

# OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

## State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board

Dr. Gregory Parks, Chair

Friday, January 24, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth

1111 North Lee Ave., Suite 500

Oklahoma City, OK 73103

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: April 3, 2020

### MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

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| 1.  | Call to Order, Determination of Quorum and Compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act                      | 5 min.  | Gregory Parks                         |
| 2.  | Introduction of the Members and Guests, Public comments   | 15 min. | Gregory Parks                         |
| 3.  | Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2019<br><i>Discussion and possible action</i> | 5 min.  | Gregory Parks                         |
| 4.  | PARB Program Managers Report<br><i>Discussion and possible action</i>                                     | 10 Min. | Keith Pirtle                          |
| 5.  | Community Isolated Youth Task Force (Home School)<br><i>Discussion and possible action</i>                | 10 Min. | Keith Pirtle and<br>Committee Members |
| 6.  | Nominating Committee Appointments for State PARB Officers<br><i>Discussion and possible action</i>        | 5 Min.  | Gregory Parks                         |
| 7.  | Annual Conference Planning and Committee Formation<br><i>Discussion and Possible action</i>               | 5 Min   | Gregory Parks                         |
| 8.  | PARB Legislative Requests for next year<br><i>Discussion and possible action</i>                          | 5 Min   | Gregory Parks                         |
| 9.  | OKDHS Child Welfare True North  | 25 Min  | Daniel Herring                        |
| 10. | Partnering with DHS: A General Discussion   | 15 Min  | Keith Pirtle                          |
| 12. | Adjournment   |         | Gregory Parks                         |

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**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. by Chairperson, Dr. Greg Parks. Determination of quorum was established for members present and the board was in compliance with notice and agenda requirements of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Members present were: Carol Bridges, Cindy Nocton, Dr. Greg Parks, Greg Delaney, Randy Stewart, Dr. Kalie Kerth, the Honorable Pat VerSteege, the Honorable Ryan Reddick, Lou Truitt-Flanagan, Paula Cantrell, the Honorable Leah Edwards, and Jonette Dunlap. Members not present were: David Ross, Melanie Johnson, Lisa Buck, Deanna Chancellor, the Honorable Bill Baze, Tracy Otto, Lana Freeman, Sandy Brown, and the Honorable Louis Duel. OCCY staff members present were: Keith Pirtle, Christina Whatley, Mark James, and Cherra Taylor.

**2. Introduction of Members and Guests, Public Comments**

Kim Rebsamen of Tulsa County PARB and Norma Casillo, law student interning with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY), were in attendance. No public comments were made.

**3. Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2019**

***Discussion and possible action***

Paula Cantrell stated that the next meeting date written on the minutes was incorrect, and needs to be amended from September 28, 2019 to September 27, 2019.

The Honorable Leah Edwards motioned and Paula Cantrell seconded to amend the next meeting on the minutes of the May 3, 2019, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Meeting and approve with change. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

**4. PARB Program Managers Report**

Copies of the reported were given to the members. Keith Pirtle reported that he has been working to re-establish a PARB in Canadian County and Logan County. He also reported that he will soon be working to establish a PARB in Caddo and Grady Counties.

Other activities include:

- Keith visited 34 of the 47 active PARBs since the last meeting.
- Re-established PARBs in Choctaw County and Cleveland County, and reorganized Cimarron/Texas/Beaver/Harper Counties.
- Created a Mental Health PARB in Oklahoma County.
- Initiated the use of an encrypted Dropbox for secured dissemination of case files to PARB members in Oklahoma and Tulsa Counties.

Some members expressed concern about some of the counties not having any representation despite having an active board in the judicial district. Keith stated that he will continue to work on ensuring that

all judicial districts have active PARBs and that every county in each district will be represented.

## 5. **PARB Annual Report: New Version**

Copies of the revised annual report questionnaire were given to the members. Dr. Greg Parks reported that the question regarding trainings was removed from the revised version as other methods to verify training are available. Dr. Parks stated that these changes were short-term as PARB staff, along with the University of Oklahoma's (OU) Department of Sociology, continue working to identify needed data for the long-term, and determine the best course of action in obtaining this data.

There was some question regarding the wording used to determine the number of cases assigned versus the number of reviews completed. It was suggested to create a glossary or instructions to clarify the questions being asked, or change the terminology on the report.

Dr. Parks stated that included in the meeting packet was a list of ideas on measuring performance and outcomes. He asked the members to review the list and to offer suggestions regarding the current list or other ideas to be added to the list.

Members discussed the difficulty of obtaining outcomes and the possible options to be pursued.

## 6. **State PARB Proposed Meeting Dates for 2020**

### *Discussion and possible action*

Copies of the list of potential meeting dates were given to the members. The proposed meeting dates were as followed:

- January 24, 2020
- April 3, 2020, Voices for Children Conference
- May 22, 2020
- July 24, 2020
- October 23, 2020

Dr. Parks stated that the By-Laws required to State Board to meet at least three times per year, in January, May and September. He also stated that historically, the State PARB Meeting was held during the "Voices for Children" Conference, which is scheduled for April 2020, causing a conflict with the By-Laws mandates.

There was discussion on the best course of action in scheduling 2020 dates. It was suggested that the members could vote on the 2020 dates, which includes scheduling meeting dates for May and September, then vote to potentially change the By-Laws regarding the meeting schedule and potentially cancel the May and September dates at the next scheduled meeting in January 2020. September 25, 2020, was the suggested date to add to the list.

Cindy Nocton motioned and Dr. Kalie Kerth seconded to approve the dates of January 24, April 3, May 22, July 24, September 25, and October 23 for the Calendar Year 2020 Meeting Schedule. The majority of the members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

## 7. **PARB Proposed Name Change**

Copies of a list of name ideas were given to the members. Some of the options include "Child Abuse and Neglect Citizen Review Board," "Child Placement Review Board," "Citizens Review Board for Children," and "Deprived Citizen Review Board." It was suggested that the name include the words "Children and Youth" to ensure that the name was all-encompassing. After some discussion, the members agreed on a new name and to recommend to OCCY and the legislature to change the name in statute.

Lou Truitt-Flanagan motioned and the Honorable Leah Edwards seconded to adopt the name Citizens Review Board for Children and Youth, and make recommendation to the Legislature to update statutes to reflect the new name. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

## **8. Update on State PARB Membership Vacancies**

### ***Discussion and possible action***

Dr. Parks reported that a request was sent to the Governor's office to fill the vacancy left by Jay Scott Brown. A response has not been received as of this meeting. Millie Carpenter, who represented the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) Child Welfare, has transferred to another division within the agency. A request has been sent for a new representative of OKDHS.

Dr. Parks also reported the Dr. Kalie Kerth was selected to represent PARB on OCCY's Board of Commissioners, replacing Jay Scott Brown.

## **9. Legislative Agenda for Next Year**

### ***Discussion***

Dr. Parks requested ideas from the members regarding the legislative changes the Board would like to see accomplished. Cindy Nocton stated that the Child Death Review Board (CDRB) and the Domestic Violence Review Board (DVRB) are partnering to recommend legislative requirements and oversight for home schooling children. She also stated that Oklahoma is the only state that does not have a supervision requirement regarding home schooled children. Cindy recommends that the Board support CDRB and DVRB's efforts to recommend these changes. Mark James reported that CDRB is recommending alerts to be in place when children are withdrawn from the public school system to be home schooled. One of the recommendations include a possible referral to OKDHS for a welfare check to be performed.

Paula Cantrell reported that OKDHS reinstated the School Social Work Program. She stated that the program may be a resource to use in potentially providing assistance in monitoring trends of withdrawals from public schools. Judge Leah Edwards recommended forming a subcommittee to collaborate with CDRB and DVRB and review the recommendations that are to be presented. Judge Ryan Reddick recommended that the subcommittee also work on possible recommendations independent of CDRB and DVRB that the State Board could submit to the Legislature in future Legislative sessions. Paula Cantrell, Jonette Dunlap, and Dr. Kalie Kerth volunteered to sit on the subcommittee. The judges have volunteered to review all recommendations provided by the subcommittee for any legal issues.

Mark reported that the legislation to adjust the terms for PARB members from three years to five years failed in session. He stated that OCCY will continue to pursue attempts to have terms adjusted from three to five years.

Judge Reddick recommended looking into possible legislation that allows PARB to work with Tribal court and possibly provide support in setting up boards in the Tribes' jurisdictions. He also recommended possible legislation to mandate that funding be allocated to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Office of Juvenile Affairs, or another agency to be able to provide inpatient drug treatment programs for youth.

The subcommittee will report their findings at the January 2020 meeting.

## **10. Review of 2019 Judicial Survey**

Copies of the survey results were given to the members. Keith reported that twenty-two of seventy-seven associate district judges completed the survey. Some of the results are as follow:

- 78% stated there is a PARB in their district.

- Nearly half stated they at least somewhat agreed that PARB is an important part of the process.
- 63% were neutral in the satisfaction with the PARB appointment process.
- 53% were neutral in the confidence in PARB's work.
- 50% stated PARB recommendations were helpful to the court review process, while 50% stated it had no impact.

Keith was asked if the survey was sent to the Tribal courts to complete, which he could not confirm. Judge Pat VerSteeg stated that he will reach out to the Administrative Office of the Courts to determine if Tribal judges were included in the distribution of the survey. It was suggested to approach the Tribal courts regarding the possibility of having PARBs established in their court systems. It was stated that a lot more needs to be learned about the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) for PARB to be effective. It was announced that training for ICWA was being scheduled and PARBs members will receive notice once it's finalized.

**11. Review of DHS-Child Welfare Data**

Item tabled until the OKDHS appoints a new ex-officio member.

**12. Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.



## Protect Support Monitor

### Post Adjudication Review Boards of Oklahoma Program Managers Report January 24, 2020

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#### 1. Local PARB Board Report:

- A. There are currently 47 active PARB boards across the State.
- B. I have attended all of them now
- C. The Canadian County Board has now been added and has had two meetings. I am serving as the chair until a volunteer is ready to step up. Maghan Ruark and Jeri Poplin are on this Board.
- D. Total new PARB Boards for the Year is Five. These include;
  - 1. Choctaw County
  - 2. Cimarron, Texas, Beaver and Harper
  - 3. Cleveland County
  - 4. Oklahoma County Mental Health PARB
  - 5. Canadian
- E. Two Judicial Districts remain without a PARB Board. These include;
  - 1. Caddo and Grady
  - 2. Logan County
- F. We have added about 15 new members since our last meeting. This includes Lynda Arnold, Former Child Welfare Director.

#### 2. Outreach

- A. Sequoyah County Coalition, One new application
- B. Okmulgee County Coalition, One new application
- C. More outreach and recruitment activities to come, including Woodward and Pontotoc.

#### 3. OU Study Update

- A. An MOU was finalized and sent to the Administrative Office of the Courts and the University of Oklahoma for approval in early December. I have not heard anything back.

#### 4. Oklahoma County Report

- A. A Presentation at the Region III leadership meeting is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5. Tulsa County

- A. A PARB Appreciation day took place on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the new Tulsa County Family Center for Juvenile Justice. About 20 volunteers attended along with all four Judges, and other Court staff. The day included Court observation, a luncheon where we got to hear from PARB Staff and the Judges and finally a tour of the new facility.
- B. Kim completed a Tulsa PARB needs survey recently and is in the process of collecting those results.
- C. Kim's one-year anniversary with PARB. Master recruiter, event planner, relationship builder and trainer. In one short year, Kim has taken Tulsa PARB from OK to highly sophisticated.

#### 6. Training

- A. 88 members were trained in 2019.
- B. Continue to use the 2020 PARB Training Calendar. New member orientation
- C. Taking advantage of Multi-Disciplinary Training and other events.
- D. CASA/PARB Conference April 3 and 4 in Norman. Separate track for PARB.

## 7. Annual Reports

- A. The Annual Report questionnaire was sent out in December to all PARB Boards across the state. This included a request for their 2020 meeting dates, any membership dates and the usual data on the number of cases reviewed in 2019, volunteer hours and other critical information for 2019. The open-ended questions were modified this in order to gain more insight into the training and other needs of the local PARB Members.
- B. You will have a draft report to look at by the next meeting.

## 8. Partnership Outreach

- A. I was able to attend a three day Permanency Planning Training at the DHS Training Center in December. This training is part of the Child Welfare Academy.
- B. Calling and meeting with OKDHS District Directors. I had a meeting yesterday with leadership in Okmulgee County. Not out of problems but just a lack of connection.

## **Community Isolated Youth Task Force (Home School)**

There have been two meetings held to address kids who are at risk for continued abuse and neglect due to their community isolation and removal from traditional schooling. This is a subcommittee of the State PARB that is working with other advocates and stakeholders across the state to address how to keep kids safe when they are pulled out of the Public School System and community connections.

PARB Members include, Dr. Kalie Kerth, Paula Cantrell and Jonette Dunlap. We have partnered with Samantha Field, Policy Advocate and Rachel Coleman, Executive Director of the Coalition for Responsible Home Education. They have invited us to a conference at Harvard in June. Julia Sterr and Lindsay Crim have attended to share the DHS perspective and Commissioner John Schneider and others have also shown interest in this topic. We have not scheduled our next meeting but hope to partner with other groups in Oklahoma trying to address this issue.

## **PARB Legislative Requests**

### **1. State PARB Legislation Requests**

The State Post Adjudication Review Board voted at their September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to change their name. The State PARB asks the Legislature to change their name to "Citizens Review Board for Children and Youth". The State PARB believes this name change will make PARB easier to understand and market. PARB's name and Legislation can be found in Title 10, Chapter 51, Section 1116.2, 1116.3 and 1116.4. A sponsor was not found for this legislation.

### **2. SB1731 OCCY Clean-up**

Increasing term length for Post Adjudication Review Board Members to five years



1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

By: Rosino

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Commission on  
8 Children and Youth; amending 10 O.S. 2011, Section  
9 601.1, which relates to membership; increasing  
10 membership of Commission; directing Governor to  
11 appoint member; clarifying term limitation for  
12 certain members; requiring membership terms to  
13 coincide with fiscal year; amending 10 O.S. 2011,  
14 Section 601.5, which relates to powers and duties of  
15 Director; removing duty of Director to receive  
16 Commission advice and approval in hiring staff;  
17 amending Section 1, Chapter 231, O.S.L. 2018 (10 O.S.  
18 Supp. 2019, Section 601.14), which relates to  
19 Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma; modifying  
20 purpose of Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma;  
21 requiring Commission to promulgate rules for  
22 specified purpose; authorizing program referrals to  
23 State Auditor; allowing certain percentage of funds  
24 to be used; limiting expenditures of Children's  
Endowment Fund of Oklahoma; amending 10 O.S. 2011,  
Section 1116.2, which relates to postadjudication  
review boards; increasing term length for  
postadjudication review board members; and providing  
an effective date.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 601.1, is  
23 amended to read as follows:  
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1 Section 601.1. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma  
2 Commission on Children and Youth which shall be composed of ~~nineteen~~  
3 ~~(19)~~ twenty (20) members. The membership shall include:

4 1. The Director of the Department of Human Services, the State  
5 Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental  
6 Health and Substance Abuse Services, the State Superintendent of  
7 Public Instruction, the Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care  
8 Authority, the Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation  
9 Services, and the Chair of the SJR 13 Oversight Committee;

10 2. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs;

11 3. Five members who shall be appointed by the Governor from a  
12 list submitted by the governing board of each of the following  
13 organizations:

14 a. the Oklahoma Children's Agencies and Residential

15 Enterprises,

16 b. one statewide association of youth services,

17 c. the Oklahoma Bar Association,

18 d. the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association, and

19 e. a statewide court-appointed Special Advocate

20 Association;

21 4. One member appointed by the Governor who shall represent one  
22 of the metropolitan juvenile bureaus;

23 5. One member representing business or industry, appointed by  
24 the Governor;

1       6. One member who is the parent of a child with special needs,  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3       7. One member with a demonstrated interest in improving  
4 children's services who is not employed by a state agency or a  
5 private organization that receives state funds, appointed by the  
6 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7       8. One member who represents a community partnership board to  
8 be elected pursuant to the guidelines established by the Oklahoma  
9 Commission on Children and Youth; ~~and~~

10       9. One member who shall be appointed by the Governor from a  
11 list of three names submitted by the Post Adjudication Review Board;  
12 and

13       10. One member who shall be appointed by the Governor who is  
14 knowledgeable of, and has experience with, the federal Indian Child  
15 Welfare Act and the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act.

16       B. The appointed members shall have had active experience in  
17 services to children and youth and may serve four terms of two (2)  
18 years each. ~~Any appointed member serving on the Commission on the~~  
19 ~~effective date of this act shall be entitled to complete his or her~~  
20 ~~term and shall be eligible to serve one additional term of two (2)~~  
21 ~~years. Any person who served on the Commission prior to the~~  
22 ~~effective date of this act shall be eligible to serve one additional~~  
23 ~~term of two (2) years~~ A person appointed to fill the remainder of a  
24 vacant term shall, upon completion of that term, be eligible to

1 serve four additional two-year terms. Terms shall coincide with the  
2 fiscal year.

3 C. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall provide  
4 a monthly report on commission member attendance to the appointing  
5 authorities.

6 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 601.5, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 601.5. A. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and  
9 Youth shall appoint a Director who shall be a person having  
10 experience in the operation and administration of services to  
11 children and youth. Such Director shall be appointed for a term of  
12 two (2) years, and may be reappointed. Such Director may be  
13 dismissed only for cause. The Director shall:

14 1. Employ such staff as may be necessary to perform the duties  
15 of the Commission, ~~with the advice and approval of the Commission;~~

16 2. Prepare the State Plan for Services to Children and Youth,  
17 the Annual Report required by Section 601.9 of this title, other  
18 reports as necessary and appropriate and an annual budget for the  
19 approval of the Commission;

20 3. Formulate and recommend rules and regulations for approval  
21 or rejection by the Commission;

22 4. Serve as chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Commission  
23 on Children and Youth; and

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1           5. Act as agent as authorized for the Commission in the  
2 performance of its duties.

3           B. The Director may periodically convene issue-specific task  
4 groups for the purpose of improving services for children and youth.  
5 A copy of any report or recommendations which result from meetings  
6 of a task group shall be provided to the Commission, Governor,  
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of  
8 the Senate and the director of each state agency affected by the  
9 report or recommendations.

10           SECTION 3.           AMENDATORY           Section 1, Chapter 231, O.S.L.  
11 2018 (10 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 601.14), is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13           Section 601.14. A. There is hereby created in the State  
14 Treasury a fund for the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth to  
15 be designated the "Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma". The fund  
16 shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations,  
17 and shall consist of all monies received through donations or  
18 interest earned by investment of monies in the fund. The fund shall  
19 be invested by the State Treasurer in accordance with Section 89.2  
20 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

21           B. Funds deposited into the Children's Endowment Fund of  
22 Oklahoma and any earnings therefrom, including any interest,  
23 dividends or realized capital gains from investment of monies in the  
24 fund, shall be administered by the Oklahoma Commission on Children

1 and Youth ~~for the purpose of awarding~~ which is authorized to award  
2 ~~grants in order to stimulate~~ further the public purpose of  
3 stimulating a broad range of innovative programs, activities, ~~or~~  
4 research or evaluation that will improve the well-being and reduce  
5 the adverse childhood experiences of Oklahoma's children. The funds  
6 shall not be used to expand existing services or to support ongoing  
7 core services. The Commission may also direct the State Treasurer  
8 to reinvest any earnings into the corpus of the fund.

9 C. 1. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall  
10 promulgate rules to:

11 ~~1. Establish~~

12 a. establish a Parent Partnership Board for the purpose  
13 of informing the work of Oklahoma's child-serving  
14 systems including the development and evaluation of  
15 the grants; ~~and~~

16 ~~2. Establish,~~

17 b. establish criteria and procedures for awarding grants,  
18 and

19 c. establish procedures for monitoring the grants  
20 awarded.

21 2. The Commission may refer programs and initiatives funded by  
22 grants awarded pursuant to this section to the State Auditor and  
23 Inspector for audits.

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1 D. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth ~~shall~~ may use  
2 up to ten percent (10%) of the funds deposited in the Children's  
3 Endowment Fund of Oklahoma ~~to be available to the Commission~~ in any  
4 given fiscal year to provide administration, oversight, training or  
5 evaluation of the grantees.

6 E. Monies from the fund may be expended by the Oklahoma  
7 Commission on Children and Youth in accordance with the provisions  
8 of this section upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against  
9 claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of  
10 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

11 F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds deposited  
12 in the Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma shall only be expended  
13 as provided in this section.

14 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1116.2, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1116.2. A. There is hereby established a  
17 postadjudication review board in each judicial district in the  
18 state. Members and alternate members of the postadjudication review  
19 boards shall be residents of or employed within the judicial  
20 district in which the board serves and shall be appointed by the  
21 Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth after  
22 consultation with judges in the judicial district having juvenile  
23 docket responsibility, provided that in the event of a conflict of  
24 interest or for any reason when circumstances or the appearances of

1 justice dictate, the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children  
2 and Youth may transfer the appointment decision to the entire  
3 Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth whose decision shall be  
4 final and further provided, that any aggrieved aspirant may appeal  
5 the decision denying appointment by the Director of the Oklahoma  
6 Commission on Children and Youth within five (5) days to the  
7 Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth whose decision shall be  
8 final. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth may establish  
9 additional postadjudication review boards as needed for each county  
10 within a judicial district.

11 B. A postadjudication review board for each judicial district  
12 shall consist of at least five (5) members. Alternate review board  
13 members may be appointed to serve in the absence of a regularly  
14 appointed board member. Alternate board members shall be appointed  
15 in the same manner as regularly appointed board members. On and  
16 after September 1, 1991, currently serving board members shall serve  
17 until appointments are made by the Commission on Children and Youth.  
18 The Commission on Children and Youth shall complete initial  
19 appointments to the review boards no later than June 30, 1992.

20 C. Board members shall be appointed for a term of ~~three (3)~~  
21 five (5) years. Members shall serve after the expiration of their  
22 terms until their respective successors shall have been appointed.  
23 Vacancies shall be filled for the duration of unexpired terms. The  
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1 review board members shall be appointed according to the following  
2 guidelines:

3 1. One member shall be a person who has training or experience  
4 in issues concerning child welfare, or a person who has demonstrated  
5 an interest in children through voluntary community service or  
6 professional activities;

7 2. Whenever possible, at least one member of the board shall be  
8 an individual who has served as a foster parent, provided that no  
9 person on the review board shall participate as a board member in  
10 any review hearing in which the person is a party; and

11 3. No more than one person employed by any child welfare agency  
12 or juvenile court may be appointed to a board at the same time,  
13 provided such person shall not participate in any review hearing in  
14 which the person is professionally involved.

15 D. Each postadjudication review board shall annually elect a  
16 chair and shall notify the Commission on Children and Youth as to  
17 the name and address of the chair. A list of the members of each  
18 local board and its officers shall be filed with the Presiding Judge  
19 of the judicial district and each judge within the district having  
20 juvenile docket responsibility.

21 E. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a person  
22 participating in a judicial proceeding as a postadjudication review  
23 board member or a postadjudication review advisory board or  
24 postadjudication review board coordinator is acting in good faith.

1 When acting in good faith, a participant shall be immune from any  
2 civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Each  
3 postadjudication review board shall meet as often as is necessary at  
4 a place it designates to carry out the duties of the board  
5 established by Section 1116.3 of this title. The review board shall  
6 meet at least twice annually. Each review board shall be subject to  
7 the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, except that the  
8 actual case reviews shall be held in executive session; provided,  
9 however, that upon the request of the board, members or prospective  
10 members of other existing review boards, students or researchers may  
11 attend and observe but not participate in board hearings subject to  
12 restrictions and conditions imposed by the board. Members and  
13 employees of the State Postadjudication Review Advisory Board who  
14 are exercising their oversight responsibilities pursuant to Section  
15 1116.6 of this title may attend and observe but not participate in  
16 board hearings. All parties shall maintain confidentiality, and the  
17 names of the children in placement shall not be published.  
18 Temporary ad hoc review boards may be created in counties in which  
19 there is no active review board. The Director of the Oklahoma  
20 Commission on Children and Youth may appoint active or alternate  
21 members of existing review boards to serve as members of local  
22 boards that are unable to meet quorum requirements and to  
23 temporarily constitute members of a new board where no current board  
24 exists. A member appointed to temporary service shall be fully

1 qualified as provided by law, and such service shall terminate when  
2 the basis for the appointment is remedied or upon the order of the  
3 Director.

4 F. As a condition of membership thereto, members and alternates  
5 of the postadjudication review boards shall attend the next  
6 available orientation program after appointment to the board.  
7 Failure to attend an orientation program, at the discretion of the  
8 Commission on Children and Youth, may result in the removal of the  
9 board member. Members of postadjudication review boards shall  
10 attend the annual meeting or training programs or both such meeting  
11 and training programs as are authorized and directed by the  
12 Commission on Children and Youth.

13 G. Members of postadjudication review boards shall serve  
14 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel and  
15 training expenses from monies appropriated by the Legislature for  
16 such purposes, as provided by the State Travel Reimbursement Act.  
17 The Commission on Children and Youth shall provide members of  
18 postadjudication review boards with necessary operating supplies and  
19 postage fees or members shall be reimbursed for these expenses.

20 H. The Commission on Children and Youth shall be responsible  
21 for developing procedures for the removal of a member from a  
22 postadjudication review board. The grounds for the removal of a  
23 postadjudication review board member shall include but not be  
24 limited to:

- 1           1. Failure to attend board meetings as required by the  
2 Commission on Children and Youth;  
3           2. Engaging in illegal conduct involving moral turpitude;  
4           3. Engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or  
5 misrepresentation; or  
6           4. Wrongful disclosure of information as provided by Section  
7 1116.4 of this title.

8           I. Necessary staff assistance required by the postadjudication  
9 review boards may be provided by the bailiff or bailiffs, or other  
10 person designated by the court, of the judges with juvenile docket  
11 responsibility in the judicial district. Upon the request of the  
12 presiding judge, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may  
13 authorize additional staff to be paid from local court funds to  
14 assist the review board.

15           The Administrative Director of the Courts may include such  
16 additional funding requests in the annual budget for the courts as  
17 are necessary to provide staff and administrative support for the  
18 review boards.

19           SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.  
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# **State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board**

## **2020 Meeting Dates**

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**January 24th, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**OCCY**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**3 p.m. Embassy Suites Hotel, Norman, OK**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**\* Cancel meeting**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**OCCY**

**September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**\* Cancel meeting**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**OCCY**

All meetings at OCCY, 1111 N. Lee Avenue, Suite 500  
Oklahoma City, OK, 73103, will be held in the main conference room.

\* The State PARB By-laws mention a May and September Meeting. We are proposing moving those meetings to April and October and canceling the May and September meetings.

## **Partnering with Child Welfare: A General Discussion**

1. Where do our goals align with Child Welfare Goals?
2. What should our role be regarding support to workers and supervisors?
3. What should our role be regarding accountability of Child Welfare?
4. What common data should we be looking at?
5. Other PARB Goals or strategies related to Child Welfare?