



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Interim Commissioner

Kezeli Wold

Family and Protective Services Council Meeting
Friday, December 9, 2022 at 9 am (CST)
Brown-Heatly Public Hearing Room
4900 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78751
MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present:

- Hon. Bonnie Hellums, Chair
- Dr. Connie Almeida, Vice Chair
- Matt Kouri
- Courtney Jones
- Enrique Mata
- Omedi “Dee Dee” Cantu Arismendez

Council Members Not Present:

- Julie Krawczyk
- Liesa Hackett
- Greg Hamilton

The meeting called to order at 9:08 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 and Interim Commissioner Kez Wold recognized staff and special guests.

Council Member Cantu Arismendez made a motion to accept the September 9, 2022 meeting minutes and Council Member Mata seconded the motion. All present members voted to accept the minutes.

Judge Hellums discussed upcoming council meetings. The next meeting is March 10, 2023. January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and January 11th is Wear Blue Day to support .

The council members provided update on their activities.

Interim Commissioner Wold gave an update on DFPS.

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

Jim Sylvester, Associate Commissioner Child Protective Investigations, provided an update and answered questions on Child Protective Investigations.

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

Brock Boudreau, Deputy Associate Commissioner CPS, provided an update and answered questions on Child Protective Services.

Trisha Thomas, Director of Community Based Care, provided an update and answered questions on Community Based Care.

Interim Commissioner Wold provided a legislative update and answered questions on the upcoming legislative session.

Judge Hellums thanked the presenters for giving their reports.

Thirty-seven people participated in public comment.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.

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