

CCFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date:	February 19, 2026 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
CAC Members:	Alison (Ali) Caliendo	X	
	Angela Cook	X	
	Christopher Merritt	X	
	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Donna Smith	X	
	Madyson Wier	X	
	Judge Margaret Pickard		X
	Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod	X	
	Shelia Parks	X	
	Tammy Malich	X	
Clark County Management:	Abigail Frierson, CCFS Interim Deputy Director		X
	Wonswayla Mackey, CCFS Deputy Director	X	
	Lisa Martinez, CCFS Deputy Director	X	
	Stacie Dastrup, CCFS Deputy Director		X
	Robynn Bell, CCFS Deputy Director	X	
Public:	Laurie Iscan, Deputy DA	X	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and roll call	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:32 am by Vice Chair, Ali Valiendo. Quorum was confirmed. 	
Agenda Item II:	Comments by General Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item III:	CAC New Members welcome and introduction	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New members introduced themselves: Madyson Wier, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Forensic Psychologist. Tammy Malich, Director of Youth Development and Social Initiatives, City of Las Vegas. Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod, Policy and External Affairs Director, The Children’s Cabinet. Angela Cook, Attorney, Children’s Attorneys Project, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. 	

Agenda Item IV:	CAC Membership nomination and voting of new officers	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Motion by Donna Smith to nominate Judge Pickard as Chair. Second by DaShun Jackson. Motion carried unanimously. • Vice Chair: Motion by Donna Smith to nominate Dr. Alison Caliendo as Vice Chair. Second by Shelia Parks. Motion carried unanimously. • Deputy Chair: Motion by Shelia Parks to nominate Angela Cook as Deputy Chair. Second by Donna Smith. Motion carried unanimously. 	
Agenda Item V:	Approval of January 15, 2026, Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAC, January 15, 2026, Minutes: Approved 	
Agenda Item VI:	Annual Open Meeting Law Overview	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurie Iscan (Clark County District Attorney’s Office – Civil Division) provided an overview of Nevada Open Meeting Law, including quorum requirements, meeting definitions, serial communications, agenda posting requirements, and enforcement by the Attorney General’s Office. • Training materials will be distributed to members. 	
Agenda Item VII:	Clark County Family Services Report Out	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa stated waiting on the State to conduct a workshop on changes to the relative statutes, licensing. The department licensed a lot of relatives, placed with a lot of relatives. The department has a partnership with foster kinship. • Robynn provided an update on Child Haven population and duration of stay: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Population is below 100. ○ 87 youth on campus. ○ Approximately 30 children ages 6 and under. ○ High teen population. ○ Placement challenges due to behavioral concerns, school non-attendance, medication noncompliance, and runaway history. • Sway provided the following updates: January 2026 Data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3,700 hotline calls received. ○ Approximately 3,000 referrals were generated. ○ 1,200 investigations conducted. ○ 325 children entered care. ○ 154 children exited care. ○ 25 adoptions finalized 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and Procedure Update: Following case reviews, CCFS will begin posting key safety and permanency policies on the public website. • AB 284 Update: Agency preparing to comply with changes regarding representative payee management and federal benefit handling. • Foster Care Recruitment and Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 46 new regular licensed foster homes were added in 2025 (total 186). ○ 19 new homes licensed in January 2026. ○ Training contract with Raise the Future ends June 30, 2026. ○ Training will resume in-house on July 1, 2026.
Agenda Item VIII:	Discussion of 2026 CAC priorities and if adjustments should be made (Information only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed reviewing and updating CAC priorities. • Motion to place CAC priority review as the primary action item at the next meeting. • Motion carried unanimously
Agenda Item IX:	Identify Emerging Issues to be addressed at future meetings and receive updates on activities of the CAC members related to their duties as committee members (Information only)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foster parent recruitment and training outcomes. 2. Visitation process update. 3. Statistical reporting improvements. 4. Potential extended public work session to review priorities.
Agenda Item X:	Next Meeting date to be set (For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motioned to conduct next meeting March 26, 2026, at 8:00-10:00am • Motion carried unanimously
Agenda Item XI:	Comments by General Public
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Agenda Item XII:	Adjournment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 10:53am.