



Board of Directors Meeting

May 16, 2022

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE MEETING

The Children's Trust Board of Directors
Committee Meeting was held on May 16, 2022,
commencing at 4:00 p.m., at 3250 Southwest 3rd
Avenue, United Way, Ryder Conference Room, Miami,
Florida 33129. The meeting was called to order by
Kenneth Hoffman, Chair.

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- 6 Dr. Tiombe-Bisa Kendrick-Dunn (Zoom)
- 7 Alexandra Martin (Zoom)
- 8 Annie R. Neasman
- 9 Hon. Orlando Prescott
- 10 Javier Reyes
- 11 Hon. Isaac Salver (Zoom)
- 12 Sandra West
- 13 Leigh Kobrinski
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- 18 Bevone Ritchie
- 19 Carol Brogan
- 20 Danielle Barreras
- 21 Diana Beltre
- 22 Felix Becerra
- 23 Garnet Esters
- 24 Grettel Suarez
- 25 Imran Ali

- 1 Jacques Bentolila
- 2 James R. Haj
- 3 Jennifer Moreno
- 4 Jennifer Ulysse
- 5 Joanna Revelo
- 6 Juana Leon
- 7 Juliette Fabien
- 8 Kathleen Dexter
- 9 Kristin Hart
- 10 Leilah Collazo
- 11 Lisanne Gage
- 12 Lisete Yero
- 13 Lori Hanson
- 14 Marden Muñoz
- 15 Michelle Lopez
- 16 Muriel Jeanty
- 17 Natalia Zea
- 18 Nicolette Jackson
- 19 Patricia Leal
- 20 Rachel Spector
- 21 Sebastian Del Marmol
- 22 Susan Marian
- 23 Tatiana Canelas
- 24 Wendy Duncombe
- 25 William Kirtland

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2	Rick Beasley
3	Travis
4	Betty
5	Carol Brady-Simmons
6	Virginia
7	Rocio
8	Carlos
9	Irenaida Diaz
10	ALL INC.
11	Dennis Miles
12	Natalia Coletti
13	Debra Rudnicki
14	Heidy Valdes
15	Ta'myah Byars
16	Bianca Montenegro
17	Lorna Escoffery
18	Marisel Elias
19	Myrna
20	Leidy Ramirez
21	Farida Reyes
22	Katie Hart
23	Michelle
24	Gabriela Manon
25	Lisa Blair

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. HOFFMAN: First of all, those of you who
3 are attending virtually, just some cleanup stuff
4 again, please remember to keep your cameras on
5 and your microphones off unless you're speaking.
6 In addition, for those who are present, make sure
7 you turn your microphones on when you speak. We
8 had scheduled an Executive Committee Meeting in
9 the event we did not obtain an in-person quorum.
10 We have an in-person quorum, so the Executive
11 Committee Meeting for 4:00 p.m. is hereby
12 cancelled. And finally, for later, we move to
13 resolutions. I just want to remind everybody,
14 that if you are required to recuse yourself on a
15 particular resolution, please make sure when
16 recusing to state your name, agency, or provider
17 affiliation, and a reason for recusal. We have
18 quite a lot of activity on the Board this month.
19 We're welcoming three new directors joining the
20 Board and we'll say goodbye to two of our
21 existing directors. Today will be their last
22 meeting. So let me just get started.

23 First, Dr. Try Diggs. Start by introducing
24 her. Replaces Maggie Abrahante, as Designee of
25 the Superintendent of the Miami-Dade Public

1 Schools. Although she's not native, she moved to
2 Miami at age 10 and is a product of Miami-Dade
3 County school system, having graduated from Miami
4 Norland Senior High, as the salutatorian of her
5 class. She went on to earn Bachelor of Arts
6 degree in English arts from Hampton University, a
7 Master of Science and an educational leadership
8 specialist degree from Nova Southeastern, and her
9 Doctor of Education from the College of William
10 and Mary. She's worked for the Miami-Dade County
11 Public Schools for more than 27 years, primarily
12 serving at-risk students and academically fragile
13 communities. She's held positions as language
14 arts teacher for an alternative school, as
15 assistant principal, vice principal of her alma
16 mater Miami Norwin Senior. As principal of Miami
17 Edison Senior and as administrative director for
18 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Education
19 Transformation Office. She currently serves as
20 the assistant superintendent for the division of
21 academic support. Welcome, Dr. Diggs.

22 Okay, this will be the last board meeting
23 for Sandra West who joined the Board in May 2020
24 as the representative of the Miami-Dade Council
25 of Parent Teacher Association, Parent Teacher

1 Student Association. Sandra will be back next
2 Board meeting for a brief visit to be formally
3 recognized for her service, but since I won't be
4 here at the next Board meeting, I just wanted to
5 say a brief goodbye. Sandra has represented her
6 organization well, bringing her experience both
7 as a parent of three children and teacher in the
8 public school system to our table. Sandra, I'll
9 miss your thoughtful input on our Board and I
10 hope you stay involved in the community and
11 continue to find avenues to use your background
12 and perspective advocating for our children.
13 Thank you.

14 So replacing Sandra is representative of the
15 Miami-Dade Council and PTA/PTSA, is incoming
16 President Maria Norton. And Maria has joined us
17 here today. Maria is from Miami and the mother
18 of two boys. She attended Florida State
19 University and Nova Southeastern University. And
20 currently works for Miami-Dade County Public
21 School System as a speech language pathologist.
22 She has served in her children's school as PTA
23 volunteer, including in leadership positions for
24 the last 21 years. She's a very passionate,
25 dedicated, always advocating for all children and

1 especially our most vulnerable children, those
2 with diverse needs. Welcome, Maria.

3 Is Alexandria Martin on the call?

4 She's not on, okay. So our student
5 representative Alexandra Martin is supposed to be
6 here today to receive her service award. And I
7 guess next meeting we'll thank her for her
8 service as a director.

9 Is Ta'myah on the call? Is she on the call?

10 MS. JEANTY: She's here.

11 MR. HOFFMAN: Okay, so replacing Alexandra
12 Martin as student representative of the Miami-
13 Dade County Public Schools Student Government
14 Association is our newest director Ta'myah Byars,
15 arising 12th grade student and attends both Miami
16 Northwestern and George T. Baker Aviation
17 Technical College. And she has plans to pursue
18 her career as an engineer. She is a student
19 known for her ambition and leadership skills and
20 holds several positions within the school clubs
21 and honor societies, including national honor
22 society, technical honor society and new -. Her
23 most recent achievement is being elected as vice
24 president of the Miami-Dade County Public School
25 System District Student Government Association.

1 Welcome, Ta'myah, look forward to seeing you
2 here.

3 Muriel recently sent everyone, by email, the
4 schedule for our upcoming Board committee
5 meeting, so the next fiscal year. Those of you
6 who are here in-person will find a copy in front
7 of you on the table. Please take it. Please
8 make sure to review the calendar and get these
9 dates into your own calendars. In the coming
10 week or weeks, Muriel will also be sending you
11 calendar invites for your convenience for each of
12 the Board meetings and each Committee meetings on
13 which you serve. I'd like to congratulate the
14 Trust staff for hosting a very successful
15 provider meeting at the end of last month. Mary
16 Daniella Levine Cava brought greetings to the
17 meeting and shared some personal insight, advice
18 from her time as a CEO in a community-based
19 organization. There were over 400 people in
20 attendance at the virtual meeting. And the
21 topics included timelines for the upcoming
22 solicitations and a rollout of some new fiscal
23 processes and procedures. The feedback from the
24 providers was very positive. You may hear some
25 more about this as we go through some of the

1 resolutions today.

2 I'd like to remind everybody that Champions
3 for Children is coming up next week, Tuesday, May
4 4 at the Doubletree Hilton near the Miami
5 International Airport. Our CEO report in last
6 meeting, we're well on our way to securing
7 sponsorships to defer cost of event. Our goal
8 was to raise \$130,000. And I'm happy to report
9 that as of now we've raised almost \$150,000,
10 which does not include revenue from ticket sales.
11 So congratulations to the staff on that effort.
12 With that, we can move into the regular meeting.

13 Muriel, is there any public comments?

14 MS. JEANTY: No, Mr. Chair, there's no
15 public comments.

16 MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you. Then I would turn
17 it over to Karen Weller, our secretary.

18 MS. WELLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 The Board of Directors met on Monday, April
20 18, 2022 and the minutes are here in your packets
21 and can be found on pages 5 and 6. Hopefully
22 everyone has had an opportunity to review. May I
23 please have a motion to approve?

24 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hollingsworth.

25 MS. WELLER: Thank you. A second?

1 MS. COLLINS: Second.

2 MS. WELLER: Thank you.

3 All those in favor?

4 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all
5 responded with "aye.")

6 MS. WELLER: Thank you. Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 MS. WELLER: The motion carries. Back to
9 you, Mr. Chair.

10 MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you. And those of you
11 who are following the agenda will note that I've
12 already gone through the next couple of items, so
13 we'll turn it over to our Finance Chair, Mark
14 Trowbridge, for the Finance and Operations
15 Committee Report.

16 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
17 Good afternoon, everybody. We have two
18 resolutions for you today from the Finance and
19 Operations Committee. First is Resolution 2022-
20 43: Authorization to negotiate and execute a
21 contract renewal with Marcum LLP, in a total
22 amount not to exceed \$29,500.00, for a term of 12
23 months, commencing August 1, 2022, and ending
24 July 31, 2023.

25 Is there a motion to approve this

1 resolution?

2 MR. ARSENAULT: So moved, Arsenault.

3 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Thank you, Matthew. Is
4 there a second?

5 MS. NEASMAN: Second, Neasman.

6 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Thank you, Annie. Any
7 recusals?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Thank you very much. As
10 many of you know, we are entering the fifth and
11 final year of working with Marcum with regard to
12 our annual audit. And as required in our bylaws,
13 we will be, at some point in the very near
14 future, coming back to you with an RFQ to be
15 released to procure another auditing firm to help
16 us, hopefully, for the next five years beyond
17 this. This is the fifth year of working with
18 Marcum and I know that they have come before us
19 every year and I know we have enjoyed working
20 with them. And Bill, I want to thank you and
21 your team, of course, for working so closely with
22 Marcum.

23 Any other discussion or questions about this
24 resolution?

25 (No verbal response.)

1 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Seeing none, all in favor
2 signify by saying aye.

3 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all
4 responded with "aye.")

5 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any opposed nay?
6 (No verbal response.)

7 MR. TROWBRIDGE: The motion carries. Thank
8 you all very much. Before we bring our next
9 resolution before the entire board, we'd like to
10 have a presentation, so I'm going to turn it over
11 to our CEO Mr. Haj to talk to us about the IT
12 resolution.

13 MR. HAJ: Mr. Chair, thank you. We've all
14 talked the last couple of years about the great
15 work that the Trust positioned itself during
16 COVID and how we worked with our providers. How
17 we also kind of automated a lot of our systems
18 with invoicing and all the other touch points so
19 the providers can do what they do best and let
20 the backend office try to automate as much as
21 possible as well as our contracting and many
22 other services. So this Board doesn't really
23 hear all the great things that is happening
24 behind the scenes. We wanted a moment just to
25 showcase our IT, let them showcase some of the

1 great things that are happening behind the
2 scenes, which we don't see the day to day. And I
3 will turn it over to start with Jack Bentolila.

4 MR. BENTOLILA: Thank you. So we're going
5 to go quickly through PowerPoint just to give an
6 idea of all the IT. I'll take us through the
7 majority, then hand off to our IT director Marty
8 to close out the presentation. So there's an
9 ongoing focus on the tightening security
10 protocols and enhancing systems, again,
11 efficiencies and improved user experience. IT is
12 a never ending focus on constant improvement in
13 seeing what exactly can be done to improve. So
14 cyber security is obviously at the top on many IT
15 lists, ours as well. So we have ongoing
16 monitoring, both external and internal testing.
17 A lot of our external testing occurred last year
18 and we'll be focusing more internal testing now
19 that we're into a hybrid model of office work,
20 this is our continuous monitoring to stay one
21 step ahead. Last year our external testing
22 didn't have any critical issues. Any issues that
23 did come up were addressed immediately, so that
24 included moving our website to a more secure
25 platform, which is one of the things on our

1 resolution that we put in place. We'll continue
2 with our internal reviews and testing this year,
3 and of course any items that come up, we'll
4 addressed as we go and any critical items take
5 priority. Education and awareness is obviously
6 the best defense in any cyber security world.

7 So we utilize our vendor KnowBe4 for
8 security awareness training. This platform is
9 interactive in engaging training. Provides
10 resources and tools to disseminate and attract
11 the awareness efforts with our staff. This past
12 year we implemented and required a base line
13 training for all existing and newly hired
14 employees. There topic specific trainings that
15 require every two to three months an occasional
16 fishing campaigns that we will conduct on our
17 teams unannounced in order to make sure that the
18 education that we're providing to our employees
19 is tested and any additional reinforcing training
20 can occur. Approximately 400 trainings have been
21 completed by staff on topics ranging from
22 protecting data and devices to knowing where or
23 when not to click a link. Hybrid mode makes us
24 even more vulnerable because we're not only in
25 the office, but we can be at our home offices, on

1 the road, or at a local Starbucks, and all those
2 are actual security issues that we need to take
3 care of. This slide might be a little difficult
4 to see, but it's probably one of my favorite.
5 You'll see we're protected from 68.4 percent of
6 the 203,608 inbound emails in March of 2022. So
7 this is a good description of how many emails
8 actually try to come into our system and then the
9 protocols in our system that actually will shave
10 off, so we go from 203,608 entering the system to
11 only 64,363 actually being delivered to its end
12 user. After the various ones have been peeled
13 off based on protocols by our vendors that have
14 been set up. These policies are enforced
15 automatically. Our vendor BMK media provides
16 offsite support to our staff via help desk, our
17 firewalls and other operational items. So this
18 is one of my favorite depictions because it
19 really brings to life what actually occurs. And
20 obviously, just like any other organization, we
21 get fishing emails, spam emails, and the rules
22 that are in place try to protect against that and
23 from malware to finally the good mail makes it to
24 our attendant recipients and we can go ahead with
25 the work of our organization.

1 On the Trust organizational policies also
2 work into the security score. So BMK partners,
3 our vendor BMK partners with us in recommending
4 additional security measures that we take on,
5 such as limiting our white listed domains, which
6 is very limited number of domains can actually
7 bypass any of our protocols. We actually
8 switched based on Microsoft's newest protocols,
9 which most of you are aware, right, if you use
10 Microsoft products, every few months they ask you
11 to reset your password. Microsoft rethought that
12 process and now says that you don't have to reset
13 your passwords as much as having very strong
14 passwords. So this past month we actually made
15 every one of our employees reset their passwords
16 to a very long lengthy phrase that hopefully is
17 very complicated, but that got them out of having
18 to change them every three months. There was a
19 plus and minus there. We do require multifactor
20 authentication with our internal staff and surely
21 will be extended to all external staff utilizing
22 our Microsoft products. And we are
23 investigating, also doing that with our Trust
24 Central platform, requiring our providers to do
25 that. That's not in effect yet. Won't be in

1 effect until we get them through some of the
2 contracting terms, but that's soon to come.

3 We also limited our calendar access to
4 internal users only and we also block any
5 international IP addresses. Any information or
6 emails trying to get to us from an international
7 IP will automatically be blocked by our system
8 and not allowed. Our secure score, which is a
9 Microsoft measure of organization security
10 posture is now above 90 percent and comparable
11 size organizations to us, the average is about 50
12 percent. So that's pretty good number for us to
13 be standing with. At this time, I'm going to be
14 handing it to Marden, our IT director, to cover
15 our last slide about our little SAMIS house on
16 the prairie.

17 MS. MUNOZ: Thank you, Jack. I get the fun
18 part. So as Jack mentioned, this is about our
19 house. So about 12 years ago, The Children's
20 Trust joined the SAMIS collaborative and our
21 staff, but even more so, our providers, use SAMIS
22 to report information. And they're reporting
23 fiscal information, like their budgets and
24 reimbursements, as well as participant data,
25 demographics, attendance and performance

1 measures. So, 12 years ago, right, overtime
2 SAMIS adapted to meet our growing needs and
3 changing needs, both ours as well as the
4 collaboratives because SAMIS is used by other
5 partners around the state, other CSEs as well as
6 local funding partners. Those new
7 functionalities and features were added.
8 Similar, you're wondering why you're seeing a
9 house similar here, similar to how you might add
10 on to a building with a new addition or with
11 remodeling. And we all know how long that can
12 take. But while things were updated on the
13 outside for users to see and still do new things,
14 we really hadn't touch the foundation of SAMIS
15 for years. So the old foundation made somethings
16 harder for us, for our developers and for our IT
17 staff. But that foundation also limited our
18 users and our providers in the experiences they
19 could have. So ultimately SAMIS outgrew its
20 foundation out through those years. So about two
21 years in the making now, and benefiting the
22 entire collaborative, but really led by Trust
23 staff, we were heavily involved in the
24 requirements of SAMIS reimagining and making sure
25 that new foundation and structure would meet all

1 of our needs. Last fall that really took all of
2 our departments jumping in. We had involvement
3 from all departments at the Trust at some degree.
4 We spent a lot of time testing and deploying our
5 new SAMIS. We went live in December. And our
6 new house, our new modern house is built on that
7 new foundation, so we got a foundation now that's
8 more stable. It's future proof. It gives
9 greater user experiences for our staff and our
10 providers with improved access to data and more
11 streamlined ways to enter their data. So with
12 our new foundation, future work in the system
13 becomes more achievable. Trust Central houses
14 SAMIS as well as our functionality for things
15 like grants and contracts and other business
16 processes. And now that we have a solid
17 foundation for the SAMIS portion, we can benefit
18 for more opportunities of connections across
19 those modules.

20 I think that was it, Jack.

21 MR. BENTOLILA: Yes, thank you Marden.

22 MR. HAJ: Mark, thank you very much. I just
23 want to thank Jack, Marden, the entire IT team.
24 We went live in December, but it was years in the
25 making to get to this point. And not only are we

1 helping out Miami-Dade, but Marden really has
2 been spearheading the leadership throughout the state
3 of Florida on these efforts. Marden, thank you
4 very much.

5 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Thank you, Jim. Thank you
6 very much Jack, thank you Marden. Thank you for
7 a great presentation. I'm going to read into the
8 record now. Resolution 2022-44: Authorization
9 to renew services and execute related agreements
10 with multiple IT vendors in a total amount not to
11 exceed \$1,835,371.00, inclusive of \$50,000.00
12 contingency for IT budgeted enhancement projects
13 for a term of 12 months, with two agreements
14 commencing on October 1, 2022, and ending
15 September 30, 2023; and request a waiver of the
16 procurement policy.

17 Is there a motion to approve?

18 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: So moved, Kendrick-Dunn.

19 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Thank you. Is there a
20 second?

21 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Second, Bendross-
22 Mindingall.

23 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Thank you, Doctor. Are
24 there any recusals?

25 (No verbal response.)

1 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Seeing none, we'll move
2 into discussion. This resolution seeks funding
3 to renew various services. As you heard,
4 utilized for the operations of The Children's
5 Trust, enter into related agreements with the
6 vendors and or partners in the case where The
7 Children's Trust is a member of or participant in
8 a consortium committee. And you see those there.
9 I want to take the staff for the presentation and
10 also for the very detailed breakout of each of
11 those and what the usage of each of those would
12 be. And again, I know we did this previously,
13 but really commend you all for all of your
14 security measures. Thank you for the work you've
15 done to create opportunities for employees to
16 work in a hybrid format and for everything that
17 you've done to make sure that the Trust is at the
18 leading edge in what we're doing in terms of IT.

19 Any other discussion, comments, feedback?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 MR. TROWBRIDGE: All right, seeing none,
22 we'll move to a vote. All in favor of Resolution
23 2022-44 please signify by saying aye.

24 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all
25 responded with "aye.")

1 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any opposed nay?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 MR. TROWBRIDGE: The motion carries. And
4 Mr. Chair, just one moment of personal privilege,
5 I want to thank Gilda Ferradaz, who served as our
6 vice chair for Finance and Operations, so ably
7 and wonderfully for the last few years. And
8 thank her for her commitment to the Trust and to
9 our committee. And welcome, Matthew. Thank you
10 for your appointment as our new vice chair.
11 Thank you.

12 MR. HOFFMAN: Okay, now we move to Pamela
13 Hollingsworth and the Program Services and
14 Childhood Health Committee report.

15 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
16 Good afternoon, directors, staff, guests. The
17 Program Services and Childhood Health Committee
18 met on Thursday, May 6 to consider the
19 resolutions that we're bringing before you today.
20 Prior to that, I'm going to punt to our CEO to T
21 us up for a parenting programs presentation.

22 MR. HAJ: Pam, thank you. As we've done in
23 the past, we'd like to do a presentation that
24 correlates with the next six resos. So I'd like
25 to turn it over to Bevone Ritchie, who is the

1 director of Programs and followed by Danielle
2 Barreras, who is our strategic community
3 initiative manager. So, Bevone.

4 MS. RITCHE: Thank you, Jim. Good
5 afternoon, everyone. My colleague and I will
6 present you an overview of our parenting
7 initiative and also T up some of the, all of the
8 resolutions that are before you here today. So
9 first, I just want to give you some background
10 information and talk to you about why do we
11 invest in parenting, right. So we know that
12 effective, consistent and supportive parenting
13 prepares children for a lifetime of success.
14 Improved parenting strengthens positive child
15 outcomes related to emotional, behavioral, social
16 and cognitive competencies, as well as physical
17 health and safety. I'm a parent. Many of you,
18 I'm assuming, are parents as well. And at some
19 point in our journey we have questions or
20 concerns about our child. And we often look to a
21 trusted source for information about -- and
22 support. So we have designed our parenting
23 initiative to be that trusted source. We're
24 supported by qualified providers who are trained
25 in the evidence-based programs that we offer and

1 they are equipped with the staffing and the
2 support that makes us sort of the go-to within
3 our community for parenting programs. So how do
4 we do this. We have a continued care and we --
5 that runs from providing support all the way to
6 when children transition to adulthood. So we
7 have what are called our universally available
8 programs and see before you they are -- as we
9 move forward in the presentation, we'll give a
10 little bit more about those. These are our brief
11 interventions. They are the book club, our Reach
12 Out and Read program, Books for Free, and our
13 Parent Club. Many of them are literacy based
14 focus and they provide information, where the
15 parent is the first teacher. And then when we
16 move to our slightly more intensive sets of
17 programs, these are our selective programs.
18 These are aimed at families that might be
19 experiencing some early challenges and are
20 looking for support and we provide these
21 programs. They are parent education advocacy
22 programs and our home visitation programs. And
23 we provide a little bit more of intensive,
24 they're done either in the home, they could be
25 individually based, or cohort based in group

1 settings. And then we offer our more intensive
2 clinical services. They are what we label as our
3 indicative programs and family strengthening
4 programs. And they are more intensive in nature
5 and typically supported by staffing that have a
6 master level degree or, often in many programs, a
7 PhD level clinician. These are programs that
8 provide support both to the parent and the child.
9 And we have many various different programming,
10 including things such as Focused CBT, and our
11 SIFTA program, and our PCIT, which is Parent
12 Child Interactive Therapy program. And as I
13 mentioned, these programs are either promising
14 practice programs or they are evidence-based
15 programs. When I say evidence based programs, it
16 means they've gone through a rigorous review and
17 they're proven to be successful, right, with the
18 outcomes that they are trying to achieve. So we
19 fund 15 EBPs within the parenting initiative. Of
20 those EBPs we have 33 curriculums, meaning
21 something like the incredible years, that is one
22 of the evidence-based programs that we use. They
23 utilize a model of providing a curriculum that
24 might be an infant or a preschool or a school-
25 aged curriculum or something like Triple P, which

1 has an EBP that is based on population. There
2 might be -- we do have programs that work with
3 families, to support families that have children
4 with disabilities or support families that might
5 have some issues around nutrition education and
6 preemptive way of addressing childhood obesity.
7 So there are many programs. And if you look, it
8 runs from prenatally all the way through middle
9 school. Those numbers are a little bit
10 duplicate, but some of the curriculums run across
11 the whole developmental continuum. Next.

12 So I'm going to stop. Before we go into the
13 portion of presentation where we're going to go
14 into individual resolutions and give you a little
15 bit information, so I'm going to turn it over to
16 Danielle who is going to start it off by giving
17 you some information on one of our literacy-based
18 program.

19 MS. BARRERAS: So yes, good afternoon.
20 Thank you to the Board for your continued support
21 around early literacy. We know that our book
22 club is right now in it's prime position to
23 impact our families. We know that through our
24 parent surveys, it indicates that the longer
25 families are part of our book club and building

1 those at-home libraries, we're showing more signs
2 of parent/child interaction, we're showing more
3 signs of children being interested and motivated
4 to read. We're showing more interaction. Think
5 about pointing, right, simple strategies that we
6 use as parents, families that are part of our
7 book club are using these strategies for the
8 first time and doing them in duration even more
9 and increasing that duration. Go to the next
10 slide, thank you.

11 So I'm here before you today to say that we
12 are proud to tell you that we have finally
13 reached our active 45,000 members, which has been
14 the goal since the beginning of our expansion,
15 which started about two years ago. And so you
16 can see on the screen, about 300,000 books have
17 been shipped to help these families build their
18 at-home libraries. And so due to attrition that
19 occurs monthly, we have decided to start
20 focusing, or continue, I should say, focusing our
21 efforts on recruiting in our priority zip code.
22 So we partnered with our Thrive by Five providers
23 as well as faith-based organizations to really
24 hone in on recruiting as we continue to build our
25 membership with the book club. I'll pass it back

1 to you, Bevone.

2 MS. RITCHIE: Okay. So as I shared
3 previously, we have a continuum of parenting
4 programs and we're going to start by sharing with
5 you these are universally available. So this,
6 The Children's Trust Books for Free program is
7 Resolution 2022-49. And it is one of our
8 universally available programs that provides
9 access to books. So we partner with Miami-Dade
10 College, who is the vendor that distributes or
11 oversees this program. And what they do is they
12 collect gently used or new books. They do book
13 drives, if you will. And we do also purchase
14 some books because we want to be culturally
15 appropriate and often times books aren't always
16 available in some of the, particularly our Creole
17 speaking families, so that's one area that we
18 often have to purchase books because we don't get
19 enough donation of those books. And through
20 these relationships, we donate the books,
21 volunteer, sort through the books, and create
22 opportunities so that we can have ready stocked
23 books for the bookshelves. And we do so,
24 typically monthly. And then we have the
25 opportunity most recently to partner with our

1 community engagement department where there was
2 an interest and a need to bring the services to,
3 if you will, smaller communities, because in the
4 past, our partnerships have been larger
5 partnerships such as in WIC offices, at
6 courthouse, and we wanted to be more community-
7 based, so through our partnership with Kiwanis
8 Club, and you see the picture before you here, we
9 had the opportunity to bring books for free to
10 barber shops and laundromats. And it's been a
11 tremendous success. And the partnership is
12 yielded much more activity, if you will, where
13 there's much more involvement by the whole site
14 that is hosting bookshelves. Next.

15 So within the universal available, we also
16 have the Reach Out and Read, which is a national
17 pediatric model endorsed by the American Academy
18 of Pediatrics, where integrating in pediatric
19 practices and the pediatricians are moving
20 beyond, during the well-child visit, they're
21 moving beyond just talking about the physical
22 development of the child and they're using
23 literacy aspects and asking the parents to read
24 with their children and providing a book. And
25 then we have Resolution 2022-47, which is The

1 Children's Trust Parent Club. This is sort of
2 you can go and get your questions answered. You
3 don't have to commit to that long-term or longer
4 term activity of group and individual services.
5 You go to a 60-minute workshop and you have the
6 opportunity to engaged with other parents because
7 they're there as well trying to get information
8 about a topic of interest to them. And then you
9 -- if you want to, we connect you to other
10 services that are more intensive, if that is your
11 desire. And then our largest forte in the
12 parenting space, in the selective space is our
13 group parenting education and individual home
14 visitation program. This is Resolution 2022-45.
15 And what we -- what happens here is services
16 range from weeks to months and in our home
17 visitation space, years. so we have the ability
18 to connect with families and work with them on
19 their goal using evidence-based curriculum.
20 Average times families are engaged in the program
21 can be from three to six months. As I mentioned,
22 there are some programs that are longer, such as
23 our home visiting programs, which can run from 18
24 months to five years. And then the most
25 intensive services that we provide in the

1 parenting space is our family strengthening
2 programs. And these are our programs that engage
3 family and again, these programs engage both the
4 parent and the child. Not all of our parenting
5 programs do include, have the child component,
6 but these programs, these sets of EBPs that we
7 have engage in both parent and child. And on
8 average, they're ten sessions, but if you see the
9 range, they can range up to 46 sessions. And
10 it's based on the individual needs of the
11 participants in the program. So what's our
12 impact, what do we get? Overall, you know,
13 within the parenting initiative we want to
14 increase parent child interactions, so 75, and
15 this is last year's data, 75 percent of parents
16 or primary caregivers, because again, our
17 parenting initiative is for those who are in the
18 caregiving space. So in some cases that might
19 not be a parent. It could be a caregiver of some
20 sort. So 75 percent of parents increase positive
21 child interactions. 95 percent of parents and
22 caregivers increase leadership and advocacy. We
23 do have some EBPs such as people empowering
24 people and parent to parent that have parent
25 leadership or advocacy goals associated with

1 those programs. And in those programs, 91
2 percent of those parents increase those skills.
3 And we look for decrease and stress. There are
4 some programs, because of the nature of the EBP,
5 we have associated stress reduction and you can
6 see that 75, 77 percent of parent caregivers
7 increase parenting stress and 89 percent of
8 children maintain appropriate behaviors. So I do
9 want to take the opportunity to turn it over to
10 Danielle, who is going to give you a little bit
11 more about our community engagement work that
12 we're doing in community around early literacy.

13 MS. BARRERAS: Thank you, Bevone. So our
14 community engagement team does work very closely
15 with our parenting and particularly with our
16 literacy effort. So our community engagement
17 team does work very closely with our parenting,
18 with our family strengthening, and particularly
19 with our literacy efforts. I've spoken to you
20 about this before, our Miami-Dade reading
21 campaign is really a place for anyone across the
22 county that is either interested or working
23 within the space of elevating literacy for our
24 youngest. And so we as the community engagement
25 team on behalf of the Trust lead and host this

1 campaign as a collaborative. And so we have
2 about 50 to 75 partners that meet every two
3 months all within these spaces that you can see,
4 our public library, our public school system, we
5 have three or four different hospitals that come
6 to our meetings and pushing literacy efforts
7 within their hospital walls. Our community-based
8 organizations, our providers. We have
9 individuals and parents that are also a part of
10 this collaborative, multiple universities. I'm
11 proud to share with you that we recently had a
12 new partner join us, which is Microsoft Minecraft
13 education, so that's pretty exciting that they'll
14 be joining our collaborative as well. Thank you.
15 If I can direct your attention to the top of this
16 screen. So imagine, 50 to 75 partners are
17 gathering together and I know that all of you in
18 this room feel the same way that I do, that when
19 you go to a meeting, you want to make sure that
20 something happens. You want to feel like you're
21 making a decision and that you're walking out of
22 there and that you done something in that
23 meeting. And so what we did as a collective, we
24 decided we need a workgroup. We need separate
25 groups that I can bring my work portfolio,

1 whatever that is, and do something within this
2 time that we have enabled. And so we built these
3 three separate committees. And the first
4 committee that you see on the left is your school
5 readiness. So this is focused on zero to five
6 early literacy. So these partners that gather
7 every two months have built, over the last two
8 years, what's called our Ready Set Go Miami.
9 It's an early learning initiative, five workshops
10 from beginning to end that not only our
11 providers, but any individual in a community can
12 gather. Families in the neighborhood order a
13 pizza and go through a workshop to help them
14 build fun literacy strategies in their everyday.
15 So imagine sitting in your doctor's office, why
16 waste the time with your baby just staring at
17 your screen when you can infuse a little bit of
18 literacy that will eventually prepare them on
19 interjectory to kindergarten. Then I'd like to
20 direct your attention to our summer slide and
21 afterschool. And that is our battle of the
22 books, which is actually upcoming in July. And
23 so, this initiative, this will be our fourth
24 summer that we are doing this. And it really is
25 focused on creating a connection between sports

1 and competition and literacy. And so we gather
2 our kindergarten through fifth graders all
3 throughout the county, throughout the summer in
4 reading preselected books, having activities that
5 they engage with and coming together culminating
6 on what they learned in their books. So we're
7 looking forward to that upcoming.

8 At the bottom of the screen, I just wanted
9 to create a connection for you. So as I
10 mentioned earlier, The Children's Trust leads and
11 hosts this Miami-Dade Grade-Level Reading
12 Campaign locally. But across the state, FACT is
13 actually gathering through the Florida Grade-
14 Level Reading Campaign, you can see the entire
15 state, all those dark purple blotches, they all
16 have grade-level reading campaigns. And so two
17 to three times a year we're gathering through a
18 whole throughout the state to say, what are you
19 doing, what are we doing, what are the best
20 practices, how can we kind of steal, use and
21 create a model that others can use. And so
22 that's been very beneficial. And finally, we
23 feed into the national grade-level reading
24 campaign, which means every two years, and I must
25 share with you, that we have won three, we've

1 been honored with three national awards as a
2 local grade-level reading campaign. And I'm
3 hoping, fingers crossed, that in July we'll have
4 a fourth one that we can add onto that. And so
5 with that, I just want to say thank you for
6 listening to this and for also supporting all
7 these literacy efforts for family strengthening
8 and parenting. Thank you.

9 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Bevone and
10 Danielle. And onto the resolutions.

11 Resolution 2022-45: Authorization to
12 negotiate and execute final contract renewals
13 with 39 providers, identified herein, to deliver
14 evidence-based parenting services, in a total
15 amount not to exceed \$13,937,711.00, each for a
16 term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2022,
17 and ending September 30, 2023. May I have a
18 motion, please?

19 MS. GIMENEZ: So moved, Gimenez.

20 MR. PRESCOTT: Second, Prescott.

21 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you for that first
22 and second. Are there any recusals?

23 DR. BAGNER: Recusal, Bagner, employed by
24 FIU.

25 MS. COLLINS: Recusal, Constance Collins,

1 working with the Lotus House Women's Shelter,
2 which is one of the providers.

3 MS. NEASMAN: Recusal, Annie Neasman, Jessie
4 Trice Community Health System working with Lotus.

5 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Moving to
6 discussion, comments, observations from the
7 Board?

8 MR. SALVER: Pamela, hi, it's Isaac here.

9 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hi, Isaac.

10 MR. SALVER: Hi there. I just had a quick
11 question because I know that Danielle and Bevone
12 had talked a lot about these programs were
13 providing books and literature for both parents,
14 and I'm presuming for children as well, and given
15 that the governor signed its law, health bill
16 1557, which is the parental rights in education
17 bill, are we observing and auditing the material
18 to make sure that the books that we're going to
19 be sending out are compliant with the parental
20 rights and education bill?

21 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Isaac.

22 MR. HAJ: I'm going to turn it over to
23 Bevone and Danielle, but we are going to be
24 meeting shortly with our attorney just to go over
25 all the bills that were recently passed, look at

1 our training and everything else that came down
2 the pipe this year. So, Isaac, we will be
3 reviewing that, but specifically to your
4 question, I'm going to ask Bevone to chime in.

5 MS. RITCHIE: So we do currently make sure
6 that we look at the content that's being
7 provided, the books that are being provided. Now
8 we just have to look at what's the next level of
9 layer that we might need to add to that. So
10 that, as you shared Jim, that sort of in the
11 works. We're having the conversation. As part
12 of any contract negotiations with our providers,
13 we sort of update them on any changes related to
14 their contracts for the new year. So these
15 contracts are slated to be in October 1, so we
16 have a good runway to be able to communicate any
17 additional new requirements that we have before
18 them.

19 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Bevone.
20 Pastor Dunn.

21 MR. DUNN: To possibly respond to the
22 question by my fellow Board member, I believe
23 that law was applying to the public school sector
24 and it really, and I'm not going to get into it
25 because it's very perplexing to me as an African-

1 American, and I'm not going to get into it
2 because I'll go off on a tangent, but there are
3 ways that I believe, legally, we can get around
4 it. And one of the big things that I'm going to
5 say God showed me, we have to do like the
6 synagogues and the Jews do, we have to start
7 teaching our own children if we want them to
8 learn all of the history. I don't want to get
9 into that, but I believe there's a way we can get
10 around it, even though I'm an employee of the
11 Miami Public School system at this current time,
12 I'm also a senior pastor, which gives me the
13 latitude to teach our children what we want them
14 to learn or what we believe they need to learn.
15 And that goes across the board. So I don't know
16 what the legalities, legal challenges may be with
17 The Children's Trust, I don't want to get us in
18 any hot water, but I believe it was -- I think it
19 was a reference to the public educational
20 spectrum.

21 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Pastor Dunn.
22 Further feedback, observations from the
23 directors.

24 FEMALE VOICE: Yes, through the Chair, I'd
25 like to ask a question. The caregivers, parents,

1 do we have any data as to how many of those
2 parents/caregivers are foster parents?

3 MS. RITCHIE: We do. I don't have that
4 information right now but we do. And we have
5 some programs that actually focus on providing
6 service to that population.

7 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Yes?

8 FEMALE VOICE: In the presentation you
9 showed selective and indicative service outcomes.
10 And I wondered how we gathered those. Were those
11 self-reported, were those through a survey or
12 questionnaire or what have you?

13 MS. RITCHIE: So we have standard measures
14 that we utilize. Our providers do administer
15 those measures to their population, so they're
16 typically pre-post measures that are
17 administered, so that's how we gather those
18 outcomes.

19 FEMALE VOICE: Thank you.

20 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Further
21 questions?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, all those
24 in favor?

25 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all

1 responded with "aye.")

2 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The resolution carries.

5 Resolution 2022-46: Authorization to

6 negotiate and execute final contract renewals

7 with eight providers, identified herein, for

8 Family Strengthening services, in a total amount

9 not to exceed \$3,254,155.00, for a term of 12

10 months, commencing October 1, 2022, and ending

11 September 30, 2023.

12 May I have a motion, please?

13 MS. WELLER: Weller.

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. And a

15 second?

16 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Second.

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Are there

18 any recusals?

19 DR. BAGNER: Recusal, Bagner, employed by

20 FIU.

21 MS. COLLINS: Recusal, Constance Collins,

22 with the Lotus House Women's Shelter, one of the

23 providers.

24 MS. NEASMAN: Recusal, Annie Neasman, with

25 Jessie Trice Community Health System,

1 relationship with Lotus.

2 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Moving into
3 discussion. Observations from the directors?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, all those
6 in favor?

7 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all
8 responded with "aye.")

9 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The resolution carries.

12 Resolution 2022-47: Authorization to
13 negotiate and execute final contract renewals
14 with Be Strong International, Inc., Florida
15 International University (FIU), and University of
16 Miami (UM), to deliver brief parenting workshops
17 and educational or public health events, in a
18 total amount not to exceed \$1,041,730.00, for a
19 term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2022,
20 and ending September 30, 2023.

21 May I have a motion, please?

22 MS. NEASMAN: Neasman.

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Ms. Neasman.
24 And a second?

25 MS. COLLINS: Second.

1 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Any
2 recusals?

3 DR. BAGNER: Recusal, Bagner, employed by
4 FIU.

5 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Ms. Weller?

6 MS. WELLER: Resolution 2022-48:
7 Authorization to negotiate and execute renewal
8 contracts with the Miami-Dade Family Learning
9 Partnership, Inc. and All in One Mail Shop, Inc.
10 d/b/a All in One Direct Marketing Solutions for
11 the support and maintenance of a birth to five
12 book club, in a total amount not to exceed
13 \$2,317,239.00, for a term of 12 months,
14 commencing October 1, 2022, and ending September
15 30, 2023, with two remaining 12-month renewals.

16 May I have a motion?

17 MR. TROWBRIDGE: Trowbridge.

18 MS. WELLER: A second?

19 MS. FERRADAZ: Second, Ferradaz.

20 MS. WELLER: Thank you. Any recusals?

21 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Recuse, Hollingsworth, I
22 work for the Early Learning Coalition, CEO is a
23 board member for the Family Learning Partnership.

24 MS. WELLER: Thank you.

25 DR. BAGNER: Bagner, I am on the, I think

1 it's called the Advisory Board, I provide in-kind
2 support, but again, recusing because that role.

3 MS. DIGGS: Recusal, Try Diggs, employed by
4 Miami-Dade Public Schools.

5 MS. WELLER: Thank you.

6 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: Do I need to recuse?
7 Tiombe Kendrick-Dunn, Miami-Dade County Public
8 Schools?

9 MR. HAJ: Tiombe, you do not need to recuse.

10 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: Okay, thank you.

11 MS. WELLER: Moving into discussion. This
12 is an example of the packaging that they are able
13 to see, I don't know if those that are on Zoom
14 can see it, but this is the package that goes out
15 to the different households and inside you have
16 your free book. It also has instructions and to
17 give the parents tips on how to read their book
18 and activities they can do with their children.

19 Any other discussion, questions you might want to
20 bring up? I think there's other samples going
21 around.

22 MS. COLLINS: This is Constance with the
23 Lotus House Women's Shelter. I just want to say
24 that these arrived in the mail at the shelter for
25 our children and families. And there was quite a

1 buzz. The kids were really excited to get
2 packages with books in them. And I really
3 applaud the Trust for making sure children who
4 don't have a home still have access to the books
5 and the opportunities that this program offers.
6 So thank you.

7 MS. WELLER: Thank you. Any further
8 discussion?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 MS. WELLER: Okay, with that, all those in
11 favor?

12 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all
13 responded with "aye.")

14 MS. WELLER: Opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 MS. WELLER: The motion carries. Thank you.

17 DR. BAGNER: Madam Chair, if I may? I had
18 to recuse myself but I do want to share some
19 positive news from this book club. Very recently
20 within the past couple of weeks, one of my
21 colleagues, Dr. Melissa Baralt, led a study with
22 families from this book club, it was just
23 published. And its sharing some information with
24 data from the book club. Ran some focus groups
25 with families, provide guidance on next steps,

1 particularly with culturally diverse families.

2 So it's really exciting. I just wanted to share
3 that news. I had to recuse myself from that
4 resolution. Thank you.

5 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Dan, good news indeed.
6 Resolution 2022-49: Authorization to negotiate
7 and execute a final contract renewal with Miami
8 Dade College for The Children's Trust Books for
9 Free program, in a total amount not to exceed
10 \$450,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing
11 October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023.

12 May I have a motion, please?

13 MS. WEST: So moved, West.

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Ms. West.
15 And a second?

16 JUDGE PRESCOTT: Second, Prescott.

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any recusals?
18 (No verbal response.)

19 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Breaking space for
20 discussion, observation from the directors?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, all those
23 in favor?

24 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all
25 responded with "aye.")

1 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Resolution carries. Ms.

4 Weller.

5 MS. WELLER: Resolution 2022-50:

6 Authorization to negotiate and execute a single

7 source contract with Miami-Dade Family Learning

8 Partnership for Reach Out and Read early literacy

9 programming, in a total amount not to exceed

10 \$355,664.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing

11 October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023.

12 May I have a motion, please?

13 DR. BAGNER: So moved, Bagner.

14 MS. WELLER: And a second?

15 MR. DUNN: Second, Dunn.

16 MS. WELLER: Any recusals?

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Recusal, Hollingsworth,

18 I work for the Early Learning Coalition and the

19 CEO is a board member of Family Learning

20 Partnership.

21 MS. WELLER: Thank you. Moving into

22 discussion. Do we have any further comments?

23 DR. BAGNER: I'll just make a brief comment.

24 This program, like many of the others, has

25 evidence behind it. It's exciting work for

1 pediatricians and other healthcare providers help
2 support providing books and encouraging parents
3 to read to their kids. So I'm in huge favor of
4 this resolution.

5 MS. WELLER: Thank you. All those in favor?
6 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all
7 responded with "aye.")

8 MS. WELLER: Thank you. Any opposed?
9 (No verbal response.)

10 MS. WELLER: The motion carries.

11 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Resolution 2022-51:
12 Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract
13 with Q-Q Research Consultants, LLC for research
14 and evaluation services, in a total amount not to
15 exceed \$261,734.00, for a term of 17 months,
16 commencing retroactively on May 1, 2022, and
17 ending September 30, 2023.

18 May I have a motion?

19 MS. DONWORTH: Donworth.

20 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. And a
21 second?

22 MS. NEASMAN: Second.

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Are there
24 any recusals?

25 (No verbal response.)

1 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Moving into discussion.

2 Observations from directors?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, all those
5 in favor?

6 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all
7 responded with "aye.")

8 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The resolution carries.
11 And with that, I send it back to you, Mr. Chair.

12 MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you.

13 I was informed that Alexandria Martin is on
14 the call, was not able to get here in person. So
15 I did just want to thank the opportunity to thank
16 her for her services as the director of The
17 Children's Trust. She served for the past year
18 as a student representative of the Miami-Dade
19 Public County Schools Student Government
20 Association. She's a graduating senior of the
21 school of advance studies south campus and will
22 also be receiving an associate arts degree
23 through dual enrollment at Miami-Dade College.
24 She's going to be attending FSU in the fall,
25 majoring in the fall, and her career plan is to

1 become a doctor, possibly in oncology.
2 Alexandria, we thank you for your participation.
3 Hope you use your experience here and the
4 connections you made with our Board staff members
5 to further your future career. Would you like to
6 say something as you part?

7 MS. MARTIN: Yes, thank you. I really
8 appreciate it. First of all, I want to say hello
9 to the Board. I'm really sorry for not being
10 able to make it in person, but I had some trouble
11 getting there in time. I would like to thank The
12 Children's Trust for this amazing experience.
13 You guys have taught me so much. I love being
14 able to represent the Student District
15 Association, student government in this Board.
16 It was a great experience and I appreciate
17 everything. Thank you so much.

18 MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you. And I see your
19 recognition award on the table, so come by and
20 pick it up sometime.

21 MS. MARTIN: Perfect, thank you.

22 MR. HOFFMAN: Next, we have a resolution
23 that did not make it in time for the Committee
24 meetings. Its Resolution 2022-52: Authorization
25 to negotiate and execute a funder collaboration

1 contract with South Florida Workforce Investment
2 Board (CareerSource South Florida) for a summer
3 youth employment program for Miami-Dade County
4 charter school students, in a total amount not to
5 exceed \$500,000.00, for a term of 12 months,
6 commencing on June 1, 2022, and ending on May 31,
7 2023, and to approve a waiver of the procurement
8 policy requiring a 1 to 2 funder collaboration
9 match requirement.

10 I'm going to turn it over to Jim to explain,
11 but basically this is something that's been in
12 the works for a while. We've been trying to work
13 on ways to extend our successful summer youth
14 employment program to charter schools. The
15 collaboration with South Florida Workforce
16 Investment Board already conducts such programs
17 to do that. It's obviously a little late in the
18 school year, but we think we can successfully
19 launch it. Hopefully have a penetration of that
20 program into the charter school system as well.

21 MR. HAJ: Mr. Chair, you're just right on
22 point. For the last five years we've been
23 finding ways. We have a successful summer youth
24 internship with the school system, with the
25 county, and we have county funds and Trust funds

1 going in there to the school system with this
2 initiative. We always had a hard time with the
3 charter schools, so charter schools serve a
4 significant amount of kids, they did not have
5 access to this program for the last several
6 years. We've been waiting and searching for a
7 way that we can partner to serve another group
8 of students who are looking for the summer
9 internship experience. And we successfully found
10 a way. We weren't able to get a committee. I
11 want to thank Natalia and her team who have been
12 working the last several weeks night and day to
13 try to get this here. We only have three weeks
14 before summer starts. But it is just an avenue
15 to serve all the kids in this county and this is
16 our avenue to serve charter schools.

17 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

18 MR. HOFFMAN: Recusals?

19 MS. FERRADAZ: Recusal, Ferradaz.

20 MR. HOFFMAN: Actually, I need to call for a
21 motion.

22 MR. SALVER: I'll move it, Salver.

23 MR. TROWBRIDGE: I'll second it, Trowbridge.

24 MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you. Thank you both for
25 saving me there.

1 Recusals we have Gilda Ferradaz. Any other
2 recusals?

3 JUDGE PRESCOTT: IF I may make a comment in
4 support.

5 MR. HOFFMAN: There are no other recusals,
6 please.

7 JUDGE PRESCOTT: I'm aware of what Career
8 Source of South Florida has done for system
9 involved youth in our community, dependent youth
10 in our community, and juveniles in general trying
11 to get them employment and summer employments,
12 and to see that they're willing to partner with
13 The Children's Trust to get yet another segment
14 of our youth gainfully employed so they can learn
15 about what it is to have a job, as they mature
16 and go through life. I think it's nothing but a
17 win-win for our community as a whole.

18 MR. HOFFMAN: Morris?

19 MR. MORRIS: Good afternoon, can you hear
20 me? I just have to echo the sentiments of Jim,
21 Mr. Haj, and also Honorable Judge Prescott. When
22 you talk about expanding the tent of opportunity
23 for young people, the goal, and I'll just be
24 perfectly honest with you, the county is to
25 eventually have an opportunity any child that is

1 of age to work for the summer, to have that
2 opportunity. That's the goal. It's going to
3 take a while for us to get there, but these are
4 small incremental steps we've been making and I
5 really want to say thank you to The Trust for
6 making this a possibility because there's going
7 to be others that are going to jump on board
8 because of the mere fact that you're taking these
9 first steps. So thank you so much.

10 MR. HOFFMAN: Reverend Dunn?

11 MR. DUNN: I just want to join the
12 bandwagon. Our vision and our name is
13 appropriately called The Children's Trust. It
14 didn't say children from private sector, the
15 public sector, black, white, brown, yellow, it
16 said children. And so as it's been so properly
17 stated by my colleague who has had experience
18 with youth on the other side of the law and I
19 respect that now, serving out of the mayor's
20 office, it's a win, it's a win-win. It's a plus
21 that we're expanding the opportunities because
22 what we want to do at the end of the day, and I
23 believe Jim mentioned it, our goal is to try to
24 reach all children. So this is a no brainer for
25 me.

1 MR. HOFFMAN: Any other comment?

2 MR. SALVER: Yeah, Ken, if I might add. Not
3 only do I support this, I mean, I support it even
4 on a higher level. I had summer interns from
5 this program and I -- and I'm still in touch with
6 them. At my first we seek to fulfill internships
7 with children from the most underserved parts of
8 our community and I have been so -- it's so
9 gratifying to actually not only employee these
10 incredibly young folks, but see how it changes
11 their trajectory once they have a firm, a CPA
12 firm, or other cases, law firms, or other larger
13 companies, that type of experience on their
14 resume, they -- these kids absolutely get into
15 better colleges and beyond that, they get much
16 better employment opportunities having this type
17 of internship and work experience on their
18 resumes. So I'm proud to be a part of this and
19 certainly incredibly supportive of it. Thanks.

20 MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Isaac. Anybody
21 else?

22 MS. BISA-DUNN: I have a comment. This is
23 going back to what Pastor Dunn was mentioning.
24 And so I see here that we're looking at funding
25 charter school students, and so he's actually

1 right, the Trust is for all children. So I'm
2 hoping, this is great. Maybe in the next cycle
3 we'll also consider students at a homeschool and
4 even students who attend private schools, because
5 again, we service all children in Miami-Dade
6 County and so not just students that attend
7 traditional public schools or charter schools
8 because I think the opportunity should be open to
9 all children and parents have a choice how they
10 educate their children and private schools, in
11 particular home school students, sometimes the
12 parents, some parents may find it challenging to
13 find these types of opportunities for their
14 children. And so it would be great for us to
15 begin that discussion maybe for next summer.

16 MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Tiombe. I know you
17 may have an update. I know that the Trust has
18 looked into extending the program to private
19 schools. I cannot speak for homeschool students.

20 MR. HAJ: We're starting to move the needle
21 and then build the tent and keep on. We're
22 hoping other funders start coming in as we get
23 into next summer. So some summer youth
24 internships great success, now we have this that
25 we're starting off. We're going to see how this

1 summer goes, measures, pivot where needed and
2 continue to expand.

3 MR. HOFFMAN: Okay. Any other comments,
4 questions?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 MR. HOFFMAN: All those in favor?

7 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all
8 responded with "aye.")

9 MR. HOFFMAN: Opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 MR. HOFFMAN: Motion carries. Thank you.

12 With that, I will turn it over to Jim for
13 the CEO report.

14 MR. HAJ: Mr. Chair, thank you. In your
15 packet, page 41 through 46, you'll see the
16 amazing communications our department is doing in
17 getting our brand out there and all the different
18 media outlets, financial disclosure forms are due
19 by July 1. Please get it in before Muriel starts
20 harassing you. YAC End of the Year Showcase, if
21 you've had the privilege of meeting our YAC
22 students, they're truly amazing. And service
23 projects, I know they took a tour at the county,
24 they were in Tallahassee earlier, anyone who has
25 met them, they're an impressive group. They're

1 showcasing their service awards and having some
2 discussions that I always feel privileged to be
3 in the room with them, so if you have the time to
4 stop by May 21, I think it's a Saturday, Saturday
5 from 10 to 12:30. Champions for Children, it's a
6 week from tomorrow. 11:30 it starts. Saturday
7 was our finals for Young Talent Big Dreams. It
8 the largest talent show in Miami-Dade.
9 Phenomenal amount of talent in Miami-Dade County,
10 phenomenal seeing these youth performed. We
11 selected a winner. Those of you who could not
12 make it, I'm hoping one of these Board meetings
13 we take one or two of the finalists and bring him
14 here to showcase their talent. And then there's
15 sometimes we forget things that we're doing. I
16 wanted to bring it to the Board's attention.
17 There's these stickers in front of you that we're
18 going to be distributing to early childhood
19 centers and throughout Miami-Dade. We always
20 here about tragedies of children getting left in
21 cars and how some tragic events, if there's
22 anything to prevent it, we want to be forward
23 thinking and proactive. So these are in three
24 languages going out. We used to have the hanger
25 in the car and we pivot to this so they can put

1 on every window in every car and kind of get the
2 word out. So if you have any places where you
3 think we should be putting these as well as early
4 childcare centers, or any hospitals, et cetera,
5 please let us know. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

6 MR. HOFFMAN: With that, we are adjourned.

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9 (Whereupon, at 5:00 p.m., the meeting was
10 adjourned.)

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