

OCA Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes – April 22, 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 March 25, 2025 need to be approved. Members reviewed the minutes. Jeanne Milstein moved to approve; Shelley Geballe seconded. The remaining members voted in favor. None opposed.

2. Legislative Update

Christian Ghio updated the committee on OCA's legislative agenda for the session, including bills related to autism, probate court, and information sharing for the Infant Mortality Review Council. Christina Ghio answered questions of the Advisory Committee.

3. Investigation Updates

Members discussed entering executive session to discuss investigations. Motion for executive session by Jeanne Milstein, seconded by Terry Nowakowski. All voted in favor. Confidential investigative updates were provided in executive session. Shelley Geballe moved to end executive session. Lisa Seminara seconded the motion. All voted in favor. None opposed.

4. Scheduling

Next meeting: was scheduled May 27, 2025.

5. Questions

Danielle Cooper inquired about the status of discussions at the JJPOC related to moving youth incarcerated at MYI to other facilities. Christina Ghio stated that there appeared to be challenges in reaching consensus on that issue, in terms of where the youth should go. Christina Ghio will circle back on this issue, perhaps through the incarceration working group of the JJPOC.

Shelley Geballe inquired about OCA's current staffing, what staff do and what their strengths are. Christina Ghio provided information on the role and background of each staff member.

Danielle Cooper moved to adjourn the meeting. Shelley Geballe seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.