



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner
Stephanie Muth

Family and Protective Services Council Meeting
Friday, June 9, 2023 at 9 am (CST)
Brown-Heatly Public Hearing Room
4900 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78751
MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present:

- Hon. Bonnie Hellums, Chair
- Matt Kouri
- Enrique Mata
- Greg Hamilton
- Omedi "Dee Dee" Cantu Arismendez

Council Members Not Present:

- Julie Krawczyk
- Dr. Connie Almeida, Vice Chair
- Liesa Hackett
- Courtney Jones

The meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Judge Bonnie Hellums, Council Chair.

Roll was called, four members were absent.

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

Judge Hellums introduced Commissioner Stephanie Muth and recognized staff and special guests.

Council Member Matt Kouri made a motion to accept the March 10, 2023 meeting minutes and Council Member Enrique Mata seconded the motion. All present members voted to accept the minutes.

Judge Hellums discussed upcoming council meetings.

The council members provided update on their activities.

Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Simms provided an update on DFPS. Sims provided an update on the foster care litigation and the legislative session.

Jason Steele, Government Relations Director, and Lea Ann Biggar, Acting Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the legislative session. They discussed the bills that will impact the agency.

Kez Wold, Associate Commissioner Adult Protective Services provided an update on APS.

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

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

Marta Talert, Associate Commissioner Child Protective Investigations, provided an update and answered questions on Child Protective Investigations.

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

Hollie Mims, Director of Community Based Care, provided an update and answered questions on Community Based Care.

Judge Hellums thanked the presenters for giving their reports.

Four people participated in public comment.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 am.

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