



Montgomery County Board of Social Services

January 5, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location

Remote – Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Members Present

- Yuma Tomes
- Frances Marshall
- Michele Levy
- Jewel Butler
- Zackary Richards

Members Not Present

- Maria Schwermer
- Larniece McKoy Moore
- Dawn Luedtke

Proof of Quorum

The board currently has 8 members; a quorum is met with 5 or more members. 5 members were in attendance.

Staff Present

- Oscar Mensah
- Djenam Jacob
- Hannah Shaw
- Kristin Cummings

Guests

- N/A

Guest Speakers

- N/A

Handouts

- N/A

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

Welcome and Introductions

N/A

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the December meeting minutes by J. Butler, seconded by F. Marshall. Minutes approved with no edits.

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

1. Reports of Officers
 - a. Chair:
 - i. Brief discussion on the newest email sent from MASSB, the chair will review and send additional details out to HHS staff to share with the larger board.
 - ii. A brief discussion on having a legislative presentation in the future once the replacement for R. Sledge has been hired.
 - b. Vice-Chair:
 - i. Request that all members review the information sent out by HHS staff on CWS Data and the priorities initiative.
 - ii. A brief discussion on current board vacancies and what steps the board can take to ensure vacancies are posted/recruited for timely.
2. Committee Reports
 - a. N/A
3. Outstanding Business
 - a. Next Steps for Child Welfare Priorities
 - i. Review of messaging points and ongoing discussion on the development of a draft for a flyer
 - ii. M. Levy will take point on editing the current draft and the edited version will be ready by the February meeting
 - iii. Review of data points provided by CWS
4. Committee Breakout Session
 - a. The Outreach Committee worked together on the CWS Priorities draft
 - b. The Legislative Committee discussed that as legislation comes out, it should be checked against the board's priorities.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be virtually on Monday February 2, 2026; 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.