

MINUTES

Tuesday, Sept 8th, 11:30am – 1pm

Council Members Present: Deneen Wyman, Daphne Lampley, Breasia Lynn, Kimberly Skrovanek, Athian Early, Dexter McCree, Micah Madir, Kerry Carsle, LaShante Keys

Council Members Absent: Michael Flores, William Ferguson, Valerie Gervais

- I. Call to order - Daphne Lampley chair 11:40am
 - a. Moment of Silence
 - b. Introduction of council members
 - c. Recognize LaShante Keys
- II. JWB Updates -Kelly Santos
 - a. JWB Youth Leadership Committee- The mission of the YLC is to elevate youth voice and leadership through innovative, youth led projects. The teens collaborate to design, develop, and deliver meaningful initiatives throughout the county. Applications open on September 16, and the committee can accept up to 15 teens for the upcoming term. The YLC program operates from November through April.
 - b. Community Events Funding- JWB Community Events Funding is a grant program offered by the Juvenile Welfare Board to support community-based activities that benefit children and families in Pinellas County. It provides \$500–\$3,000 per event to eligible organizations, with one award allowed per fiscal year.
 - c. Kids First Awards Luncheon 10/23 - 11:30-1pm Coliseum- JWB 80th anniversary will be celebrated and recognized during this event. There will be council table available, however if you are affiliated with an organization and purchase tickets you will be seated with your organization unless council is specified at purchase.
 - d. Upcoming JWB Partnership Meetings:
 - i. 09/24 Preventable Child Death campaign from 10am - 11:30am @ JWB Office this is a quarterly meeting. No reservation is required.
 - ii. 9/11 - Childhood Hunger Collaborative meeting from 10am-11:30am this is a quarterly meeting available in person and virtual.
- i. Council Business
 - a. Approve July Minutes Dexter motioned to approve July meeting minutes, Tara 2nd. Motion approved.
 - b. November Joint Council Member Meeting will be held 11/5/2026. This will serve as SCCC's November meeting. Tara motioned to approve joint council meeting to serve as SCCC's November meeting. Deneen 2nd. Motioned approved.
 - c. Executive Team Elections- Executive team members were reviewed and formally announced. Dexter motioned to approve the executive team elections. Breasia 2nd. Motioned approved.
 - d. Work Plan Draft- The work plan draft was reviewed, and council members discussed separating the third bullet point into two individual items. Dexter motioned to approve separation of 3rd bullet of work plan. Deneen 2nd. Motion approved.
 - e. Make a Difference Day 10/24 event will be held at Children of the World Preschool. The school has been awarded \$3,000 in funding to support campus enhancement efforts. This National Day of Service is designed to make a meaningful impact and engage the community. The event will take place from 10a-1pm.
 - f. Holiday Project/ December Meeting- SCCC will select a family or group to support during the holiday season. The council will coordinate gift donations and essential items to ensure the selected

household receives meaningful assistance and encouragement for the holidays. Final selection and planning will take place at the December meeting.

i. Lead Needed- Deneen

- g. Ronald McDonald House- The council will prepare, cook, and serve meals for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. This service project provides comfort and support to families with children receiving medical care, offering them a warm, home-cooked meal during a challenging time

i. Lead Needed- Micah Madir

IV. Presentations

- a. (10 Minutes) Rebecca Gross Tieder - JWB Chief Public Awareness Officer- Reviewed the significance of proclamations issued across the county and how they strengthen community relationships. She highlighted that JWB currently serves approximately 34% of households in Pinellas County. She also noted that upcoming elections may influence the level of support available to families who rely on JWB services, underscoring the importance of continued public awareness and engagement.

i. Contact: Rtieder@jwbpinellas.org

- b. Community Events Funding

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ii. DOS Crescent Foundation was awarded \$3,000 in grant funding to put on the Strengthening Through Bond Father–Daughter Dance. Approximately 75 attendees participated in the celebration. Four scholarships were presented: 2 students attending Gibbs High School and 2 students attending Pinellas Park High School.

iii. Felons aint Failures

iv. Junior League of St. Pete

V. Open Agenda

- a. Guest introductions and upcoming announcements

Meeting minutes submitted by: Breasia Lynn