

CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2026 ~ 12:00 PM

AGENDA

MISSION: The Children's Board invests in partnerships and quality programs to support the success of all children and families in Hillsborough County.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendance Verification
Quorum Verification

R. DeLaVergne
K. Austin

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Children's Board of Hillsborough County welcomes comments from the public. Those who wish to address the Board may do so at this time. Those to address the Board should state their full name and affiliation for the official record. In the interest of time, we ask that one person be designated to speak on behalf of a constituency and that all comments are limited to three minutes.

R. DeLaVergne

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval, January 8, 2026 Executive Finance Committee Meeting Minutes R. DeLaVergne

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Executive Director Update R. Bacon
2. Programs Update M. Negron
3. Operations Update P. Scott

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Adjournment

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Regular Board Meeting February 26, 2026 3:00 PM

March

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting March 12, 2026 12:00 PM

Regular Board Meeting March 26, 2026 3:00 PM

April

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	April 09, 2026	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	April 23, 2026	3:00 PM

May

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	May 14, 2026	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	May 26, 2026	3:00 PM

June

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	June 11, 2026	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	June 25, 2026	3:00 PM

August

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting/ Budget Workshop	August 27, 2026	2:00 PM / 2:30 PM?
Regular Board Meeting	August 27, 2026	3:00 PM

CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 8, 2026 - 12:00 PM

Subject	Executive/Finance Committee Meeting		Date	January 8, 2026
Facilitator	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair		Time	12:00 PM
			Actual Time	12:00 PM - 12:32 PM
Location	Children's Board 1002 East Palm Ave. Tampa, FL 33605		Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM
Board/Committee Members PRESENT	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair Andy Mayts Secretary/Treasurer Katherine Essrig, Vice Chair - absent			
Other Attendees	Rebecca Bacon, E.D. Kristina Austin, Recorder David Adams, Board Attorney	Paula Scott, CBHC Staff Maria Negron, CBHC Staff Dexter Lewis, CBHC Staff Kelly Hickman, CBHC Staff		Daniel Monasterio, CBHC Staff - absent Jamie Robe, CBHC Staff Genet Stewart, CBHC Staff Wendy Perez, CBHC Staff

SUMMARY

No.	Topic	Highlights
I.	CALL TO ORDER	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.
	ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION	R. DeLaVergne requested K. Austin verify attendance.
	QUORUM VERIFICATION	A quorum was established of the Executive Finance Committee.
II	PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
III.	ACTION ITEM	
	1. November 6, 2025 Board Executive Finance Committee Meeting	R. DeLaVergne requested approval of the November 6, 2025 Executive Finance Committee Meeting/ Budget Workshop Minutes. <i>Motion (1) by Andy Mayts to approve the November 6, 2025 Executive Finance Committee Meeting. second by Robin DeLaVergne. Motion carried (2-0).</i>
	2. Provider Audit Submission Extension for Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc.	R. Bacon requested approval of the provider audit submission extension for Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc. <i>Motion (2) by Andy Mayts to approve the provider audit submission extension for Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc. second by Robin DeLaVergne. Motion carried (2-0).</i>

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IV.	DISCUSSION ITEMS	
	1. Executive Director Update	<p>R. Bacon updated the Board on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work continues on activities related to the Strategic Workplan; • The provider liaison position has been filled by Tim Bennett; • Countywide community engagement will be a focus in 2026; • Staff will be participating in the outreach events such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade and the Strawberry Festival Parade in the coming weeks; • The grand opening of the MOSI Be a Dinosaur exhibit occurred at the Plant City Family Resource Center on January 7, 2026; • Meetings are being scheduled with local legislative representatives to share our impact from a service perspective; • The CBHC funded HIPPY program reported a ninety-five percent school readiness rate.
	2. Programs Update	<p>M. Negron provided the following programmatic update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Research team is working on gathering the highlights of the 2025 outcome results; • Fifty-six thousand four hundred and six children, adults, and professionals were served in 2025 and the corresponding data is being analyzed; • High quality childcare is an area for growth that is important to the Children's Board; • Through the Early Learning Coalition contract, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five children accessed childcare, giving their parents and caregivers the opportunity to work and go to school; • A report on early education research will be presented at the January Board meeting; • Based on the 2026 contracts to date, the Children's Board provided funding for one thousand two hundred jobs; • The Children's Board may host a job fair to assist the providers with filling open positions; data may be gathered and shared on the results of the job fair; • There are three final funding releases for FY2026 - the small non-profit funding has gone out, the leading grants for 2027 will be released next Wednesday, and summer slots will be the last one; • 2026 Summer will include the passport program, summer slot grants, and summer enhancement grants.
	3. Operations Update	<p>P. Scott provided an update on the Brandon build-out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition is complete, and we continue to coordinate with the architect, the engineer, and the general contractor to address challenges; • The project is tentatively anticipated to finish the end of April to early May; • Coordination will occur to smoothly transition from the current Brandon Family Resource Center to the new Brandon location. <p>The Riverview property is now being analyzed to ensure it will accommodate our needs and will come to the Board in February for approval to close, if everything goes well with the analysis.</p>
	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM

APPROVALS

Motion (1) by Andy Mayts to approve the November 6, 2025 Executive Finance Committee Meeting. second by Robin DeLaVergne. Motion carried (2-0).

Motion (2) by Andy Mayts to approve the provider audit submission extension for Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc. second by Robin DeLaVergne. Motion carried (2-0).

READ AND APPROVED BY:

Robin DeLaVergne, CBHC Board Chair and
Executive/Finance Committee Chair