

OCA Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes – October 28, 2025

OCA Staff: Christina D. Ghio, Acting Child Advocate

Members Present: Shelley Geballe, Terry Nowakowski, Lisa Seminara, Zakkyya Williams, and Edwin Colon (joined late)

Members Not Present: Danielle Cooper; Jeanne Milstein

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from September 9, 2025 need to be approved. Members reviewed the minutes. Shelley Geballe moved to approve; seconded by Terry Nowakowski. All members present voted in favor. Edwin Colon was not present for this vote.

2. OCA 30th Anniversary

Discussed the OCA's 30th year anniversary planning. The chairs of the children's committee have agreed to support an event at the legislature to celebrate the anniversary. Faith VosWinkel, former Assistant Child Advocate, and Mickey Kramer, former Associate Child Advocate are helping with creating poster boards with bullets about OCA's work. OCA staff will make revisions to the draft report provided to the Committee in September. The plan is for the celebration to take place in January 2026.

3. Annual Evaluation

The Advisory Committee's annual evaluation is due in January. OCA will provide to the Advisory Committee an updated version of last year's evaluation as a starting point. OCA staff will update the work completed information utilizing the OCA annual report, and the Advisory Committee will update the document with its performance review.

4. Investigation Updates

Motion for executive session by Shelley Geballe to discuss confidential investigations; seconded by Lisa Seminara. All voted in favor. Investigation updates were provided in executive session. Edwin Colon moved to end executive session; seconded by Terry Nowakowski; All voted in favor.

5. Scheduling

Next meeting was scheduled November 25, 2025 at 5:30.

Meeting Adjourned.