

**MEETING MINUTES** 

#### **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

LAURIE WILSON, CHAIR, POTOMAC HALA AYALA, AT LARGE CHRISSY FAULS, GAINESVILLE JACOB MOSSER, COLES\* IDRIS O'CONNOR, VICE CHAIR, NEABSCO CLARICE TORIAN, WOODBRIDGE\* VACANT, OCCOQUAN BILL WOOLF, BRENTSVILLE\*

\*ABSENT FROM MEETING

**\*\* ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY** 

# November 19, 2024

**6:30 P.M.** Development Services Building, Room 107 a/b

# **Open Meeting**

Laurie Wilson, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:34 PM.

# Approval of Minutes-

The Minutes of October 15, 2024, were approved. [HA, IO; unanimous].

# Public Comment

None.

### **Presentation**

Phyllis Jennings-Holt, DSS Director, updated the Board on the status of the FY26 Budget. Phyllis is scheduled to give a presentation to the CXO tomorrow, November 20, about DSS' budgetary needs/requests. The CXO will be presenting a County Budget to the BOCS in January.

Board members discussed writing a letter from the Advisory Board to send to the BOCS. A DRAFT letter was presented to members who reviewed the DRAFT and made suggestions. It was agreed that a letter to Chris Shorter, PWC CXO, should be drafted as well. Hala Ayala volunteered to draft the letter to the CXO, as well as the one for the DSS AB to send to their County Supervisors. Hala will send her DRAFT to Linda Meier who will, in turn, forward to Chair Wilson and Phyllis to include their input and feedback.

### **Action Items**

None.

### Chairman's Time

Chair Wilson emphasized the importance of members going to see their Supervisors with the finalized letter to educate them on DSS' current status as well as their, urgent need for more FTE's in order to serve their growing number of clients.

### **Director's Time**

- The National Adoption Day Proclamation was presented at today's BOCS meeting. The annual National Adoption Day event took place on Saturday, November 16. Three families finalized their adoptions during the event. PWC DSS had 9 adoptions in 2024.
- The FY25 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Divisional Report was emailed to members earlier. Chair Wilson mentioned that there was an error in the APP report. Phyllis is going to have APP make corrections.

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# **Board Members' Time**

Idris O'Connor, Vice Chair, reminded members of the upcoming Christmas Tailgate Party on December 21 being held at the Ferlazzo Building.

# **Executive Session**

None

# <u>Adjournment</u>

**MOTION** made to adjourn the meeting [HA, IO; unanimous]. Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Linda Meier

Clerk to Board