



**Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2026**

Present: Rantee Gabriel – President
Damien Hunte – Vice President
Russ Feldman- Board Member
Steve Carroll – Treasurer
June Aversano – Board Member
John Spruance – Board Member
Ann Levene-Eisenberg – Executive Director
Louisa Legato – Business Director
Allison Ballin - Associate Director of Education & Behavioral Services
Jessica DuBoff- Principal in Training for Treasure Coast School for Autism

Call to Order: Rantee Gabriel called the meeting to order at 4:15pm

Business Directors Report – Louisa Legato:

- Louisa Legato shared a handout with the Board of our January 2026 Profit & Loss statement.
- Louisa Legato shared the bank balances and emphasized how she maintains the financial records for upcoming audits and compliance.
- Louisa Legato shared two additional handouts with the Board about our Referendum Expenditure Plan.
- Louisa Legato proposed reducing the current year's use of restricted referendum funds to better manage the current surplus & to protect the funds for the future.
- Louisa Legato presented the changes to the Referendum Budget. It was discussed and she asked for a vote to accept the new Referendum Expenditure Plan. Russ Feldman made the first motion & June Aversano made the second motion. All board members voted in favor.

Executive Directors Report – Ann Eisenberg:

- Ann Eisenberg introduced Casie Rosado to the board as the new Assistant Principal/ESE Coordinator for Treasure Coast School for Autism.
- Ann Eisenberg stated the demand is high and Treasure Coast School has expanded to 8 classrooms with an 80 student capacity.
- Ann Eisenberg stated she is waiting on the CSP Grant and the Replication Grant for the Treasure Coast School.

- Ann Eisenberg discussed the Board vacancy, due to the passing of beloved member Jerry Zel in December. The goal is to find a professional (Attorney or CPA) from the Treasure Coast area to provide regional representation.
- Ann Eisenberg gave the board an update on the construction of the Treasure Coast School and stated the project remains on schedule, with the crews working seven days a week to complete it.

Associate Directors Report - Allison Ballin:

- Allison Ballin reported improved multidisciplinary collaboration (speech, OT, teachers) and better student behavior outcomes this year.
- Allison Ballin described reading intervention efforts and encouragement for staff to obtain reading endorsements/micro-credentials.
- Allison Ballin confirmed ongoing hiring and summer training planning; emphasized continued recruitment for Palm Beach while supporting Treasure Coast staffing.
- Allison Ballin shared positive community engagement: attended a high-school dance with students and staff; praised staff problem-solving.

Board of Directors Approvals:

- Randee Gabriel asked for a vote to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2025 Board Meeting. Steve Carroll made the first motion & Damien Hunte made the second motion. All board members voted in favor.
- Louisa Legato presented the changes to the Referendum Budget. It was discussed and she asked for a vote to accept the new Referendum Expenditure Plan. Russ Feldman made the first motion & June Aversano made the second motion. All board members voted in favor to accept the new Referendum Expenditure Plan.

Adjournment:

- Randee Gabriel made a motion to adjourn, Steve Carroll made the first motion & John Spruance seconded the motion and all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Laurie Marino

