



MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Development Services Building, Room 202

*ABSENT FROM MEETING

** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

Open Meeting

Laurie Wilson, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:33 PM. The newest member of the board, La Tonya Thomas, was welcomed by Chair Wilson and introduced to the members.

Approval of Minutes-

The Minutes of November 19, 2024, were approved. [IO, HA; unanimous].

Public Comment

None.

Presentation

None.

Action Items

Election of Officers

- A **MOTION** was made by Hala Ayala, and seconded by Clarice Torian, to nominate Laurie Wilson to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board. **MOTION** approved by unanimous consent. Laurie Wilson is elected to serve as the DSS Advisory Board Chair for the 2025 session.
- A **MOTION** was made by Hala Ayala, and seconded by Chrissy Fauls, to nominate Idris O'Connor to serve as the Advisory Board's Vice Chair. **MOTION** approved by unanimous consent. Idris O'Connor is elected to serve as the DSS Advisory Board's Vice Chair for the 2025 session.

Approval of DSS Advisory Board Charter

The Board decided that they would like to have the Clerk resend them a copy of the Charter in electronic format (WORD version) so they can look through and make any updates using the 'track changes' feature. Any proposed changes will be sent to the Clerk (Linda Meier) to compile for review at the next meeting. The Charter, and any agreed upon changes, will be voted on for approval at the February meeting.

The Board also asked that a copy of the 'Remote Participation' form be sent to them via email as well.

Calendar of Topics and Meeting Dates

A **MOTION** was made by Jacob Mosser and seconded by Clarice Torian to approve the 2025 Calendar of Meeting Dates and Topics. **MOTION** approved by unanimous consent.

Chairman's Time

Chair Wilson once again emphasized the importance of members keeping their appointing officials informed of DSS issues. It is especially important that members meet with their appointing Supervisors before Chris Shorter, County Executive, presents them his proposed FY26 budget.

Director's Time

FY27 Budget update – All agencies have made their presentations to the CXO. DSS gave their presentation and used actual data to justify their funding requests. For example, there has been a 55% increase in requests for UAI screening and DSS does not have the staff to handle properly. The DSS presentation was well-received, and the Director is feeling positive about DSS' asks. Chris Shorter will be presenting his budget to County leadership on February 4. The Director will then be able to fill the Board in on what DSS requests were included so they have that information to give to their appointing Supervisor's.

DSS Full Staff Meeting Event – Scheduled for May 16 at Camp Snyder in Haymarket.

Annual P.I.T. (Point in Time) Count – January 22. Volunteers will gather about 8:00 PM to start the process.

Fatherhood Initiative's Father-Daughter Dance– February 8 from 6PM to 8:30 PM at the Ferlazzo Bldg.

Board Members' Time

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting [JM, IO; unanimous]. Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

APPROVED: Linda Meier
Clerk to Board