

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Introductions. April 2, 2026, meeting of the North County Community Council, Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, was called to order by Chair Beth Hovind at 6:05 p.m. The Council convened at the Dunedin Mease Hospital, 601 Main Street, Dunedin, Florida.

In attendance were Council Members Beth Hovind, Nadine Nickeson, Thomas Payne, Carmen Lake, Adriana Palacio, Niko Stergiotis, Deputy Jaclyn Short; and Joanne Reich, JWB Community Engagement Advocate.

Guests: Jennifer Riegel of Eleos Wellness, and Gabriella Tomaselli of Boley Centers

Absent were Council Members Michael Arendall, Maria Amado, Dawn Handley, and Mary Sharrow.

A quorum of the Council was present.

Introductions: Council Members and guests introduced themselves briefly.

II. Council Business

- A. March Minutes: Carmen moved that the Council's March 2026 minutes be approved, and Nadine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Data Committee Report: Data Committee would like to meet sometime between April 13-15th. Joanne will work on securing a location and send to the committee members the latest data information that was shared with Beth from JWB. The Children's Data Center has yet to be released but the committee will meet to see how they can get a head start.
- C. Please remember to pass along information such as Community Events Funding to North County area non profits that may be good candidates for this grass roots funding.
- D. Bylaws Committee: In Michael's absence Joanne proceeded to discuss the proposed bylaws with the minor corrections that Michael submitted to JWB which consisted of minor grammatical and one reference change. The other two councils have approved the draft new Bylaws. Beth still raised the concern that she feels the candidates for council members should be only upon recommendation by the council – not just solely up to the Board of JWB. Nadine made the motion to approve the draft Bylaws as submitted prior to everyone via email with no additional changes other than Michaels minor edits which were previously

submitted and accepted by JWB. Carmen seconded the motion. Vote was 6 yes 1 no. Motion carried. The new Bylaws will be posted on the JWB website shortly now that all 3 councils have approved them.

III. Open Agenda - Community Partner Updates

- A. Marie submitted some event flyers and Joanne will also send out email of community events she is aware of.
- B. Deputy Short shared about the run which will be held in Safety Harbor to raise money for the Sheriff's Department Holiday Drive for Families. This is a new location for the fundraiser and they feel it will be a better turnout.
- C. Carmen announced about two new food educational events at Mt. Moriah and they are also still collecting funds towards a new roof.

IV. JWB Updates

Joanne summarized the status of the JWB Board's Chief Executive Officer search, The Board might take a vote on approving a new Chief Executive Officer at its April 2026 meeting. Joanne also shared that JWB has promotional materials for the Parent Protect program, designed to help instruct families on safe internet practices. Joanne passed around the Community Council Meeting Survey which is being conducted quarterly during 2026.

For the May meeting we will be looking at the Focus Group Notes and our Work plan for the remainder of the year. The group also took a photo for Child Abuse Prevention Month along with our Pinwheels to be submitted to JWB for awareness efforts.

There being no further business, on a motion by Carmen that was seconded by Adriana, the Council adjourned without objection at 7:22 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Advent Health North Pinellas Training Center 247 E Curlew Pl, Suite B, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Reich
JWB Community Engagement Advocate