



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Interim Commissioner

Kezeli Wold

Family and Protective Services Council Meeting
Friday, September 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
- Greg Hamilton

Council Members Not Present:

- Julie Krawczyk
- Liesa Hackett

The meeting called to order at 9:03 am by Judge Bonnie Hellums, Council Chair. Roll was called, two members were absent.

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

Judge Hellums and Deputy Commissioner Corliss Lawson recognized staff and special guests.

Council Member Hamilton made a motion to accept the June 10, 2022 meeting minutes and Council Member Cantu Arismendez seconded the motion. All present members voted to accept the minutes.

Judge Hellums discussed upcoming events and conferences at DFPS.

Judge Hellums discussed the upcoming 2022 and 2023 council meeting dates. Next meeting is December 9, 2022.

The council members provided update on their activities.

Deputy Commissioner Lawson gave an update on DFPS

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 Talbert, Director of Investigations & Alternative Response, provided an update and answered questions on Child Protective Investigations.

Erica Banuelos, Associate Commissioner CPS, provided an update and answered questions on Child Protective Services.

Lee Ann Biggar, Acting Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the Legislative Appropriations Request.

Judge Hellums thanked the presenters for giving their reports.

Twenty-eight people participated in public comment.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

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