

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2026

I. Welcome and Introductions

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m., on March 16, 2026, in Conference Room “A” of the Office of the Attorney General, East office, by Board Chair, Serah Wiedenhoefer.

Present

Mary Carpenter, Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Bradly Stotts, Kentucky State Police
Andrea Bruns, Kentucky CASA Network, Inc.
Serah Wiedenhoefer, Office of the Attorney General

Present Virtually

Lynn Baker, Education and Labor Cabinet
Mona Womack, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet
Dr. Christina Howard, Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Shannon Moody, PhD, Kentucky Youth Advocates
Natalie Pasquenza, Children’s Advocacy Centers of Kentucky
Jill Seyfred, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
Michelle Sanborn, Children’s Alliance

Guests in Attendance Virtually

Michelle Lacy, Office of the Attorney General

II. Financial Update, January and February 2026

The Board received financial documentation reflecting revenues, expenditures, and balances for the Child Victims’ Trust Fund during January and February 2026. Ms. Lacy provided an overview of this information.

III. Review of January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes for Action by the Board

Ms. Womack made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Captain Stotts seconded the motion. Ms. Pasquenza abstained from voting because she was not present for the last meeting. The January 2026 minutes were unanimously approved by the other members.

IV. Review of Committee Policy for Action by the Board

Prior to the meeting, the Board received a proposed committee policy developed by the Governance Committee. Ms. Seyfred reviewed the policy, and Ms. Sanborn explained that the policy was developed as part of the Governance Committee’s work on a policy and procedure manual. The Board discussed the policy and suggested a few minor changes. Ms. Wiedenhoefer made a motion to approve the policy with the suggested changes. Ms. Bruns seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the committee policy with the suggested changes.

V. New Staff Member and Plans for Increasing Support

The Office of the Attorney General has hired a new support staff member, Debbie Abreu. Meetings will be scheduled with each committee to assess their support needs.

VI. Reports from the Standing Committees

a. Annual Report Committee

The Committee welcomed Ms. Pasquenza. The Committee will be deciding on a new chair in the upcoming months.

b. Governance Committee

The Governance Committee had nothing additional to report.

c. Grants Management Committee

The grant application process is open through March 31, 2026. The Committee will meet in April to review submitted applications and arrive at recommendations for the Board.

VII. Unfinished Business

The Board will continue evaluating its relationship and alignment with the Children's Trust Fund Alliance. Ms. Wiedenhofer is compiling and condensing information on the Alliance's structure, policies, and funding to present to the Board.

VII. Partner Updates and Announcements

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky will hold its annual Pinwheel Planting on March 31 at 11:30 a.m. at the Capitol. Planning is underway for the Kids Are Worth It Conference and the Attorney General will be delivering the closing address.

Updates and bills of interest from the 2026 legislative session were also shared.

CASA is expanding its services to additional counties and currently operates in 99 counties, with a goal of reaching all 120 counties by the end of 2027.

VIII. Next Meeting - May 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

At this meeting, the Board will vote on grant awards for Fiscal Year 2027.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

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