
24 there any recusals?

25 BOARD MEMBER DR. ARMSTRONG: I just

1 want to recuse, Armstrong, 2026-29.

2 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:

3 Further recusals?

4 Hearing none, the floor is open to
5 discussion.

6 With no discussion, all those in
7 favor?

8 BOARD MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH: Are
10 there any opposed?

11 The consent agenda passes.

12 Leigh, which resolution did we
13 pull?

14 MS. KOBRINSKI: 2026-28.

15 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:

16 Okay.

17 Moving now to Resolution 2026-28.

18 Authorization to negotiate and
19 execute contracts with three providers
20 identified herein, to deliver oral health
21 preventative services in a total amount
22 not to exceed \$548,014, for a term of 12
23 months, commencing October 1, 2026, and
24 ending September 30, 2027.

25 May I have a motion, please?

1 BOARD MEMBER GIMENEZ: So moved,
2 Gimenez.

3 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:
4 Thank you.

5 And a second?

6 BOARD MEMBER DEL VALLE: Second,
7 Del Valle.

8 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH: Are
9 there any recusals?

10 BOARD MEMBER ADEBISI: Recusal,
11 Adebisi. I work for the Florida
12 Department of Health.

13 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:
14 Thank you.

15 Moving now to discussion, comments
16 from directors?

17 Hearing none, all those in favor?

18 BOARD MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH: Are
20 there any opposed?

21 The resolution carries.

22 And our final resolution for this
23 morning.

24 Resolution 2026-35.

25 Authorization to negotiate and

1 execute renewal contracts with 116
2 providers identified herein, to deliver
3 high-quality (i) after-school programming
4 for 16,289 elementary, middle, high
5 school-aged children and youth, and (ii)
6 summer programming for 16,986 elementary,
7 middle, and high school-aged children and
8 youth, in a total amount not to exceed
9 \$72,745,076.00.

10 In addition, authorization for the
11 President & CEO to reallocate funds
12 during the course of the year based on
13 performance and community needs, as
14 necessary, among the different providers
15 identified within this resolution, for a
16 contract term of 12 months, commencing
17 August 15, 2026, and ending August 14,
18 2027, with one remaining annual renewal,
19 subject to annual funding appropriations.

20 May I have a motion please?

21 BOARD MEMBER NUELL: So moved,
22 Nuell.

23 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:

24 Thank you.

25 And a second?

1 BOARD MEMBER SANCHEZ: I second,
2 Alfred.

3 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:
4 Thank you.

5 Any recusals?

6 BOARD MEMBER HON. SALVER: Yes.
7 Isaac Salver. I'm recusing, because I'm
8 the Mayor of Bay Harbor Islands, and Bay
9 Harbor Islands is one of its providers.

10 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:
11 Thank you.

12 BOARD MEMBER BURGOS: Kathy Burgos.
13 Recusal because I'm one of the
14 recipient's community services.

15 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH:
16 Thank you.

17 Directors, the floor is open for
18 discussion, comments?

19 Hearing none, all those in favor?

20 BOARD MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CHAIR HOLLINGSWORTH: Are
22 there any opposed?

23 This resolution passes.

24 Sending it back to you, Mr. Chair.

25 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Thank you.

1 Before I turn it over to Jim, I
2 want to point out that I think at the
3 Board Retreat, I might have shamed Judge
4 Gerstein into bringing treats for the
5 Board to this meeting.

6 The Judge came a little late, so
7 they all haven't been eaten, but his
8 girlfriend is a wonderful cook, and back
9 in the corner there are some treats for
10 the Board when we're finished.

11 BOARD MEMBER HON. GERSTEIN: Thanks
12 for bringing that up again.

13 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: You're welcome.
14 Jim?

15 MR. HAJ: Good morning.

16 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

17 In front of you, you have two
18 op-eds. One from our partners, one from
19 Kathy Fernandez Rundle and Carlos
20 Martinez. And we have one from President
21 Pumariega.

22 It really is amazing that we have
23 partners who do these op-eds and put it
24 out on the State level. So, across the
25 State people see the impact of Miami-Dade

1 County and The Children's Trust. We have
2 received texts and calls from people
3 throughout the State.

4 I'm just amazed at our impact.
5 This has hit the community newspapers
6 this week. One will go out this week,
7 one will go out next, and there's more
8 op-eds coming down the pike just so we
9 can see the impact on the State level.

10 But just with Kathy and Carlos'
11 op-ed recently about the impact in 20
12 years, and how drastically youth crime
13 has plummeted since the initiation of
14 the Trust, is pretty strong.

15 And it's nice. You know, we say it
16 all the time, but it's nice to have
17 partners out there in the community
18 saying that as well.

19 So we appreciate our partnerships.

20 Champions for Children, April 16th.
21 We're very proud. We opened it up. We
22 were sold out within 48 hours. So
23 Champions is sold out.

24 We also had the fundraising goal.
25 We -- 10 years ago, we said we will not

1 use taxpayer money for this event. We're
2 going to use sponsorship, and we've
3 exceeded that goal already, too.

4 So, looking forward to April 16th.

5 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

6 CHAIRMAN HOFFMAN: Okay, thank you,
7 everybody for your attendance.

8 And please enjoy the refreshments.

9 Meeting adjourned.

10 (Thereupon, the meeting was
11 adjourned at 9:02 a.m.)

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