

# Department of Children, Youth, and Families Oversight Board Agenda



**Date:** February 21, 2025 | **Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
**In-Person:** Helen Sommers Building, Room G020  
 106 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501

**Zoom:** [Link](#) | Meeting ID: 870 3263 7625 | Passcode: 847523  
 Call-in: 1-253-205-0468 | Meeting ID: 870 3263 7625 | Passcode: 847523

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

Time	Agenda Topic	Lead
5:30 – 5:45 pm (15 mins)	<b>Welcome, Roll Call, &amp; Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	Co-Chair <b>Senator Claire Wilson</b> , and <b>Nickolaus Colgan</b> , Administrative Coordinator
5:45 – 6:05 pm (20 mins)	<b>Federal Grant Pause</b>	<b>Jenny Heddin</b> , Deputy Secretary – Chief Staff
6:05 – 7:05 pm (60 mins)	<b>DCYF Staff Engagement Survey Results: Child Welfare Worker Well-Being</b>	<b>Frank Ordway</b> , Deputy Secretary of Operations, <b>Dorene Perez</b> , Deputy Assistant Secretary of Child Welfare, & <b>Richard Gobble</b> , HR Strategy & Planning Manager
7:05 – 7:25 pm (20 mins)	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <p><b>Public Comment Statement.</b> The DCYF Oversight Board operates under state law, which outlines its authority and responsibilities <a href="#">RCW43.216</a>. Specifically, the Board is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring DCYF’s progress toward achieving outcome measures</li> <li>• Ensuring DCYF’s compliance with applicable laws and policies</li> <li>• Overseeing DCYF’s performance and policies</li> <li>• Offering advice and input to DCYF, the Legislature, and the Governor</li> </ul> <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</p>	Co-Chair <b>Dr. Diane Liebe</b>

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	ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak, please try to limit your comments to 2-3 minutes.	
7:25 – 7:40 pm (15 mins)	<b>Break</b>	
7:40 – 8:00 pm (20 mins)	<b>2025 Legislative Bill Update</b>	Co-Chair <b>Senator Claire Wilson &amp; Representative Steve Bergquist</b>
8:00 – 8:10 pm (10 mins)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Subcommittee Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Report</li> <li>• Juvenile Rehabilitation Outcomes</li> </ul>	<b>Nickolaus Colgan,</b> Administrative Coordinator
8:10 – 8:20 pm (10 mins)	<b>Closing Remarks and Adjourn</b>	Co-Chair <b>Senator Claire Wilson</b>

**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](mailto:Nickolaus.Colgan@gov.wa.gov) by end of the day on February 18, 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.