



CHILDREN'S TRUST REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 09, 2026 at 4:00 PM

CTAC, 4010 NW 25th Place, Gainesville, FL 32606

Call to Order – Chair Chance called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mary Chance – Board Chair, Lee Pinkoson – Board Treasurer, Ken Cornell – Member, Tina Certain – Member, Dr. Nancy Hardt – Member, Dr. Maggie Labarta – Member.

Agenda Review, Revision, and Approval

Treasurer Pinkoson moved for the approval of the agenda and consent agenda. Member Labarta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Board Attendance YTD
2. 12.8.2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. 12.8.2025 Board Meeting Evaluation - Survey Results
4. FY 2026 Budget Report (December)
5. FY 2026 Checks and Expenditures Report (December)
6. FY 2026 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (January)
7. FY 2026 1st Quarter Financial Report
8. FY 2026 1st Quarter Financial Report to the BOCC
9. December and January Sponsorship Applications
10. Emergent Need Applications
11. Proposed Funding Opportunities
12. Resolution 2026-01 Authorization for Signatories on the CTAC Bank Accounts

General Public Comments - none

Chair's Report

Chair Chance enjoyed representing CTAC at the Florida Alliance of Children's Councils and Trusts Tallahassee Fly-in January 27-29.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Marsha Kiner also reported on the successful fly-in. Tom Griffin, CTAC's lobbyist, joined the meeting electronically and provided the Board with an update on the ongoing property tax reform legislation in the State of Florida. He explained that while the

House has several property tax bills circulating, currently there are no companion bills from the Senate or concrete proposals from the governor. Griffin expects that property tax reform will likely be addressed in a special session this summer, rather than during the current legislative session. He noted that any reform would need to pass a 60% voter threshold, making it difficult to pass sweeping changes like an outright elimination of property taxes. Griffin also mentioned that recent polling suggests voters may be less supportive of property tax reform once they understand the potential impact on public services. Commissioner Cornell asked if there was any discussion about pulling out school boards and voter approved special districts from the cuts to which Griffin responded that broader discussions appear to be focused on ad valorem. Griffin closed his comments by complimenting ED Kiner and team for their work to pivot, provide data, and plug in the Alachua County delegation in their efforts.

ED Kiner also acknowledged Scorpio Construction for giving CTAC a \$1,000.00 donation and their commitment to do so for the next three years. Staff is working on a policy to bring back to the Board listing out what the Trust will do with these types of contributions. Lastly, ED Kiner introduced Candice Hildebrandt, the new CTAC Administrative Receptionist/Office Manager.

Old Business – none

The Strategic Plan draft is currently in progress and will be presented at the March 9th Board meeting.

New Business - none

Presentations

Enrichment Programs - Evaluation Results

Dr. Amy Wagner – CTAC Research, Planning, and Evaluation Coordinator, presented on the impact of CTAC-funded enrichment programs. There were 7,570 unduplicated children served last year. There were 1,644 sessions held across the county, with the percentage of programs taking place in rural areas increasing from 11 % in 2024 to 38% in 2025. Member Pinkoson inquired about the UF program on the east county line. Staff will bring back information about the session provided. Member Certain asked why less sites were served than the targeted/planned number. Dr. Wagner explained it was likely due to some sites not being renewed. Dr. Hardt asked about plans for future funding to serve special needs children. Member Certain recommended CTAC staff speak with the staff at Sidney Lanier for input on what to include in the Special Needs RFP. Belita James, Director of Program Operations assured Certain that CTAC staff has begun collecting information from the community and providers.

Dr. Labarta asked about the providers that are not at 30% into the year and why. Is the cause a delay in invoicing, or is CTAC struggling to process them? Chief Financial Officer Molly Greenwald explained this depends on where providers are in their contract, sometimes this causes the lag. DPO James also explained that the lag is also due at times to enrichment providers spacing their sessions out to make sure they are able to program through the entire year.

Public comment:

Izzy Brazzel, Assistant Director of the Gainesville Circus Center, commented on the incredible value enrichment service providers bring to the youth in their center. There are a number of

students on the autism spectrum in her program and the CTAC enrichment providers serve as the boots on the ground teaching social-emotional and other foundational skills. Major shout out to the Trust for funding.

Dr. Hardt responded to affirm that this is meta programming at its best.

John Rollins, MOTIV8U, commented that his group serves children of all needs. They are currently serving 14 agencies. They did 98 progrms in June and 110 in July. There are many more people requesting their service than they are able to serve. It is highly likely that they will run out of funding before they get to summer due to the demand.. They can do much more. Mr. Rollins shared an example of a youth in need of additional mental health services and he requested more ways for providers to support families in crisis.

Mental Health Programs – Evaluation Results

Bonnie Wagner, CTAC Research, Planning, and Evaluation Coordinator, presented on CTAC-funded mental health programs. There were 588 youth served through three programs (PALS, CAC, and Pace Reach) in the last fiscal year. MemberPinkoson referenced the map and the lack of representation/service in some of the west, southwest, and northeastern parts of the county and requested ideas for expanding those services and addressing the gaps on the map. Member Certain asked if CTAC-funded providers give services to the families/caregivers. Jamie Saunders, Clinical Director at the Child Advocacy Center, answered that they are able to provide services to CTAC-funded families at no cost and thanked the Trust for making that work possible.

B. Wagner went on to share performance measures for the programs – displaying that the only times target percentages were not reached was due to staffing limitations.

Member Pinkoson asked how the target value is determined, to which B. Wagner explained that it comes from survey responses, the national model and included in the contracts. The Board discussed whether the “better off” measures should be raised. Dr. Labarta urged the target not be raised higher than the national standard. Dr. Labarta would like to see a convening of the major providers in the area (UF, Children’s Home, Meridian, CAC, The Village Counseling) to discuss distribution of services and best practices, with particular attention to serving rural areas effectively.

Dr. Labarta moved that staff convene the major youth mental health providers and identify how CTAC can improve distribution of services throughout the county; Commissioner Cornell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comment on the motion: Bishop Chris Stokes commented that he would like to see services expanded to the Micanopy area.

Cornell – Referenced CTAC’s mission which includes funding and supporting a coordinated system of community services.

Provider comment:

Yanel Casanova, Program Manager, PALS – shared a quote from one of their patient surveys, from a teenaged girl who described her experience with PALS as an emotional rollercoaster that lead to her gaining happiness, hope, and modesty. It is important for the youth to have a safe space to talk about what they're going through.

Jamie Saunders from CAC shared a story about a 12 year old girl with significant trauma. The consistent trauma-responsive therapy she received empowered her with emotional literacy that helped her recognize feelings and name it. The girl no longer blames herself and feels safer overall.

Dr. Labarta said she thinks it will be meta programming that will ensure all CTAC providers know about the free resources in the county. Dr. Labarta also thinks there should be youth and teen mental health first aid training offered to CTAC providers.

Crisis Center Hotline 352-264-6789; Meridien 352-374-5600.

Member Certain suggested the Trust look into incentivizing or providing a stipend to students for teen mental health training/certification. Dr. Labarta will call Meridian and find out if they still offer youth and teen mental health first aid certification.

Dr. Hardt suggested the students who completed Teenswork be perfect for the certification.

Chair Chance observed that this is “meta-information” CTAC is providing, as she did not know about the mobile crisis response service. ED Kiner added CTAC can incorporate this information into the training offered to providers.

General Public Comments

Bishop Chris Stokes from Willie Mae Stokes Community Center shared that there are upcoming challenges for their summer programming. Bishop Stokes will reach out to ED Kiner and staff to see if there is a way CTAC can address their support needs. ED Kiner and staff will get the information and bring it back to the Board.

Eric Lopez from the Let's DJ Enrichment Program – thanked the Board and declared his appreciation of his program's funding.

Kristy Goldwire, Chief Operating Officer, added more information about Let's DJ's enrichment services at Limitless Adventures, which exposes special needs students to an experience they may not otherwise have.

John Rollins, Motivate You – commented on the importance of providing mental health services to the community's youth. They are providing skills that are applicable and intentional. Now that they have started generating that positive momentum, they want to be sure not to lose it.

For Your Information

The following items were provided for informational purposes:

Head Start Summer Bridge Reasons for Absence

Early Childhood Learning Collaborative Update

Community Literacy Collaborative Update

Cessation of SABP boxes

Board Member Comments

Dr. Hardt would like to follow up on evictions in families and family insecurity for housing. Is there any way the people in this room can convene for case management on people at risk for eviction before they are evicted? She would like the Trust to assist with making that happen.

Commissioner Cornell commented that he would like updates from staff on which programs have unused funding. ED Kiner reminded the Board that the requested info is forthcoming.

Next Meeting Dates

Board Workshop – Monday, March 9th - 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Board Meeting – Monday, March 9th – 4:00 pm

Adjournment

Chair Chance adjourned the meeting at 5:50 pm



Children's Trust Board Meeting

Sign - In Sheet

2/09/2026 from 4pm-6pm

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Eric Lopez (E-10) 4:51



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Updated Budget Report

***For the Board Meeting Discussing Financials
through December 31st, 2025 (FY 2026 Q1)***

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30th, 2026

Prepared by Molly Allison Greenwald, Chief Financial Officer, on Behalf of Marsha Kiner, Executive Director and for the Benefit of the Board of Directors



CHILDREN'S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YTD Transactions Through December 31st, 2025

	Budget	Actuals					FY 2026 YTD
	All Funds	General Fund 001	Special Revenue Fund 101	Collaborative Task Force Fund 102	Capital Projects Fund 301	Capital Assets Fund 900	Actuals All Funds
REVENUES	FY25-26 Budget						
Ad Valorem Taxes	10,844,843.00	7,414,234.35	-	-	-	-	7,414,234.35
Interest and Other Earnings	525,000.00	107,358.59	1,203.96	-	9,932.78	-	118,495.33
Rent	62,496.00	15,624.00	-	-	-	-	15,624.00
Private Contributions and Donations	-	-	-	43,313.32	-	-	43,313.32
Grants and Awards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Other Revenue	-	98,556.45	-	-	-	-	98,556.45
Use of Fund Balance (Non-Operating Sources)	6,115,337.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Transfer In (Use of Reserves for Capital Expense)	200,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	17,747,676.00	7,635,773.39	1,203.96	43,313.32	9,932.78	-	7,690,223.45
EXPENDITURES							
Personnel Services	2,229,067.00	490,586.59	-	-	-	-	490,586.59
Operating Expenses	1,633,662.00	414,122.45	-	47,227.00	-	-	461,349.45
Grant & Aid (Programmatic Expenditures)	12,639,820.00	700,644.00	-	-	-	-	700,644.00
Grants & Awards (Special Revenue Fund)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Task Forces	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay (Capital Expense)	200,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	-	-	11,373.09	11,373.09
SUB-TOTAL EXPENDITURES	16,702,549.00	1,605,353.04	-	47,227.00	-	11,373.09	1,663,953.13
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Capital Transfer Out (Use of Reserves for Capital Expense)	200,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriated Reserve (Non-Operating Uses)	845,127.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL TRANSFERS	1,045,127.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,747,676.00	1,605,353.04	-	47,227.00	-	11,373.09	1,663,953.13
NET INCOME (EXPENSE)	-	6,030,420.35	1,203.96	(3,913.68)	9,932.78	(11,373.09)	6,026,270.32



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BALANCE SHEET

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FY 2026 Transactions Through December 31, 2025

Assets	General Fund 001	Special Revenue Fund 101	Collaborative Task Force Fund 102	Capital Projects Fund 301	Capital Assets Fund 900	General Long Term Debt Fund 950	Total Governmental Funds
Cash & Cash Equivalents	15,039,258.45	128,783.36	16,077.74	1,009,767.94	-	-	16,193,887.49
Prepaid Items	-	-	-	-	-	678,901.00	678,901.00
Capital Leases	-	-	-	-	-	75,249.16	75,249.16
Land	-	-	-	-	476,780.00	-	476,780.00
Building	-	-	-	-	1,583,629.77	-	1,583,629.77
Building Renovation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation	-	-	-	-	(88,009.10)	(40,579.48)	(128,588.58)
Total Assets	15,039,258.45	128,783.36	16,077.74	1,009,767.94	1,972,400.67	713,570.68	18,879,858.84
Liabilities							
Accounts Payable	93,303.00	-	-	-	-	-	93,303.00
Accrued Wages Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contracts Payable	766,612.01	-	-	-	-	-	766,612.01
Due to Other Governments / Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	1,378,362.37	1,378,362.37
Total Liabilities	859,915.01	-	-	-	-	1,378,362.37	2,238,277.38
Equity							
Fund Equity	15,201,406.39	128,783.36	16,077.74	-	1,972,400.67	(664,791.69)	16,653,876.47
Total Equity	15,201,406.39	128,783.36	16,077.74	-	1,972,400.67	(664,791.69)	16,653,876.47
Total Liabilities and Equity	16,061,321.40	128,783.36	16,077.74	-	1,972,400.67	713,570.68	18,892,153.85