

Department of Children, Youth, and Families Oversight Board Agenda



Date: January 17, 2025 | **Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
In-Person: Helen Sommers Building, Room 1015
 106 11th Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501

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Co-Chairs: Dr. Diane Liebe and Senator Claire Wilson
Staff: Lyscha Marcynyszyn, PhD, *Executive Director* & Nickolaus Colgan, *Administrative Coordinator*

Time	Agenda Topic	Lead
8:30 – 8:40 am (10 mins)	Welcome and Roll Call	Co-Chair Senator Claire Wilson , and Lyscha Marcynyszyn , Executive Director
8:40 – 9:25 am (45 mins)	Office of the Family and Children’s Ombuds (OFCO) 2024 OFCO Annual Report	Patrick Dowd , OFCO Director
9:25 – 9:45 am (20 mins)	DCYF 2024 Selected Outcome Review	Jenny Heddin , Deputy Secretary – Chief Staff
9:45 – 10:05 am (20 mins)	DCYF 2025 Focused Priorities Overview [Draft]	Jenny Heddin , Deputy Secretary – Chief Staff
10:05 – 10:25 am (20 mins)	DCYF Session Preview and Impact of Budget Freeze	Allison Krutsinger , Director of Public Affairs
10:25-10:50 am (25 mins)	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Public Comment Statement. The DCYF Oversight Board operates under state law, which outlines its authority and responsibilities RCW43.216. Specifically, the Board is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring DCYF's progress toward achieving outcome measures • Ensuring DCYF’s compliance with applicable laws and policies • Overseeing DCYF’s performance and policies • Offering advice and input to DCYF, the Legislature, and the Governor <p>While the Board may consider information brought to its attention as part of its general oversight and monitoring role, it does not have the authority to investigate, direct, or alter DCYF’s decisions in individual cases. Additionally, during public comment periods, neither the Board nor meeting presenters can respond to comments beyond a simple acknowledgment.</p> <p>To respect individuals who may have sensitive stories to share or wish to discuss details of individual cases, we’d like to remind you that the Board is subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. This means our meetings are open to the public, recorded, posted on the Oversight Board’s website, and livestreamed on TVW. Written public comments submitted in advance have been sent to the Board members. To ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak, please try to limit your comments to 2-3 minutes.</p>	Co-Chair Dr. Diane Liebe

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10:50 – 11:00 am (10 mins)	Break	
11:00 – 11:50 am (50 mins)	DCYF Vision and Q&A	Secretary Tana Senn
11:50 am – 12:15 pm (25 mins)	2025 DCYF Oversight Board Priorities Summarized	Lyscha Marcynyszyn, Executive Director
12:15 – 12:25 pm (10 mins)	Ad-hoc Subcommittees and Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juvenile Rehabilitation Outcomes • Annual Report 	Lyscha Marcynyszyn, Executive Director
12:25 – 12:30 pm (5 mins)	Closing Remarks and Adjourn	Co-Chair Senator Claire Wilson

Public Comment Process: The DCYF Oversight Board welcomes public comment in two forms: Orally (virtually, telephonically, or in-person) during the allotted time on the agenda, or in writing submitted to Nickolaus.Colgan@gov.wa.gov by end of the day on January 13, 2025. Written public comments will be distributed to Board members via email two days prior to the beginning of the Board meeting to allow for sufficient time for Board members' review.