



## Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner  
*Stephanie Muth*

Family and Protective Services Council Meeting  
Friday, September 8, 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
- Dr. Connie Almeida, Vice Chair
- Enrique Mata
- Liesa Hackett
- Greg Hamilton
- Julie Krawczyk
- Matt Kouri
- Courtney Jons
- Omedi "Dee Dee" Cantu Arismendez

### **Council Members Not Present:**

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 Liesa Hackett made a motion to accept the December 9, 2022 meeting minutes and Council Member Hamilton 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.

Commissioner Muth an update on DFPS. The Commissioner provided a legislative update including an update on the budget request.

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.

Clint Cox, Associate Deputy Commissioner Child Protective Investigations, provided an update and answered questions on Child Protective Investigations.

Erica Baneulos, 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.

Forty people participated in public comment.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 pm.

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