
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Special Meeting
September 21, 2021
1:00 p.m.**

Commissioners present in person: Rachel Holt, Kalie Kerth, Lindsay Laird, Jonathan Hall, Angela Marsee, Jackie Aaron, Ginarie Harrington, Brenda Myers, Justin Brown, Joy Hofmeister, Carrie Slatton-Hodges, and John Schneider.

Commissioners present virtually: Mike Warren

Guests present: Sandra Balzer and Melissa Buchman-Hamilton

Staff present: Annette Wisk Jacobi, Mark James, Amanda Jett, Brittany Hunt-Jassey, Rob Agnew, Lisa Rhoades, Joseph McGrath, Harold Jergenson, Regina James, Ellen Lohrenz, Nicole George, Jimmy Widdifield Jr, Tina Pendergraft, Keith Pirtle, Adrienne Elder, and Danielle Dill

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

– *Chairperson Lindsay Laird*

Chairperson Laird called the special meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

– *Chairperson Lindsay Laird*

Chairperson Laird welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were given.

Presentation of the State Fiscal Year 2023 OCCY Proposed Budget Request

-- *Mark James, Assistant Director*

Chairperson Laird announced that recent developments have led to the decision to postpone requesting an increase in the State Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request, thus tabling the discussion. Director Jacobi stated that OCCY will review the agency's budget with OMES to ascertain the current financial situation.

Superintendent Hofmeister questioned whether the Commission needed to vote on the SFY23 Budget Request regardless of the amount (flat or increased). Asst. Director James stated that a flat budget had been voted on during the previous meeting.

Presentation of the Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams: Annual Review and Proposed Determination of Functioning Status

– *Jimmy Widdifield, Jr.*

Jimmy Widdifield, Jr., Program Manager for the Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams (FSMDTs), provided an overview on the status for the State's FSMDTs. The information provided included:

- Thirty-seven (37) teams operate in the state independent of child advocacy centers (CACs).
- The teams receive funding from the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Account (CAMTA).
- The FSMDTs served approximately 3,800 children between July 2020 and June 2021.

- Funds awarded from the Children Justice Act were used to provide professional and continuing education trainings.
- Each FSMDT sets the criteria for reviewing cases in their respective jurisdictions
- The scores from the annual reviews showed that all thirty-seven teams maintained functioning status.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges moved to approve the thirty-seven Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams as functioning teams and receive funding for calendar year 2022. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative with the exception of District Attorney Marsee, Commissioner Aaron, and Commissioner Myers abstaining from the vote.

Presentation of Proposed OCCY Commission Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2022

– Chairperson Lindsay Laird

The proposed commission meeting dates for calendar year 2022 were January 21, March 11, May 20, June 17, August 5, September 16, and November 18.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges moved to approve the dates of January 21, March 11, May 20, June 17, August 5, September 16, and November 18 for the calendar year 2022 commission meeting schedule. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative with the exception of District Attorney Marsee who was temporarily unavailable during the vote.

Commissioner Harrington left the meeting.

OCCY/OICA Summer Stops Resolution

– Chairperson Lindsay Laird

Chairperson Laird announced that OCCY, along with the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA), has completed summer stops in Weatherford, Tulsa and Lawton, and has three more stops scheduled. She also announced that a resolution was written in appreciation to community leaders and stakeholders for their efforts for serving children and youth, and their families.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges moved to accept the resolution as it was written. Dr. Kerth seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

A handout was provided.

Review and Approval of the Minutes from the June 25, 2021, Commission Meeting

– Chairperson Lindsay Laird

Review and approval of the June 25, 2021, commission meeting minutes was tabled until the next scheduled meeting on November 19, 2021.

Adjournment

– Chairperson Lindsay Laird

Secretary Brown motioned to adjourn the Commission meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The Commission meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates

November 19, 2021

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