
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
March 27, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

Commissioners present: Secretary Justin Brown, Jason Charles, Angela Donley, Melinda Fruendt, Joy Hoffmeister (Left at 9:45 a.m.), Rachel Holt (Arrived at 10:13 a.m.), Kalie Kerth, Lindsay Laird, District Attorney Angela Marsee, Sheryl Marseilles, Javier Ramirez, Lee Roland, John Schneider, and Judge Mike Warren.

Guests present: Joe Dorman, Jessica Huddleston, Jay Scott Brown, Michael Figgins, Sid Brown, Isabella Hillerby, Laura Boyd, Mary Williams, Ellen Buettner, Judge Doris L. Fransein (Retired), Grant Moak, Tsinena Thompson, Betty Hawkins, Araya, and Kathryn Brewer.

Staff present: Executive Director Annette Wisk Jacobi, Amanda Jett, Jennifer Hardin, Mark James, Cherra Taylor, Jimmy Widdifield, Rob Agnew, Keith Pirtle, and Lisa Rhoades.

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

– *Chairman Jason Charles*

Chairman Charles called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

– *Chairman Jason Charles*

Chairman Charles welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review and Approval of the Minutes from the January 10, 2020 Commission Meeting

– *Chairman Jason Charles*

Commissioner Charles asked the Commission to review the minutes and called for a motion.

Judge Warren moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Fruendt seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Presentation Regarding the Task Force on the Uniform Representation of Children and Parents in Cases Involving Abuse and Neglect

– *District Judge Doris L. Fransien (Retired)*

Judge Fransein gave a presentation regarding the work of the Uniform Representation of Children and Parents in Cases Involving Abuse and Neglect Task Force. (See attached report.)

Presentation Proposing that OCCY Administer a Pilot Program to Contract with Attorneys to Represent Parents and Children in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases – *Discussion and Possible Action*

– *District Judge Doris L. Fransien (Retired)*

Judge Fransein spoke of a need for an impartial entity to administer a pilot program to help parents involved in child abuse and neglect cases obtain adequate representation. D.A. Marsee, Commissioner Marseilles, Judge Warren, Commissioner Laird and Mr. Charles, Commission Chair all weighed in on whether this program fits with the OCCY's mission and whether it was a good fit for the agency. After much discussion, it was decided the commission was open to the possibility of administering the pilot program.

Judge Warren moved to approve exploring the possibility of the OCCY being the administrator of the pilot program to contract with attorneys to represent parents and children in child abuse and neglect cases. Commissioner Laird seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Director's Report: Personnel and Agency Activities — Executive Director Annette Wisk Jacobi presented the Directors Report. She stated the agency is diligently working on getting all the staff home to telework due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She thanked OMES for their help.

Executive Director Jacobi informed the commission on two new employees. Ellen Lohrenz who is the Planning and Coordination Program Administrative Assistant, and Rob Agnew, OCCY's Public Information's Officer. She introduced everyone to Mr. Agnew and stated he has already begun working on projects and looks forward to seeing the end results.

Executive Director Jacobi spoke about OCCY's impending move. She stated the agency is scheduled to move during the first week in June.

She stated she was asked to lead a team with Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell to design a mission statement for the recovery effort regarding the pandemic to support children and families. She asked if the commission had any ideas to please send them her way.

Commissioner Announcements

– All

There were no announcements

Adjournment

– Chairman Jason Charles

The Commission adjourned at 10:21 a.m.