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Those attending were Chairman Holland, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Meador, Judge Marshall, and Mr. Christian. Also attending was Director Williams.

Election of chairman and secretary of the Board was the first item of business to be taken up. Judge Marshall nominated Mrs. Bartlett for chairman. Nominations were closed and Mrs. Bartlett was elected by unanimous vote. Mrs. Strickland nominated Mrs. Meador for secretary. The Board voted to close nominations and Mrs. Meador was elected as secretary.

The minutes of the August 24th meeting were approved as mailed to the members of the Board.

Mrs. Holland moved that expenditures from the General Fund of the Board covered in checks #1757-1779 inclusive and expenditures in the School Counseling Service program covered by #64-73 inclusive be approved. Judge Marshall seconded this motion and it was carried.

In reference to the financial situation of the Juvenile Welfare Board, Judge Marshall and Dr. Williams were asked to determine the accuracy of the tax levy for the period 1947-1950 and report back to the Board at its next meeting.

The discussion of rental for rooms in the County Building was postponed pending receipt of this report.

The activities report of the various agencies being subsidized in whole or in part by the Juvenile Welfare Board was deferred for further study by the Board in the interim between now and the next meeting, at which time the activities report will be discussed.

Dr. Williams presented a request to the Board from the Children's Service Bureau for partial support of Jimmy Walker for foster care. Jimmy was referred to the Children's Service Bureau by the probation staff of the Juvenile Court because of the step-grandmother's condition and the family situation. Mrs. Holland moved that payment of $7.00 per week for the support of Jimmy Walker be made to the Children's Service Bureau. Mrs. Strickland seconded the motion. It was carried, subject to monthly reports from the Children's Service Bureau as to the financial status of the grandfather and his ability to carry an increasing amount of the cost of care.

Dr. Williams reported that two midwife homes had been approved by the State Health Department for the care of unmarried negro mothers, and that arrangements had been made for the payment of such care to be made by the District Welfare Board from state and federal funds, and the cost of hospitalization by the City or County Welfare Departments, depending upon place of residence. This led to a discussion of the need for the development of an adoption program for negro children. At the present time no agencies in Florida are licensed to place negro children for adoption and adoptive parents must go to Illinois to secure a baby from a licensed agency. The ultimate economy of placing some of those who would now have to be cared for in foster homes and whose cost of care would be eliminated by adoptions was pointed out.

The names and qualifications of Mr. Harold Rivkind, social worker, and Dr. Dorothy Bennett, psychologist, were presented to the Board as staff members of the Child Guidance Clinic whose salaries are to be paid by the Board. Mrs. Strickland moved and Mrs. Meador seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Harold C. Rivkind as social worker at $4,200 per annum for the period October 1, 1950 through September 30, 1951.
and Dr. Dorothy Bennett as psychologist at a salary of $5,000 per annum for the same period, their salaries to be paid by the Juvenile Welfare Board, but the administrative control and supervision to be carried by the Child Guidance Clinic Board and Director. The motion carried.

Dr. Williams presented an agreement between the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Child Guidance Clinic of Pinellas County. After discussion the agreement was amended in the section under written reports. Judge Marshall moved that the agreement as amended between the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Child Guidance Clinic of Pinellas County be accepted. Mrs. Holland seconded this motion and the motion carried. A copy will be found in the files.

Dr. Williams reported on the annual fiscal report to the court of the County Judge made by Mr. J. A. McClure, Jr. as guardian of Dorothy Elizabeth Rolfe and Flora Ella Rolfe, showing a balance on hand as of September 16, 1950 of $151.82 for Dorothy Elizabeth Rolfe and $284.57 for Flora Ella Rolfe. The report was ordered filed.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board in the St. Petersburg office of the Board on Tuesday, September 26, 1950 at 9:30 a.m.