



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 22, 2025

Children's Service Council, 101 SE Central Parkway, Stuart, FL 34994

Present: Susan Rabinowitz, Dan Romence, Eric Kiehn, Angela Browning, PhD, Lauren Abbott, Steve Hartz

Excused:

Staff: William Corbin (Executive Director), Troy McDonald (Director, Business Retention & Expansion), George Stokus, Ken Norman (Counsel), Ike Crumpler

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:** Susan Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. A quorum was established by roll call.

2. Comments

- a. **Public Comments:** None
- b. **Partner:** None
- c. **Executive Director Report:** William Corbin provided a brief overview of the following items:
 - I. NAIOP South Florida Treasure Coast Bus Tour.
 - II. The launch of our Access to Capital program (Martin County Loan Fund).
 - III. Upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for Village of Indiantown water treatment facility.
 - IV. Seacoast Bank's redevelopment of their Headquarters in Downtown Stuart.

3. Approvals

- a. Minutes
 - I. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2025: Angela Browning, PhD motioned to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded by Lauren Abbott. The motion passed unanimously.
 - II. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2025: Motion by Lauren Abbott recommends approval of the July 23, 2025, minutes as presented and seconded by Eric Kiehn. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Financials

- I. June 2025: William Corbin provided an overview of the financials for June. No action was taken.

4. Reports & Presentations:

- d. William Corbin, provided an update on the Annual Awards Event.
- e. The November meeting date was discussed due to the regular date being the day before Thanksgiving. After discussion it was decided to hold one meeting for both November and December on December 3, 2025. Both the Executive Meeting and the BDBMC Board of Directors meeting will be the same day. The Executive Meeting will be from 8:00 am – 8:45 am and the Board of Directors Meeting will be from 8:45 am 10:30 am.

5. Board Member Items & Discussions:

- I. Susan Rabinowitz brought up succession planning. The Executive Committee discussed the length of term for each of the executive committee positions.
- II. The Executive Committee, sitting as the Nomination Committee, nominated the following Board Members for the Executive Committee, Fiscal Year 2025-26: Dan Romence as President, Lauren Abbott as President Elect, Steve Hartz as Treasurer and Angela Browning, PhD as Secretary. The nomination was motioned by Eric Kiehn and Seconded by Angela Browning, PhD. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Lauren Abbott brought up Board Member engagement and asked staff to notify the Board of the types of events that Board Member may want to attend. Further discussion ensued discussing the types of events and how the Board would be notified.
- IV. Economic Council Executive Director Ted Astolfi discussed Seacoast Bank and the proposed redevelopment of their headquarters. Astolfi pointed out that this is a business retention project and summarized why the retention of Seacoast in Martin County is so important. The Board discussed various methods of action and how the BDBMC could assist. Ted noted that he was meeting with BDBMC staff later in the day to discuss the BDBMC's role.

6. Comments: None

7. Adjourn: 9:40 AM

Approved by:

Susan Rabinowitz, Chair

Date

Prepared by:

Troy McDonald, Director of BRE

Date

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