

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF LEON COUNTY

June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Principal Carmen Conner (Vice-Chair); Carolyn Cummings, Leon County Commissioner; Rocky Hanna, Superintendent of Schools; Liza McFadden; Paul Mitchell; Mark O'Bryant; Walter Sachs, DCF Northwest Region Managing Director; Honorable Jonathan Sjostrom (Chair), Chief Judge, Alva Striplin, School Board Member.

Member(s) Absent: Dr. Zandra Glenn

Location: TCC Center for Innovation, Conference Plaza Room
300 W. Pensacola St., Tallahassee, Florida 32301

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Sjostrom called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Nine Council members were present, and a quorum was established.

3. WELCOME

Dr. Scott Balog, Executive Director for the Center for Innovation, gave the welcome to the Council and meeting attendees.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mitchell moved to accept the agenda. Mrs. Striplin seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council members discussed the proposed minutes from the June 2, 2021 regular meeting. Mr. Mitchell moved to accept the minutes. Superintendent Hanna seconded the motion. The June 2, 2021 minutes were approved unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council during Public Forum:

- Mr. Erwin Jackson
- Mr. Michael Andrews
- Mr. John Lester
- Ms. Ricki Kleist-Castrina
- Mr. Terry Madegan
- Mr. Barney Bishop
- Mr. Joel Thornton
- Mr. Carl Monson
- Mr. Rick Lockenbach
- Mr. Darryl Jones
- Mr. Jack Levine

7. INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Ted Granger gave an update on the search for a CPA firm and legal counsel. Mr. Granger also gave updates on the budget process, interlocal agreement, signatories, website/social media, and office space.

Mr. Sachs inquired about the search for a CPA firm and if the process had to include bidding out to firms. Discussion. Mr. Granger will follow up with more information at the June 22, 2021 meeting.

8. PARLIAMENTARIAN DISCUSSION

Chair Sjostrom proposed Commissioner Cummings be appointed as the parliamentarian. The Council will vote on the motion at the June 22, 2021 meeting.

9. CONTRACT SERVICES

A. LEGAL SERVICES

Mr. Granger gave an update on his search for legal counsel. He reported Mr. Chris Roe of Bryant Miller Olive, P.A. was selected. Mr. Mitchell motioned to have a vote for Mr. Roe to be legal counsel of the CSC. Discussion.

Mr. O'Bryant seconded the motion to have a vote. Mrs. Striplin recused herself from the vote due to a conflict. Mrs. Striplin then announced her resignation from the Council due to time constraints.

Mr. Sachs recommended the Council review Mr. Roe's resume prior to voting on retaining him as legal counsel. Mr. Mitchell rescinded his motion to have a vote. The vote will be held at the June 22, 2021 meeting.

B. ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Discussed during the Interim Administrator report. Mr. Granger will follow up with more information.

10. CSC BUDGET DISCUSSION

Chair Sjostrom recused himself from discussion. Vice-Chair Conner took over as Chair of the meeting. Mrs. Conner proposed each Council member get two minutes to speak about their position on the budget. Commissioner Cummings proposed a motion be made prior to member discussion.

Mr. Mitchell, Council Treasurer, gave an update on the Budget Committee. Discussion. Vice-Chair Conner turned the meeting back over to Chair Sjostrom. Chair Sjostrom announced the Interim Budget and Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget will be on the agenda for next Council meeting on June 22, 2021.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

A. SCHEDULE 1st Public TRIM HEARING

Chair Sjostrom discussed the importance of scheduling the Public Trim Hearing between September 3 and September 18, 2021.

B. CSC BANK ACCOUNTY SIGNATORIES

Mr. O'Bryant made a motion for Chair Sjostrom and Mr. Granger to be signatories on the CSC bank account. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. CSC EMAIL ADDRESSES

Discussion. Each Council member will make an individual decision regarding a CSC email address.

12. NEXT MEETINGS

A. COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be at 2:00 pm in the Leon County Commission Chambers.

B. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be at 12:45 pm in the Leon County Commission Chambers.

Ms. McFadden inquired about Council members attending meetings via Zoom. Mr. Granger will follow up with more information.

13. NEXT MEETING AGENDA - June 22, 2021

- Vote for Parliamentarian
- Update from Interim Administrator – CPA, legal counsel, committee for needs assessment.
- Approval of the Council’s Interim Budget
- Approval of the Council’s tentative fiscal year 2021-22 Budget
- Establish TRIM Millage Rate
- Selection of the first TRIM public hearing date
- Swear in new Council member and Superintendent Hanna

Chair Sjostrom proposed canceling the Council meeting on July 8, 2021. All Council members agreed.

14. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

A. Mrs. Alva Striplin announced her resignation during the Contract Services agenda item.

Section 3 of the Council’s Bylaws provide that “Vacancies in Council memberships shall be filled as soon as practicable by the appropriate appointing authority in accordance with § 125.901, Fla. Stat.”

Leon County School Board will vote on Mrs. Striplin’s replacement at the June 15, 2021 meeting.

B. Mr. Sachs announced the vacancy on the Circuit 2 Community Alliance. Mr. Sachs also announced today is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

15. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm