

MINUTES, VA FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND
Board of Trustees Meeting, June 23rd, 2026
Richmond Community Foundation, 3409 Moore Street, Richmond, VA 23230

Participation:

Trustees Present: Season Roberts (Chair), Tiffany Garner (Secretary) – left at 1:30pm, Nichele Carver – arrived at 11:33am, Ian Danielsen, Jennifer Gillyard, Amy Greear, Moira Holdren, Stacy Nixon, Theresa Orr, Maria Salgado, Joseph Van Name, Kristin Zagar (VDSS Chief Deputy Commissioner) – arrived at 11:34am, left at 1:40pm

Remote Participating Trustees: Cherie Short (Alexandria)

Trustees Absent: Abigail Wescott, Tyler Hart

Staff/Guests Present: Nicole Poulin (Executive Director), Michelle L'Hommedieu (Office of Attorney General - FACT Counsel), Taylor Hohle (Senior Research Associate) - Virtual, Amy Singleton (Community Foundation) – left at 10:40am, Nancy Oglesby (Justice 3D) – Virtual, left at 11:25am

Opening: Chairperson Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM. A quorum was present.

Decisions and Actions: The following actions were approved by the Board unanimously unless otherwise noted.

Community Foundation Presentation: Amy Singleton, *Vice President of Philanthropic Services*

- Amy provided an overview of the Community Foundation.
- There are around 800 Community Foundations in the U.S. Richmond's Community Foundation is one of the top ten Community Foundations in the country.
- The organization focuses on the community needs and donor projects. They offer learning and engagement opportunities for donors and volunteers.

Remote Participation:

- Trustee Short requested to participate remotely due to residing more than 60 miles from the meeting location.
- **A motion was made by Trustee Van Name to allow remote participation for Trustee Short. Trustee Orr seconded.**

Minutes Approval:

- Chairperson Roberts opened the floor for comments and corrections on the previous Board minutes from the December 2025 meeting.
- Typo errors on the second page – 501(c)3 needs to be corrected.
- **A motion was made by Trustee Van Name to approve the minutes as amended. Trustee Greear seconded.**

Problematic Sexual Behavior Project Update: Nancy Oglesby, *Justice 3D*

- The Board of Trustees viewed a news story that was developed in coordination with FACT's Public Relations consultants. <https://www.wdbj7.com/2026/05/12/early-years-experts-explain-warning-signs-child-on-child-sexual-abuse-how-parents-can-respond/>
- Nancy provided an overview of her background and the Problematic Sexual Behavior (PSB) Project.
- A total of 28 Multidisciplinary Team Members (four teams) participated in the train-the-trainer event in January. 100% reported that they had an increased understanding and confidence in responding to PSB.
- Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) have seen an increase recently in these cases, 30% of their cases.

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Chair's Report: Chairperson Roberts provided the report.

- Nomination Committee
 - Because the March Board meeting was cancelled, the Board needs to retroactively elect the members who volunteered to participate on the Nomination Committee, which met earlier this month.
 - **A motion was made by Trustee Van Name to approve Tiffany Garner and Ian Daniels as members of the Nomination Committee with Season Robets who appointed herself. Trustee Nixon seconded.**
 - The Committee voted to recommend the following slate of officers to serve beginning July 1, 2026 for Fiscal Year 2027.
 - Nichele Carver for Chair
 - Tiffany Garner for Vice Chair
 - Jennifer Gillyard for Secretary
 - Joseph Van Name for Treasurer
 - **A motion was made by Trustee Daniels to approve the slate as recommended by the Nomination Committee. Trustee Holdren.**
- Beginning in July, there will be six vacancies on the Board. These will be appointed by the Governor's Office. Anyone who knows a potential candidate that may be interested in serving should contact Executive Director Poulin.

Child Abuse & Neglect (CAN) Advisory Committee Report: Chairperson Roberts provided the committee update.

- In March, the CAN Advisory Committee met to determine the focus areas to include in this year's Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) report. The areas of focus and recommendations to VDSS include:
 - Improving accurate data collection
 - Strengthening child welfare workforce capacity
 - Improving responses to child fatality cases
- **A motion was made by Trustee Greear to accept the recommendations for the CAPTA report made by the Child Abuse and Neglect Advisory Committee. Trustee Carver seconded.**
- The CAN Advisory Committee met again last week and received updates on VDSS In-Home Services, a recent summit hosted by the Virginia Department of Health on Perinatal Substance Use and on VDSS efforts to improve workforce support and development.

Events Committee Report: Chairperson Roberts provided the update.

- The 40th Anniversary Committee met prior to today's meeting to discuss the fall celebration event.
- The event will be held October 1st, 2026, 6-8:30PM at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. During the event, four FACT Champions from around Virginia will be recognized and a gift of \$10,000 will be awarded to the nonprofit of their choice, in line with FACT's mission.
- The Committee is recommending the Board allocate \$25,000 for Fiscal Year 2027 to cover the cost of the event.
- **A motion was made by Trustee Van Name to approve allocating \$40,000 to be awarded to the nonprofits selected by the FACT Champions. Trustee Orr seconded.**
- **A motion was made by Trustee Van Name to approve allocating \$25,000 for the event cost. Trustee Garner seconded.**

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- **A motion was made by Trustee Holdren to allow the Events Committee the authority to select the FACT Champions. Trustee Nixon seconded.**
- The Board of Trustees will need to raise funds for alcohol to be included at the event. More information will be given by the Events Committee at a later date.

VDSS Update: Chief Deputy Commissioner Zagar provided the update.

- Previously Chief Deputy Commissioner Zagar served as Deputy Commissioner of Human Services at VDSS in 2018-2022. Afterwards she served as a consultant for the Child Welfare Information Gateway. She is now the Chief Deputy Commissioner at VDSS and is serving as the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Human Services due to Carl Ayers' departure.
- The RFP to update the Child Welfare Information System has been resubmitted to the federal government for review.
- A study in collaboration with the Department of Health and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services looking at the offices' collective work with substance exposed infants. The report is due to the General Assembly on November 1st. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB652>
- A study is being conducted that will review the changes related to legislation passed earlier this year that will move the determination of hotline calls to a statewide level. The report is due to the General Assembly on December 1st. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1490>
 - This study will also look at screen-out rates, types of abuse, and impacts on child fatality and response.

Grants Committee Report: Trustee Carver provided the update.

- The Grants Committee met on June 10th to review and discuss the recommendations for next fiscal year.
- The Board of Trustees previously approved allocating \$1.5 million, to be made available through a Request for Proposal (RFP) for 5-10 awards of \$150,000-\$300,000 over two years. The funds will be utilized to support family violence prevention efforts across the lifespan and prevention spectrum.
- During the December meeting, the Board approved the Grants Committee recommendation that the awards be split – 30% for new and expanding services and 70% for supporting services that have lost or anticipate losing funding due to federal budget cuts. The Committee is now recommending that the specific percentage limit of 70% be removed to allow more flexibility and responsiveness to the funding landscape.
- **A motion was made by Trustee Orr to approve the presented programmatic language in the Request for Proposal draft, subject to additional editorial changes made in conjunction with counsel and the Grants Committee. Trustee Danielsen seconded.**
- Executive Director Poulin reviewed a summary of the projected financials and recommendations approved by the Grants Committee for Fiscal Year 2027 grant opportunities.
 - The total proposed grant allocation for Fiscal Year 2027 is \$815,000
 - RFP starting 10/1/2026 - \$562,500 (\$1.5 million over two years)
 - Traditional ad hoc awards - \$100,000 (20 awards at \$5000 each)
 - 40th Champion awards - \$40,000 (4 awards at \$10,000 each)
 - Problematic Sexual Behavior Phase III Pilot Evaluation starting 10/1/2026 – \$112,500 (\$300,000 over two years)
 - The proposed grant obligation for Fiscal Year 2028 would be \$900,000.

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- **A motion was made by Trustee Carver to approve the recommendations of the Grants Committee for Fiscal Year 2027 projects.**

Staff Report: Executive Director Poulin provided the update.

- Executive Director Poulin reviewed the Executive Director Report provided in the Board packet. Some highlights from the report include:
 - Executive Director Poulin attended the National APSAC Colloquium last week which was incredibly insightful. FACT recently started the first State Section of Association of Professionals Solving the Abuse of Children (APSAC) for Virginia. Board members can become members of APSAC to attend the meetings. <https://www.wavy.com/news/local-news/partnership-aims-to-strengthen-programs-that-find-reduce-child-abuse-and-neglect/>
 - Chairperson Roberts went to the Virginia Beach Court Improvement Conference that was supported by an ad hoc grant during Fiscal Year 2026.
 - Staff shared a video submitted by the Leadership for Empowerment and Abuse Prevention (LEAP) program that has been supported for the past few years to expand their project.
 - The current strategic plan is ending this fiscal year. Executive Director reviewed the previous discussions on the sustainability of FACT.
 - Executive Director Poulin recently met with someone who used to be involved with the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) and the Virginia Health Foundation. He suggested a “strategic learning process” rather than a new strategic plan to get a deep dive on the options available to FACT for sustainable development. Executive Director Poulin has suggested an investment of \$10,000 for this learning process and then an additional \$10,000 for a strategic plan development.

Treasurer's Report: Executive Director Poulin provided the update for Treasurer Hart.

- Executive Director Poulin provided an overview of the financial reports included in the Board packet.
- Executive Director Poulin reviewed the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027.
 - **A motion was made by Trustee Van Name to approve the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027. Trustee Greear seconded.**

Board members' announcements:

- There was discussion on development of a one-pager for Board members to be able to discuss FACT with donors and partners.

Adjournment/Wrap up: Chairperson Roberts concluded the meeting at 2:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Garner

Tiffany Garner, Secretary

Taylor Hohle

Taylor Hohle, Senior Research Associate