



MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Manassas Senior Center, Manassas, VA

*ABSENT FROM MEETING

** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

Earlier this evening, the DSS Advisory Board held their annual Judge's Dinner. Presentations were given during dinner on Home Assessments and Custody Home Studies, by Theresa Wilson from the Prevention Team, APP; and on the Kinship Program, by Kristal Ferguson and Kaneetha Grant from the Treatment/Ongoing Team, CPS.

Open Meeting

Chair Laurie Wilson opened the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Approval of Minutes-

The Minutes from the July 15th meeting were approved [CT, IO; approved]. Chair Laurie Wilson abstained as she was absent from the July meeting.

Public Comment

None

Action Items

None.

Chairman's Time

Laurie Wilson asked staff to bring information on the impact of the Big Beautiful Bill on the SNAP program to the next meeting.

Director's Time

- Budget season begins September 22
- The Hilda Barg Shelter is receiving an award from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in recognition of their support to the community. A gala is being held on Saturday, September 20, at the Fairview Marriott in Falls Church, VA. Tonya Golden, Acting Director for the Homeless Division, will be accepting the award on behalf of DSS and the Hilda Barg Shelter.
- On October 7, there is a scheduled work session with DSS and the BOCS. DSS will not be asking for any new positions in FY26.
- Holly Handy told the board about an upcoming kid's Day event being held at Cloverdale Park- the Fatherhood Initiative will have a table at the event.

Board Members' Time

- Idris O'Connor - Saturday, October 18, the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center/Shelter will hold its annual banquet.
- Chrissy Fauls - Bob Weir, former Gainesville District Supervisor's, Celebration of Life will be held on September 27.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting [CT, IO; unanimous]. Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

APPROVED: *Linda Meier*
Clerk to Board