

OCA Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes – March 25, 2025

OCA Staff: Christina D. Ghio, Acting Child Advocate

Members Present: Shelley Geballe, Danielle Cooper, Zakkyya Williams, Jeanne Milstein, Terry Nowakowski, Lisa Seminara

Members Not Present: Edwin Colon

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January 28, 2025 need to be approved. Members reviewed the minutes. Jeanne Milstein moved to approve; Shelley Geballe seconded. Lisa Seminara abstained. The remaining members voted in favor. None opposed.

2. Legislative Update

Christian Ghio reviewed OCA's legislative agenda for the session, including bills related to autism, probate court, information sharing for the Infant Mortality Review Council, and allowing petitions in neglect proceedings to be adjudicated even if the child turns 18 before the court can reach a decision. Christina Ghio answered questions of the Advisory Committee.

3. Investigation Updates

Members discussed entering executive session to discuss investigations. Shelley Geballe stated that the members needed to discuss the hiring process for the Child Advocate. It was agreed that Christina Ghio would leave executive session while members discussed the hiring process and would return upon receipt of a text message from a member of the committee. Motion for executive session by Jeanne Milstein, seconded by Zakkyya Williams. All voted in favor. Confidential investigative updates were provided in executive session. Christina Ghio removed herself from the meeting. Following discussion of the hiring process Christina Ghio returned to the meeting. Jeanne Milstein moved to end executive session. Shelley Geballe seconded the motion. All voted in favor. None opposed.

4. Scheduling

Next meeting: was scheduled April 22, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned.