



Commissioner
Jaime Masters

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Family and Protective Services Council Meeting
Friday, March 11, 2022, 9:00 am
Brown Heatly Building-Public Hearing Room
4900 North Lamar Blvd. Austin, TX

MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present:

- Hon. Bonnie Hellums, Chair
- Julie Krawczyk
- Courtney Jones
- Enrique Mata
- Omedi "Dee Dee" Cantu Arismendez
- Greg Hamilton

Council Members Not Present:

- Dr. Connie Almeida, Vice Chair
- Matt Kouri
- Liesa Hackett

The meeting called to order at 9:11 am by Judge Bonnie Hellums, Council Chair.

Roll was called, three members were absent.

Judge Hellums determined that there was a quorum with six council members present.

Judge Hellums recognized staff and special guests.

Council Member Jones made a motion to accept the December 10, 2021 meeting minutes and Council Member Cantu Arismendez seconded the motion. All present members voted to accept the minutes.

Judge Hellums announced April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and April 8th as Go Blue Day.

Judge Hellums discussed the 2022 council meeting dates. Next meeting is June 10, 2022.

The council members provided update on the workgroups.

Commissioner Masters gave an update on DFPS

Kez Wold provided an update and answered questions on Adult Protective Services.

Sasha Rasco provided an update and answered questions on Prevention and Community Well-being.

Stephen Black provided an update and answered questions on Statewide Intake.

Tommy Ward provided an update and answered questions on Child Protective Investigations.

Deneen Dryden provided an update and answered questions on Child Protective Services.

Corliss Lawson gave an update on the Foster Care Lawsuit.

Julie Frank, Chief of Staff, presented the process for the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

Judge Hellums thanked the presenters for giving their reports.

Seventy-nine people participated in public comment.

Judge Hellums provided closing remarks and thanked the staff and guests.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

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