



**Child Advocacy Board
Special Called Meeting Minutes
3/4/2025**

Attendance: Casey Wasson, Jim Hicks, Brandon Gerganus, Phil Crowley, Maggie Brennan, Kerri Barber, Misti Coller, Angie Cross, Craig Shaw, Heather Hadlock, Alana Jeter, Jeff Cook, Tim Bundick, Kari Leong, Nikki Hill

Call to Order at 1614

1. Public comment on any item on the agenda
 - a. Discussion of possible changes to by-laws
 - i. Decrease quorum to 1/3 of membership
 - ii. Amend Ex Officio requirement which currently prevents Phil Crowley from continuing position as board Chair
 - b. Will allow board members time to review by-laws and make any additional amendment changes to board officers (Phil, Misti, Casey and Craig) by March 25, 2025
 - c. By-law amendment changes will be discussed and voted on during meeting 5/9/2025
2. Approval of minutes from 2/10/2025 meeting
 - a. Motion: Jim Hicks
 - b. Second: Phil Crowley
 - c. Motion passed

Agenda Items

3. Welcome/Introductions – New Board Member Tim Bundick
 - a. Board introductions made
 - b. Tim joins us as the current Director of Security at McMurry University
4. Loose Change for Change Event
 - a. PrimeTime: 5/9/2025 date available and to be set for event so schools can be notified
 - b. \$11 per child which would include one game of bowling and 2 slices of pizza per child
 - c. Craig will reach out about adding \$5 arcade card, utilize sponsorship funds if needed in order to provide additional rewards to the students

- d. Board determined that we will request students not bring any additional money for games/snacks to prevent inequality. We will also request parents not attend event.
 - e. Discussed changing the day of the week that the event is held for 2026 so that Merkel elementary can participate (Merkel has 4 day school week)
5. Discussion and Update
- a. Removal of DEI in accordance with executive order – literature changes have been made on state and local level. No changes will be made in care provided and center will remain culturally sensitive. Demographic gaps will continue to be taken into consideration
 - b. Overview of community assessment conducted by CAC
6. Director's Update
- a. Bi-Annual visit overview & introduction of inspectors in attendance – Present at meeting. Visit underway to evaluate if local CAC is meeting state standards.
 - b. Status of Funding Outlook – VOCA funding has decreased 67% since 2018 and sustainability concerns have been raised. Bill HR 909 redirects funds to sustain VOCA funds
 - c. Overview of hiring process to be used to find next CAC Director – Will utilize the defined hiring process as defined by City of Abilene. Annette Lerma and Jeff Cook will review job description and post. 90 day goal is currently in place and will be adjusted if need arises.
7. Adjournment at 1707