



**Commission on Children and Youth  
Meeting Minutes-**FINAL**  
September 11, 2025  
Meeting held via Microsoft TEAMS**

**Members Present:** Molly McAlvanah, Leon Peace, Kirsten Andersen, Kimberly McLurkin-Harris, Sara Rosen, Nina Bersebal, Corinne Yourmann, Shané Tate, Michael Jiménez, Stephanie Clarke, Chelsea Zhu

**Members Absent:** Jane Chappell, Alexandra Cox, Keena Howell

**Staff Present:** Jameela Hyland, Special Projects Manager (DHHS)

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**Chair Calls Full Commission meeting to Order at 6:30pm**

Chair's Opening Remarks

Roll Call (to determine quorum) – quorum established (9 out 14)

**Commission Business**

- Guest Speaker: Rich Madaleno, CAO, provided an overview of Montgomery County's government structure and budget process, including the role of special assistants, unique features of MCPS and HHS, and current public forums for budget advocacy.
- Commissioners discussed youth resiliency as the 2025–26 priority, focusing on defining resiliency for both youth and organizations, and considering developmental vs. preventative approaches.
- Potential areas for exploration include recreation and youth development, adult capacity-building, and identifying trusted supports for youth.
- Next steps: refine definition of resiliency, identify guest speakers, and connect prior report findings to current work.
- Voted to approve the 2024–2025 Commission Annual Report.

**Adjournment at 8:30 pm**

