

OCA Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes – January 28, 2025

OCA Staff: Christina D. Ghio, Acting Child Advocate

Members Present: Edwin Colon, Shelley Geballe, Danielle Cooper, Zakkyya Williams Jeanne Milstein, Terry Nowakowski

Members Not Present: Danielle Cooper

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November 26, 2024 need to be approved. Members reviewed the minutes. Shelley Geballe moved to approve; Edwin Colon seconded. Edwin Colon, Shelley Geballe, and Danielle Cooper voted in favor. None opposed. No opposed.

2. Update Regarding Advisory Committee Membership

Terry Nowakowski has been appointed by Senator Duff. The Committee welcomed Ms. Nowakowski.

3. Discussion Regarding Chair of Advisory Committee

The Committee discussed whether a chair should be identified. Jeanne Milstein nominated Shelley Geballe and Edwin Colon to serve as co-chairs of the Advisory Committee. The Committee discussed the importance of OCA staff involvement in developing agendas and keeping minutes. Zakkyya Williams seconded the nomination of Edwin Colon and Shelley Geballe. All voted in favor. None opposed.

4. Advisory Committee Annual Report

The Advisory Committee discussed the need to complete the annual report. The 2024 report was issued on February 27, 2025. The Advisory Committee requested that OCA staff update sections one and two of last year's report and provide the Advisory Committee with a draft report. The Advisory Committee will upstate section three and make other revisions as necessary via email.

5. Legislative Update

Christian Ghio reviewed OCA's legislative agenda for the session and answered questions of the Advisory Committee.

6. Investigation Updates

Motion for executive session by Edwin Colon, and seconded by Shelley Geballe. Confidential investigative updates were provided in executive session. Zakkyya Williams moved to end executive session. Terry Nowakowski seconded the motion. All voted in favor. None opposed.

7. Scheduling

Next meeting: was scheduled February 25, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned.