



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner
Audrey O'Neill

Advisory Committee on Promoting Adoption of Minority Children Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, November 6, 2025 – 1:00PM
Faith-Based Institute Church, 251 Altitude St, San Antonio, TX 78227

Agenda

1. Chair calls the meeting to order and provides welcoming remarks
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call of Committee members
 - a. Chair rules on a quorum
 - b. DFPS staff introductions / Introductions for SSCC and invited guests
4. Review and vote on acceptance of meeting minutes from September 18, 2025
5. DFPS Updates
6. Committee member reports on SSCC engagement
 - a. Pastor Aaron Dawson – St. Francis (Region 1)
 - b. Other Committee member reports
7. Community Partner Remarks and Presentations
 - a. The Honorable Judge Mary Lou Alvarez – 45th District Court
 - b. Lee Cavender – Cavender Auto Group
 - c. Mercedes Bristol – Executive Director, Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
 - d. Rebekah McKay – Christ Coalition, Lived Experience
 - e. Belong – Region 8A/8B Single Source Continuum Contractor
 - (1) Lucinda Valdez, VP Legal
8. Workgroup Discussion
 - a. Post-Adoption Research
 - b. Annual Report
9. Discussion on 2026 meeting locations
 - a. February 5, 2026 – Region 6A/B
 - b. May 7, 2026 – Region 3E/W
9. Closing Remarks
10. Public Comments
11. Adjournment

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