

Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) Oversight Board

Board Meeting Record

Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., virtual meeting

Member Attendance: Annie Blackledge, Annie Lee, Ben de Haan, Bobbe Bridge, Charles Loeffler, Diane Liebe, Jeannie Darneille, Katie Biron, Lois Martin, Ruth Kagi, Shrounda Selivanoff, Tana Senn, Tom Dent

Staff in Attendance: Crista Johnson (*Executive Director*), Nickolaus Colgan (*Administrative Coordinator*)

Public in Attendance: Jim Theofelis, *A Way Home Washington*; Erica Hallock, *Family Impact Network and Ounce*; Stacia Hollar, *Attorney General's Office*; Laurie Lippold, *Partners for Our Children*

Only public attendees who chose to identify themselves in the chat box during the meeting, or who made public comment, are recorded in the official meeting minutes.

Welcome, Roll Call & Opening Remarks

The meeting was called into order at 12:00 p.m. Crista Johnson introduced ground rules for engaging on the Zoom. Roll call of DCYF Oversight Board members was taken.

Bobbe Bridge made a motion to approve the October 15, 2020 meeting minutes. Katie Biron seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Co-Chair Elections

Per the Oversight Board's Bylaws, co-chairs serve for a two-year term. November 2020 marked the completion of the two-year term for Co-Chairs Representative Tana Senn and Ruth Kagi. Representative Senn nominated Representative Tom Dent to fill the Board's Legislative Co-Chair role, Charles Loeffler seconded this nomination. Ruth Kagi nominated Shrounda Selivanoff to fill the Board's Non-Legislative Co-Chair role, Annie Blackledge seconded this nomination. No other nominations were submitted. The Board voted on these nominations with the results being 12 yeas and 1 abstained.

Co-Chairs Shrounda Selivanoff and Representative Tom Dent will begin their term by chairing the first Board meeting in January 2021.

Public Comment

Laurie Lippold, Partners for Our Children: Laurie thanked the co-chairs for their leadership over the last two years and congratulated the new co-chairs. She expressed gratitude for the work the Board's Oversight Strategy Subcommittee will continue to do. Laurie stated she was happy to see a bullet point in the 2020 DCYF Oversight Board Legislative Report about kinship. She continued, there are so many kinship providers in the "informal" system and urged consideration of how to better support those we are coming in contact with DCYF. Laurie ended with asking if there was a way to do follow ups from the various public comments, she stated it would be nice to hear where some of the recommendations and suggestions have led to.

Review of Report Draft Changes since October Meeting

Crista Johnson guided the Board through the most recent version of the report and the Board discussed any last edits and changes.

Finalizing 2020 DCYF Oversight Board Report

Once the review of the report was completed Ruth Kagi moved to adopt the latest version as final once the discussed edits were fully incorporated. Bobbe Bridge seconded this. The Board was asked to vote with the results being 12 yeas and 1 nay.

Closing Remarks and Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Zoom.

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2020