

THE JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION
1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32206

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Information Date: June 20, 2012 2nd Floor Board Room	Board Members Attendance		
		Ken Wilson, Chair	X Paul Saffell
	X	John Balog, Ph.D., Vice Chair	Tom Majdanics
	x	Bill Mason, III, Ed.D., Treasurer	Anne Egan
	X	Jill Smith, Secretary	X Cathie Shimp
		Gloriden Norris	Lee Harris
	X	Catrina Graham, Pharm D.	

Also Present: Ex-Officios/Advisory: James R. McCain, Jr., COJ General Counsel; Judge David Gooding; Bryan Hensley, DCF; Susan Main, ELC of Duval; JCC Staff: Jill Dame, Cynthia Nixon, Dolly Dillin, Joyce Watson, Chandra Brown, Karim Oroza, Juan Ruiz, Michelle Brabson

Guests: Angel Carro, ELC of Duval; Liz Edmonds, Boys and Girls Club; Mike Lisle, CIS Jacksonville; Eric Johnson, CIS Jacksonville; Carla McIntosh, Community Connections; Eric R. Williams, Florida First Coast YMCA; Duncan Jackson; Jason Jackson; Chris Murphy, CIS; Ysryl, Jacksonville Youth Works; Davy Parrish, The Bridge.

Agenda Item	Outcome/Action
Welcome & Call to Order	John Balog, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.
The Chairperson's Report	<p>Until a quorum was obtained, the consent agenda was deferred. John stated that the board is anticipating that four new board members will be approved by City Council soon and that they should be joining the board at its next meeting.</p> <p>CEO Search Committee: Jill Dame was hired as of May 21, 2012 and is the Board anticipates moving forward with the permanent director hiring process.</p> <p>In response to questions, Jill Dame stated that she and Ken Wilson are looking at a time line for the process.</p> <p>Bill Mason asked what about the time frame for Jill Dame's tenure. Jill stated that the original letter of agreement stated six months, but with extension by mutual agreement.</p>
Finance Committee Report	Bill Mason stated that the Finance Committee found that revenue is where it is supposed to be and expenses are on target. The consent agenda contains all relevant information and there are no action items from Finance.
Special Guest:	<p>Jill Dame introduced special guests from the TEAM UP Program at Pickett Elementary School and Communities in Schools.</p> <p>Eric Johnson, After School Division Director with Communities in Schools and oversees the TEAM UP Program.</p> <p>Mr. Johnson introduced the project manager at Pickett Elementary, Ms. Chris Murphy; Jason Jackson, a student in the program; and his</p>

	<p>grandfather Duncan Jackson. A special music program started five years ago in partnership with Pickett Elementary and a few other schools that partnered with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. The program teaches children how to play the violin. Some of the students are now playing with the Junior Symphony.</p> <p>Mr. Johnson presented a video to the board showing Jason Jackson's success following many challenges in his life. His mother was killed, he was injured in the process and his grandfather had to take on the role of raising him. Mr. Jackson was told that Jason would not be a normal child, but he beat the odds and has excelled in the program. Jason will be attending LaVilla School of the Arts in the fall.</p> <p>Duncan Jackson stated that he is really proud of Jason and thanked TEAM UP for help with Jason.</p> <p>Chris Murphy stated that she started out five years ago with Jason and has watched him grow to be a very sociable young man. He is a bright child who overcame his challenges.</p> <p>Mr. Johnson stated that Jason represents hundreds of the students who are served by the Jacksonville Children's Commission and thanked the board for their support.</p>
The Chairperson's Report Continued	<p>John Balog asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Bill Mason moved and Jill Smith second. Motion passed.</p>
CEO Report	<p><u>Incubator Project</u>: Jill Dame spoke on behalf of Elder Harris about the incubator project. The committee had planned a community forum this Saturday to discuss the needs of the community and what children's programs are occurring in the community. It will now be a community survey that will start with religious organizations. Bill Mason asked if the incubator committee meetings are publicly noticed. Jill Dame responded yes.</p> <p><u>The Wallace Grant</u>: Acceptance of the Wallace Grant was approved by City Council this week. This program is for \$1,456,0871 with Wallace. Wallace is giving \$765,000 of the funding and the Children's Commission putting in \$419,465 in cash and over \$270,000 as in-kind match. The cash contribution is coming from the fund balance. City Council was concerned that the grant is not a direct service and that Jacksonville Children's Commission is spending fund balance monies on something that is only improving quality and not directly serving children. The Wallace organization is requiring Jacksonville Children's Commission to travel to meet with other recipients of the grant with Wallace paying the travel. This was also a concern to City Council members. The purpose of the grant is to bring together the community to look at after school programs, summer camp programs and everything that is out of school time to make sure that the quality is consistent in all programs and that we have the best outcomes for the children served. Approximately twelve million dollars is spent annually on the programs.</p> <p>Summer Camps/ Summer Lunch: Jill Dame stated that these</p>

	<p>programs have started with 68 summer camps, including 7 Duval County Superintendent's Academy sites that are heavily scheduled by the schools with a stronger focus on the academics. There are 170 Summer Lunch sites that include public library sites.</p> <p>Jill Dame stated that she and Cynthia Nixon met with Glenn Hansen, the City Budget Director, to clarify budget expectations JCC still has no indication of whether or not the fund balance can be used as requested to cover approximately \$1.2 million for six TEAM-UP sites and to fund the incubator program at \$300,000. Dolly Dillin has written grant applications to try to refund some of the six sites, but will not know until the next budget year if we will get that money.</p>
New Business	No New Business
Old Business	<p>Susan Main presented a document to the board regarding the proposed 2012-13 budget. The Early Learning Coalition is requesting that the board reconsider the proposed budget cut and continue to support the \$625,000.00 match that is required for the Coalition to raise to match State and Federal monies in order to serve 4,000 children from the working poor families. The State of Florida requires that they raise a 6% match based on the cost of the children the agency cares for in the working poor category. These are the VG8's (Working Poor Families) that make less than 150% of the poverty level. The agency is not permitted to use in-kind dollars, they must use cash dollars. Without the match they would have to discontinue serving 4,000 children in the community.</p> <p>Judge Gooding asked if there is any data that shows what percentage of these children will end up in the juvenile justice system. Susan stated she doesn't have the data but will try to find it. ELC has never dis-enrolled children from the childcare because of funding.</p> <p>John Balog asked if there is another alternative, can ELC seek funding from a source other than the Children's Commission. Susan stated she has not previously but it is a possibility.</p> <p>Jill Dame asked for the total number of children the Early Learning Coalition serves annually with fund slots? Susan stated that 12,000 children in and out of childcare every year. She stated the 4,000 that she is referring to is in that one category. The agency also serves all of the children at risk in foster care, all the Tanif children, all the children that are with families that need serves and the Work Source program.</p> <p>Davy Parrish asked if the board knows when will the Jacksonville Children's Commission budget will come before City Council? Jill Dame stated that the Mayor presents it in the middle of July and then the finance committee will probably start its review in August.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2012.</p>
Adjourn	<p>There being no further business, John Balog adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.</p>