



**Finance & Operations Committee Meeting  
Transcript**

**October 6, 2022**

FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
"IN PERSON QUORUM WITH SOME VIRTUAL ATTENDANTS"  
MEETING MINUTES

Finance & Operations Committee Meeting was held on October 6, 2022, commencing at 9:35 a.m., at 3250 Southwest 3rd Avenue, United Way, Ryder Conference Room, Miami, Florida 33129. The meeting was called to order by Mark Trowbridge, Chair.

AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION

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APPEARANCES:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mark A. Trowbridge, Chair

Matthew Arsenault, Vice-Chair

Constance Collins

Nelson Hincapie  
APPEARANCES:

1    BOARD MEMBERS, Cont.:

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3        Javier Reyes

4        Hon. Isaac Salver, via Zoom

5        Kenneth Hoffman, ex-officio

6        Leigh Kobrinski

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8    STAFF:

9        Amanda Gorski

10       Imran Ali

11       Jacques Bentolila

12       STAFF (Continued):

13       James R. Haj

14       Jennifer Moreno

15       Juana Leon

16       Lisete Yero

17       Muriel Jeanty

18       Natalia Zea

19       Rachel Spector

20       Susan Marian

21       Wendy Duncombe

22       William Kirtland

23       Ximena Nuñez

24    GUESTS:

25        Iris Kohn, Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center

1	David Surowitz, Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community
2	Center
3	Aleis Gore, TEEN UP-WARD BOUND, INC
4	Moraly Arroyo, Breakthrough Miami
5	Michele Watson, Florida Alliance of Children's
6	Councils and Trusts
7	Enid Rodriguez, Miami Beach Chamber
8	Chris Brignolle, NFTE
9	Sindia Rosenay, BHCC

# PROCEEDINGS

(Thereupon, the following proceedings were held at

1    9:35 a.m.)

2            MR. TROWBRIDGE:    So, a couple of quick things.  
3            Very much appreciate everybody's incredible work on  
4            this committee over the last few months. Obviously,  
5            with the hurricane in September much of the work -- in  
6            terms of discussion and census, a number of things.  
7            Going through that process, I want to thank all of you  
8            for that. Tremendous advocates, you know, whether  
9            looking at trajectory provider goals, staff goals, or  
10           things that you hear, the support of -- converse and  
11           accurate boards.

12           So, thank you, everybody.

13           And then, I will just mention, tomorrow, as you  
14           all I think are aware, it's the Inaugural Children's  
15           Society. We are partners and cohost with them. --  
16           folks from Trust that -- a couple of our -- like, five  
17           representatives from -- presentation -- Trust will be  
18           represented tomorrow. We'll start with being very --  
19           looking forward to that as well.

20           I always make a big pitch for, of course,  
21           Children's Symphony. It's never too early to have  
22           that on your calendar, October 30th. It's a Sunday  
23           this year, in the afternoon. Bring your kiddos and  
24           grand-kiddos, nieces-and-nephews, and God-children.  
25           It's always fun to have the little ones dress up. You

1        can dress up as well. It's a wonderful collaboration.  
2        -- young people doing a concert with adults and shop,  
3        it's just a lot of fun. It's a lot of music you know  
4        very well. So, that's at four o'clock.

5                So, that's our welcome and opening.

6                Public comments? Muriel, do we have any public  
7        comments?

8                MS. JEANTY: No public comments.

9                MR. TROWBRIDGE: No public comments.

10               So then we'll move to the Approval of our June  
11        30, 2022, Finance & Operations Committee minutes.

12               Do we have a motion to approve the minutes as  
13        were presented?

14               MS. COLLINS: Moved.

15               MR. TROWBRIDGE: Thank you, Constance. Is there  
16        a second?

17               MR. REYES: Second.

18               MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any discussion?

19               (No verbal response.)

20               MR. TROWBRIDGE: Seeing none, all in favor please  
21        signify by saying aye.

22               (WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded  
23        with "aye.")

24               MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any opposed, nay?

25               (No verbal response.)

1           MR. TROWBRIDGE: Motion carries. Thank you very  
2 much.

3           We're going to move into our resolutions now. We  
4 have a number of them today. Some you should be very  
5 familiar with that come around this time of year.

6           The first is going to be Resolution 2023-A:  
7 Authorization for a procurement waiver for training  
8 and professional development services to fund the  
9 Florida International University (FIU) Center for  
10 Children and Families Miami International Child &  
11 Adolescent Mental Health (MICAMH) Conference to be  
12 held in Miami on February 8-10, 2023, inclusive of  
13 free admission for providers affiliated with The  
14 Children's Trust, in an amount not to exceed  
15 \$50,000.00.

16           Is there a motion to approve?

17           MR. HINCAPIE: So moved, Hincapie.

18           MR. TROWBRIDGE: Is there a second?

19           MR. ARSENAULT: Second, Arsenault.

20           MR. TROWBRIDGE: Second, we'll move into any  
21 discussion -- three-day conference where these experts  
22 are the best in the field with a state of the art --  
23 prevention treatment. Both for children and  
24 adolescence. -- presentation breakouts and --  
25 sessions. -- education credits for this. This allows

1        us to help other conference and it allows our  
2        providers to cut their cost.

3                There is a motion. Is there further discussion?

4                (No verbal response.)

5                MR. TROWBRIDGE: Seeing none, all in favor please  
6        signify by saying aye.

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

9                MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any opposed, nay?

10               (No verbal response.)

11               MR. TROWBRIDGE: Resolution 2023-B: Authorization  
12        to accept a \$192,600.00 contribution from Miami Beach  
13        Chamber Foundation, the fiscal agent for the City of  
14        Miami Beach and neighboring municipalities, and to  
15        negotiate and execute a contract renewal with  
16        Borinquen Medical Health Center, a funded school-based  
17        health provider, to provide behavioral health  
18        enhancements in all eight Miami-Dade County Public  
19        School (M-DCPS) system public schools in Miami Beach,  
20        at a cost equal to the same dollar amount for a term  
21        of nine months, commencing October 1, 2022, and ending  
22        June 30, 2023.

23               Is there a motion to approve?

24               MS. COLLINS: Moved.

25               MR. TROWBRIDGE: Constance. Second?



1           MR. ARSENAULT:   Second.

2           MR. TROWBRIDGE:   Matthew, second.   Just a  
3   reminder, this is a program that focuses on -- first  
4   based on two licenses about professionals who often  
5   remote -- school-wide modes -- support of FIU students  
6   and -- delivering -- services -- schools that are --  
7   pilot of the program.

8           There's a motion and a second.   Is there any  
9   further discussion?

10          (No verbal response.)

11          MR. TROWBRIDGE:   Seeing none, all in favor please  
12   signify by saying aye.

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

15          MR. TROWBRIDGE:   Any opposed, nay?

16          (No verbal response.)

17          MR. TROWBRIDGE:   Resolution carries.   Moving on  
18   now to, Resolution 2023-C: Authorization for the  
19   expenditure of dues for membership in the Florida  
20   Association of Children's Councils and Trusts (FACCT)  
21   in a total amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 for a term  
22   of 12 months, commencing retroactively October 1,  
23   2022, and ending September 30, 2023.

24          Motion to approve this not to exceed \$110,000?

25          MS. COLLINS:   Motion.

1           MR. HINCAPIE:   Second.

2           MR. TROWBRIDGE:   Just to remind you that we are  
3   part of the network of Children's Services Council.  
4   Page nine, you'll see everyone who are partners.   This  
5   is our -- they range from Hillsborough County, -- to  
6   all who see us --.   It certainly reaches hundreds and  
7   thousands of children --

8           Any discussion?

9           (No verbal response.)

10          MR. TROWBRIDGE:   Seeing none, all in favor please  
11   signify by saying aye.

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

14          MR. TROWBRIDGE:   Any opposed, nay?

15          (No verbal response.)

16          MR. TROWBRIDGE:   Motion carries.   Our last  
17   resolution is, Resolution 2023-D:   Authorization to  
18   enter into a renewal agreement with Ms. Oleksandra  
19   Filippova for research and evaluation services and to  
20   expend up to \$50,000.00 of the Florida Association of  
21   Children's Councils and Trusts (FACCT) Helios  
22   Education Foundation grant award for the services,  
23   commencing retroactively on October 1, 2022, and  
24   ending September 30, 2023, with one remaining one-year  
25   renewal.   Further, authorization to approve a budget

1       amendment to increase the Program Evaluation &  
2       Community Research budget line by the FACCT Helios  
3       award amount of \$70,000.00 in order to allocate these  
4       funds in the appropriate budget line.

5           I'll draw your attention to page 12.    --

6           Do we have a motion to approve?

7           MR. HINCAPIE:    Hincapie, moved.

8           MR. REYES:    Second.

9           MR. TROWBRIDGE:    Any discussion?    Please.

10          FEMALE VOICE:    (Unintelligible).

11          MR. TROWBRIDGE:    Other questions or comments?

12          (No verbal response.)

13          MR. TROWBRIDGE:    Seeing none, we'll take a vote.

14          All in favor please signify by saying aye.

15          (WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded  
16          with "aye.")

17          MR. TROWBRIDGE:    Any opposed, nay?

18          (No verbal response.)

19          MR. TROWBRIDGE:    Motion carries.    Fantastic work.

20          Next, we're hearing from our CEO James Haj.

21          MR. HAJ:    Mr. Chair, thank you.    Quarterly report  
22          is on page 14 through 15.    This is the one that has  
23          the most expenditures.    A lot of services for our  
24          program.

25          After pages 14 and 15, the Monthly Financial

1            Statements are in your packet.

2            And Mark stole my thunder about the MD County  
3            Mayor's Children Summit that's going on -- since 2016  
4            when the Board started doing investment. Last  
5            November we had a -- we had the Mayor. -- spent the  
6            last year -- there were a lot of board members -- a  
7            lot of these efforts --

8            Thank you, Mr. Chair.

9            MR. TROWBRIDGE: Thank you. (Unintelligible).

10          MALE VOICE: (Unintelligible).

11          MR. TROWBRIDGE: That's a great job. Awesome.  
12          -- time to go through and see what we have. I stole  
13          Jim's thunder, so -- last thing I want to mention is,  
14          we had a brief recall, I think we'll get into at the  
15          next meeting about the time of the audit. Unless it's  
16          a little premature now -- but hey --

17          MALE VOICE: That process is starting whether or  
18          not they are here --

19          MR. TROWBRIDGE: -- working with -- at some point  
20          -- I appreciate it.

21          Anything for the good of the order? Anyone on  
22          zoom? Isaac, great to see you.

23          MR. SALVER: Happy New Year.

24          MR. TROWBRIDGE: Happy New Year.

25          If there's nothing else for the good of the

1           order, then at this time I'll take a motion to  
2           adjourn.

3                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:   So moved.

4                   MR. TROWBRIDGE:   Without objection, we'll  
5           adjourn.   Have a good morning, everybody.

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8                   (Whereupon, at 9:50 a.m., the meeting was  
9           adjourned.)

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