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OCA Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes – January 27, 2026

OCA Staff: Christina D. Ghio, Acting Child Advocate

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

Members Not Present: Edwin Colon; Zakkyya Williams

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from December 23, 2025 need to be approved. Members reviewed the minutes. Note correction to next meeting date. Draft says January 27, 2025 and it should say 2026. No other corrections. Danielle Cooper moved to approve, with the correction; Shelley Geballe seconded. Senator Seminara abstained. Remaining members voted in favor.

2. OCA 30th Anniversary

Discussed the OCA's 30th year anniversary planning. The event will take place at the legislative office building on January 30, 2026 at 12:30. Christina D. Ghio updated the committee on invitations and RSVPs to date. The committee discussed the plan for the event.

3. Annual Evaluation

The Advisory Committee is working on the annual evaluation. Members of the Committee reviewed the draft. Revisions were discussed. Shelley Geballe will finalize the report. It will then be provided to OCA for publication.

4. Investigation Updates

Motion for executive session by Jeanne Milstein to discuss confidential investigations; seconded by Danielle Cooper. All voted in favor. Investigation updates were provided in executive session.

Motion to leave exec session by Lisa Seminara; seconded by Terry Nowakowski. All voted in favor.

5. Scheduling

Next meeting was scheduled for February 24, 2026 at 5:30.

Meeting Adjourned.