

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Family and Protective Services Council Meeting Friday, December 8th, 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
- Julie Krawczyk
- Michelle Trevino
- Courtney Jones

Council Members Not Present:

- Liesa Hackett
- Greg Hamilton
- Omedi "Dee Dee" Cantu Arismendez

The meeting called to order at 9:00am 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.

Commissioner Stephanie Muth gave introductory remarks.

Council Member Dr. Connie Almeida made a motion to accept the September 8, 2023, meeting minutes and Council Enrique Mata seconded the motion. All present members voted to accept the minutes.

Judge Hellums discussed upcoming council meetings.

- 1. March 8, 2024
- 2. June 14, 2024
- 3. September 13, 2024
- 4. December 13, 2024

The council members provided updates on their activities.

Courtney Jones arrived and counted as present.

Jay Pruitt with 4Kids4Families SSCC update.

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

Kristin Harris, Director, provided an update and answered questions on Child Protective Services.

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

Rachel Duer, with Faith-based and Community Engagement provided updates and answered questions on FBCE.

Commissioner Muth provided additional exceptional items update.

Judge Hellums thanked the presenters for giving their reports.

Three people participated in public comment.

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

Enrique Mata, motion to adjourn and Julie Kawsczyk seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

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