



Montgomery County Board of Social Services

November 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location

Remote – Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Members Present

- Frances Marshall
- Larniece McKoy Moore
- Michele Levy
- Zackary Richards
- Maria Schwermer

Members Not Present

- Yuma Tomes
- Jewel Butler
- 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 Jacobs
- Hannah Shaw
- Kristin Cummings
- Caroline Davenport

Guests

- N/A

Guest Speakers

- Lisa Merkin

Handouts

- N/A

Call To Order

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

Welcome and Introductions

The board welcomed Lisa Merkin, Senior Administrator for Child Welfare Services

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October meeting minutes by L. McKoy Moore, seconded by M. Levy. Minutes approved with no edits.

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

1. Reports of Officers
 - a. Brief discussion on the recent presentation by MASSB on New Board Member Training
2. Committee Reports – N/A
3. New Business
 - a. Discussion with Child Welfare Services on current needs that the board could assist with. The specific ask was with widening the audience for potential resource families
 - b. Discussion on changing the frequency of in-person meetings once additional members join the board
 - c. Recruitment and Retention of Board Members
 - d. Discussion with HHS staff on policy changes and the impact of the Federal Shutdown on benefits
4. Committee Breakout Session – N/A

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be virtually on Monday December 1, 2025; 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.