

COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2026
9:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present in Person: Jackie Aaron, Jeffrey Cartmell, Jason Hicks, Mary Melon-Tully, Timothy Michaels-Johnson, Sharon Millington, Keith Reed, Luann Schmiedel, John Schneider

Commissioners Attending Virtually:

Guests Present In-person and Virtually: David Tompkins Freestanding Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator for McClain County (virtually), Ty Mowdy (Assistant Attorney General), Molly Carson (Creative Capitol Strategies), Wyjuana Montgomery (Former Parent Partnership Board Member), Lana Turner-Addison (Former PPB Member), Carrie Little (Child Advocacy Centers of Oklahoma), Sunny Jamerson (Former PPB Member), Betty Hawkins-Emery (Former PPB Member)

Staff Present: Annette Wisk Jacobi, Lakesha Mackie, Cherra Taylor, Isabel Rodriquez, Amoreena Killough, Danielle Dill, Marcia Johnson, Robert Agnew, Mark James

Welcome, Introductions, and Determination of Quorum

– *Chairperson John Schneider*

- Chairperson John Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with a quorum present.
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Public Comment

– *Chairperson John Schneider*

- David Tomkins, detective with the McLain County Sheriff's Office and Coordinator of the McLain County Freestanding Multidisciplinary Team since 2010, provided public comment regarding House Bill 3637.

Mr. Tomkins stated House Bill 3637 proposes transferring freestanding multidisciplinary teams from the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth to Child Advocacy Centers of Oklahoma (CACO). He states that current law outlines the rules and regulations under which the teams operate and that freestanding teams are currently under OCCY. He expressed that both child advocacy centers and freestanding multidisciplinary teams function well together and share the goal of helping child abuse victims recover successfully.

Mr. Tomkins stated he did not understand the reason for the proposed change and expressed his professional opinion that freestanding teams should remain under OCCY. He noted his 45 years in law enforcement and stated that the current structure has worked since he became the FSMDT Coordinator in 2010.

Discussion and Possible Vote Regarding the Minutes of November 19, 2025, Commission Meeting

– Chairperson John Schneider

Commissioner Michaels-Johnson noted that page four of November 21, 2025 Minutes referenced discussion of legislative changes, but did not reflect discussion of the second change that had been discussed during the meeting.

Commissioner Micheals-Johnson moved to approve the minutes with the revision to include the additional discussion. Commissioner Aaron seconded the motion. Commissioner Aaron, Micheals-Johnson, Millington, Reed, Schmiedel, Director Cartmell and District Attorney Hicks all voted in the affirmative. Chairperson Schneider and Commissioner Melon-Tully abstained. The motion passed.

- Copies of the minutes were provided.
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Discussion and Possible Vote Regarding the Finance Report

– Mark James, OCCY Assistant Director

Mr. James presented a brief finance report. He stated that the agency is currently without a business manager, as the previous business manager moved to another agency. First-round interviews for the position were scheduled for the following week.

Mr. James stated that OCCY contracts with OMES for agency business services and has met with OMES to ensure financial operations are on track. He reported that budget revisions were required due to adjustments in projected and actual revenue, including approximately \$300,000 more in Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams Account funds than originally projected.

District Attorney Hicks moved to approve the finance report. Director Cartmell seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

- Financial reports were included in packet.
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Presentation of the OCCY Parent Partnership Board Report

– James Ray, OCCY Parent Partnership Board Member

Mr. Ray was unavailable to attend meeting, so Ms. Isabel Rodriguez-Castaneda, PPB Coordinator, announced that February is National Parent Leadership Month and invited the commissioners to attend the PPB Parent Leadership Month Breakfast at the Capitol. She stated that five new PPB Members have been selected and will be introduced to legislators. She also noted that commissioners would receive an email invitation to meet privately with parents to learn about their lived experiences and identify opportunities for collaboration.

- *Invitations were passed out.*
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Recognition of Outgoing OCCY Parent Partnership Board Meetings

- Chairperson John Schneider
- Annette Wisk Jacobi, OCCY Executive Director

The following outgoing PPB members were recognized for their service:

Dr. Lana Turner-Addison was recognized for four years of service, including serving as board chair. Her emphasis on childcare and her personal and professional advocacy was noted.

Mrs. Wyjuana Montgomery was recognized for her advocacy in juvenile justice and her public speaking efforts at both the state and national levels.

Ms. Betty Hawkins-Emery was recognized for her role in planning the creation of the Parent Partnership Board and for opening a family resource center at Douglass High School with support from the Potts Family Foundation.

Ms. Sunnie Jamerson, attending virtually, was recognized for her advocacy and for sharing her recovery journey and experience with support services. Ms. Jamerson expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

Mr. Mitch Sutter was recognized in absentia for sharing his lived experience with multiple systems and for his advocacy to improve those systems.

Presentation of the Oklahoma Youth Advisory Council (OYAC)

- *Amoreena Killough, OCCY Community Planner*
- *Yareli Sanchez-Ceballos, OYAC Planning Committee Member*

The newly formed council is a statewide youth advisory body focused on mental and behavioral health systems. It will be comprised of eight to 12 young leaders ages 16 to 24 with lived experience in state and community systems. The council originated through the National Governors Association Youth Mental Health Policy Academy and is supported by the Children's State Advisory Workgroup.

Ms. Killough stated that the goals include engaging youth to inform policy and program development, strengthening collaboration between youth and state systems, and building youth leadership capacity.

The council is currently in the recruitment phase, with 43 applications received to date. Applications remain open through Feb. 13, 2026. Members will be compensated and participate in structured monthly meetings.

- *A Powerpoint presentation was shown.*

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Reappointment of the Executive Director, Annette Wish Jacobi

– Chairperson John Schneider

Commissioner Michaels-Johnson moved to go into Executive Session at 9:56 a.m. District Attorney Hicks seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

District Attorney Hicks moved to return to regular session at 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Millington seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Chairperson Schneider announced for the record that only agenda item VIII was discussed during executive session and that no votes or actions were taken in executive session.

District Attorney Hicks made a motion to reappoint Annette Wisk Jacobi as Executive Director, with the understanding that a review of employment and salary will occur in April. Commissioner Schmiedel seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Legislative Update

– Marcia Johnson, OCCY Legislative Liaison

Ms. Johnson provided updates on House Bill 3849, relating to the Children of Incarcerated Parents Mentoring Program, and House Bill 4302, relating to the Office of Juvenile System Oversight. House Bill 3849 is authored by Representative Eric Roberts and Senator Bill Coleman and is assigned to the Children, Youth and Family Services Committee.

House Bill 4302 is authored by Representative Kevin Norwood. A Senator author was pending at the time of the meeting. Ms. Johnson also noted that House Bill 2892 from the prior session, relating to the Office of Juvenile System Oversight, remains eligible to be heard on the Senate floor.

Discussion and Possible Vote Regarding House Bill 3637: Removal of Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams from OCCY

– Marcia Johnson, OCCY Legislative Liaison

Ms. Johnson summarized House Bill 3637, which would transfer funding and administrative oversight of Freestanding Multidisciplinary teams from the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth to the nonprofit Child Advocacy Centers of Oklahoma (CACO). Ms. Johnson stated the purpose of the proposed bill remains unclear and no widespread issues with the current system have been identified.

Some highlights of discussion include:

- It was noted that OCCY and CACO have not met during the past year to discuss the bill.
- There were concerns that opposing the bill may not be an appropriate stance for the commissioners to take and that educating legislators about the impact that the bill would have on the system and the agency would be more appropriate.

Statements for the bill:

- Moving the program to CACO would not harm the system and would allow DAC to manage a council that would govern the FSMDTs.
- Having a more standardized process would strengthen cases in court.

Statements against the bill:

- There are no known complaints from FSMDTs or District Attorneys at this time.
- Prosecutors and law enforcement would not have the flexibility they have now with investigations, interviews, etc.
- Not certain if District Attorneys and the DAC want the responsibilities outlined in the bill.

There was a question as to whether Carrie Little of CACO could address the Commissioners during the meeting. Assistant Attorney General Ty Mowdy said no because she was not included on the agenda to do so.

Chairman Schneider noted that if he was aware of issues with the existing structure, he feels certain that OCCY would want to fix them.

After a thorough discussion, it was determined that this agenda item will be tabled pending the collection of additional information. As for the next steps, Director Jacobi and Ms. Johnson will meet with relevant stakeholders to develop key talking points and gather further insights. Updates will be shared with the board prior to the next meeting. The commissioners are aware that a special meeting may be called if necessary and that the item may be revisited at the meeting scheduled for March 27, 2026.

Commissioner Micheals-Johnson moved to table the agenda item until further information gathered. Commissioner Aaron seconded the motion. Commissioners Aaron, Melon-Tully, Michaels-Johnson, Millington, Reed, Schmiedel Director Cartmell and District Attorney Hicks voted in the affirmative. Chairperson Schneider voted in the negative. The motion passed.

Commissioner Schmiedel departed the meeting at 10:46 a.m.; a quorum remained present.

Discussion and Possible Vote Regarding Medical Marijuana Dosing and Packaging Changes

– Jeffrey Cartmell, Executive Director, Oklahoma Human Services

Director presented information regarding Senate Bill 1591 and House Bill 4454, which propose limits on THC content in edible medical marijuana products.

Director Cartmell reported that from July to early December there were more than 20 child near-death reports involving access to edible marijuana. He also stated that the most common limitation in other states is 10 milligrams of THC per serving and 100 milligrams per package.

Director Cartmell stated that Senate Bill 1591 addresses THC content limitations and that House Bill 4454 includes both THC limits and packaging restrictions designed to reduce appeal to children.

District Attorney Hicks moved to support, through education, Senate Bill 1591 and House Bill 4454. Commissioner Melon-Tully seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Executive Director's Report

– *Annette Wisk Jacobi, OCCY Executive Director*

Director Jacobi provided an update on the agency's State Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request. She reviewed the breakdown of appropriations, revolving funds, and federal funds, and state that operational costs and salary adjustments are the agency's top priorities.

Director Jacobi reported that the agency has returned to 31 staff positions, matching its historical high, and that additional statutory responsibilities have been added overtime. Director Jacobi also reported that the director's report format will be revised to include more graphics, outcome data and streamlined information. She stated that recommendations from boards and committees will be restructured into more detailed white papers with supporting data to facilitate legislative and stakeholder engagement.

- *Copies of the report were provided.*

Chairperson's Remarks

– *Chairperson Schnieder*

Chairperson Schnieder encouraged commissioners to assist in communicating the agency's budget priorities and to educate legislators on the need for operational and salary support.

Adjournment

– *Chairperson Schnieder*

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.