



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
July 23, 2025
1:30 p.m.**

**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
1232 N Classen Blvd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
73106**

A hybrid meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. The meeting can be virtually accessed by joining the following Zoom link:

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**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services
Board Agenda**

May 22, 2025

3:00 p.m.

A virtual special meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services bylaws.

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1. Call to order and roll call
2. Review and approve June 5, 2025, board meeting minutes
3. Discussion and possible action regarding Peer Reviews
 - i. Enid
 - ii. Shawnee
4. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Executive Session to Discuss items related to personnel
5. New business not known at time of posting
6. Adjournment



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025 @ 3:00p.m.**

A virtual special meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services bylaws.

1. Call to order and roll call

The meeting was called to order by President Herb McSpadden at 3:02 p.m.

a. Roll call / establish quorum: Herb McSpadden, John Schneider, Courtney Dukes, Wendy Swatek, Shanna Rice, Jana Emerson, Brenda Rose, Yolanda Cummings, Darla Cheek, and Kody Suanny were present.

Quorum Established

2. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2025

a. A motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2025 was made by Darla Cheek. A second motion made by Brenda Rose. Two members abstained. **Motion passed.**

3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve completed Peer Reviews

i. Enid

ii. Shawnee

a. Shanna Rice made a motion to approve the Peer Reviews as presented. John Schneider made a second motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Executive Session to Discuss items related to personnel

a. John Schneider made a motion to move into executive session. Kody Suanny seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

b. Shanna Rice made a motion to exit the executive session. Kody Suanny seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Personnel matters were discussed in executive session. No other matters were discussed.

Wendy Swatek made a motion to accept Dr. Messiah's rescinded resignation. Darla Cheek seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- d. Herb McSpadden reported a personnel committee would be established to support the Executive Director position, through shared mission and goals.

5. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

- a. Dr. Messiah reported the Hard Rock Hotel and Resort would like to secure the dates for FY 26 June meeting with no financial obligation at this time.

Kody Suanny made a motion to approve the partial contract of the Hard Rock Hotel and Resort in Catoosa, to secure the dates for FY 26 June meeting. Shanna Rice seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Adjourn

- a. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

FY2026 Meeting Calendar

Month	Board Meetings	Membership Meetings
August	Wednesday, August 6, 2025	
September (Quarterly Meeting)	Wednesday, September 3, 2025	Wednesday, September 3, 2025
October	Wednesday, October 1, 2025	
November	Wednesday, November 5, 2025	
December (Quarterly Meeting)	Wednesday, December 3, 2025	December 4-5, 2025
January	Wednesday, January 7, 2026	
February	Wednesday, February 4, 2026	
March (Quarterly Meeting)	Wednesday, March 4, 2026	Wednesday, March 4, 2026
April	Wednesday, April 1, 2026	
May	Wednesday, May 6, 2026	
June (Quarterly Meeting)	Wednesday, June 3, 2026 Friday, June 5, 2026	Wednesday, June 3, 2026



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The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services

Board of Directors Meeting

August 6, 2025

10:00 a.m.

**The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
1232 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

73106

Chickasaw Rooms A&B

A meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.



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10:00 a.m.**

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for the special board meeting held on July 23, 2025
4. Special agency spotlight presentation: ROCMND
5. Special ARPA Spotlight: Marie Detty
6. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
 - i. OAYS Strategic Planning Retreat Update
 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
 - d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
 - e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
 - f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report

- i. Central
- ii. Northwest
- iii. Northeast
- iv. Southeast
- v. Southwest

- 8. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
- 9. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
- 10. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
- 11. Adjourn



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
July 23, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
Oklahoma Catholic Charities
1232 North Classen Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73106**

A hybrid meeting was held for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests
 - a. The meeting was called to order by President Kody Suanny at 1:40 p.m. There were no guests present

Roll call/establish quorum

 - a. Roll call / establish quorum: Kody Suanny, Courtney Dukes, Kerrie Mathews, Herb McSpadden, Brenda Rose, Yolanda Cummings were present.
Quorum Established

2. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2025.
 - a. Motion to approve Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2025, by Herb McSpadden. Second by Kody Suanny. **The motion passed unanimously.**
3. Discussion or possible action regarding FY2026 Board Meeting Schedule
 - a. Motion to approve the FY2026 Board Meeting Schedule by Kody Suanny. A second motion by Brenda Rose. **The motion passed unanimously.**
4. Discussion or possible action regarding December and June Meeting Contracts
 - a. Motion made to proceed in selecting and securing a hotel and meeting space for the December and June meeting dates that aligns with the approved budget amounts by Herb McSpadden. A second by Brenda Rose. **The motion passed unanimously.**
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the Board President's Report
 - a. Kody Suanny reported her excitement to be serving as board president during the 50th year of OAYS. She welcomed Kerrie Mathews as the new board secretary and thanked Herb McSpadden

for his wisdom and dedication as the previous president. She also recognized John Schnider as he completed his long-term service as a board member.

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

- a. Dr. Messiah reported that there has been no letter of cancellation from DHS on the FTOP contract with the OAYS office.
- b. Dr. Messiah reviewed the current budget for FY2026.
 - i. A motion was made by Herb McSpadden to accept the budget as presented. A second was made by Courtney Dukes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

- b. None

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.



**The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services
Board of Directors and Membership Meetings**

August 6, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Membership Meeting Immediately Following

**The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits
701 N Lindsay Ave
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
73104**

A meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
September 3, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

**The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits
701 N Lindsay Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73104**

A meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. The meeting can be virtually accessed by joining the following Zoom link:

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for August 6, 2025
4. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
8. Adjourn



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Membership Meeting Agenda
September 3, 2025**

Immediately Following

**The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Board of Directors' Meeting
Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. that Same Day**

**The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits
701 N Lindsay Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73104**

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the June 23, 2025, Membership Meeting minutes
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
 - d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
 - e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
 - f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report

- i. Central
- ii. Northwest
- iii. Northeast
- iv. Southeast

- 5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
- 6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
- 7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
- 8. Adjourn



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
August 6, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
1232 North Classen Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73106
Chickasaw Rooms A&B**

A meeting was held for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests

The meeting was called to order by President Kody Suanny at 10:05 a.m.

Guest in attendance was Timothy Tardibono, OJA Executive Director

- a. Director Tardibono spoke about good working relationships between OJA and OAYS. Jennifer Francis will be the point of contact for YSA's.

2. Roll call/establish quorum

- a. Roll call / establish quorum: Kody Suanny, Courtney Dukes, Kerrie Mathews, Darla Cheek, Herb McSpadden, Wendy Swatek, Shanna Rice, Brenda Rose, Jana Emerson, and Yolanda Cummings were present.

Quorum Established

3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for the special board meeting held on July 23, 2025

- a. Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for July 23, 2025

Motion made by Darla Cheek. Second by Yolanda Cummings. Wendy Swatek, Shanna Rice, and Jana Emerson abstained due to not being in attendance.

The motion passed.

4. Special agency spotlight presentation: ROCMND

- a. Rusty Rankin spoke about the Welch Skill Center and all the improvements that have been made to the group home to include painting, flooring, and landscaping. The boys were part of the renovation process and learned life skills and trades they can use in the future.

5. Special ARPA Spotlight: Marie Detty

- a. Kerrie Mathews presented the new Shelter and Marie Detty Headquarters being built in Lawton with the ARPA funds they were awarded.

6. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report

a. Darla Cheek presented the July financials.

A motion to approve the July financials was made by Herb McSpadden. A second motion was made by Courtney Dukes.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Committee Reports

a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report

i. OAYS Strategic Planning Retreat Update

Herb McSpadden spoke about community assessments and data collection to assist all YSA's with future funding requests.

b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report

i. John Schnieder talked about planning a Legislative Forum for the September meeting and creating an agenda to focus on during the upcoming legislative session.

c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report

i. Sheila Stinnet spoke on the importance of quality and beneficial training for quarterly meetings and utilizing agency staff that are experts on subject matter as trainers.

d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report

i. Shanna Rice will continue providing content during counselor calls that is relevant to current needs, provides CEU's, and offers Therapeutic Tools.

e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report

i. John Schnieder, Yolanda Cummings, and Kerrie Mathews will offer support during shelter calls.

f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report

Courtney Dukes shared how she will support Clusters Reps moving forward.

i. Central

Wendy Swatek reported on challenges with funding and how immigration status is a barrier for access to services.

ii. Northwest

Brenda Rose reported that agencies in the Northwest Cluster have completed CARF accreditation.

iii. Northeast

Jana Emerson reported that they will continue visiting agencies in their cluster throughout the next year.

iv. Southeast

Yolanda Cummings reported on the recent ribbon cutting in Poteau.

v. Southwest

Shanna Rice reported on successful summer programming and back to school activities in the Southwest Cluster. ElReno will be having a ribbon cutting for their completed ARPA project in the next few months.

8. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
a. Kody Suanny talked about the importance and value of being a member of OAYS.

9. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

- a. Dr. Messiah spoke about partnerships and funding.
- b. He gave updates and presented changes on the OAYS website.
- c. He outlined the TSET Successful Future workplan and new requirements for FY26.
- d. He reported on tours of venues for the 50th Anniversary Celebration in December.

A motion for Peter to make the decision on the venue for the December Quarterly meeting was made by Wendy Swatek. Second by Shanna Rice.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

- a. None

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.



The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services

Board of Directors Meeting

October 1, 2025

10:00 a.m.

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

1232 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

73106

Chickasaw Rooms A&B

A meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
October 1, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

1232 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

73106

Chickasaw Rooms A&B

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2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2025
4. Agency Spotlight Okmulgee/Okfuskee County Youth Services
5. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
 - d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc. Board
of Directors' Meeting Agenda
September 3, 2025**

**The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits
701 N Lindsay Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73104**

A hybrid meeting was held for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests

The meeting was called to order by President Kody Suanny at 1:40 p.m.

No Guests in attendance

2. Roll call/establish quorum

a. Roll call / establish quorum: Kody Suanny, Courtney Dukes, Kerrie Mathews, Darla Cheek, Herb McSpadden, Wendy Swatek, Shanna Rice, Brenda Rose, and Jana Emerson.

Quorum Established

3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for the special board meeting held on June 23, 2025

a. Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2025
Motion made by Herb McSpadden. Second by Courtney Dukes.

The motion passed.

4. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report

a. No financials were presented. No action needed

5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

a. Kody Suanny spoke on the teamwork of OAYS and how the Committee Chairs are the driving force behind the actions. She thanked chairs for their time commitment. She reminded everyone of the importance of attendance for the December Meeting and celebrating 50 Years of OAYS.

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

a. Dr. Messiah announced the December Meeting will be held Downtown at the Convention Center and rooms will be blocked for the Fairfield Hotel.

- b. TSET meetings have been successful and with great data collection in the upcoming year, OAYS will be able to continue the contract beyond the 5 years.

7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

- a. None

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

- e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
- f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - i. Central
 - ii. Northwest
 - iii. Northeast
 - iv. Southeast
 - v. Southwest
- 7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
- 8. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
- 9. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
- 10. Adjourn



The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services

Board of Directors Meeting

November 5, 2025

10:00 a.m.

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

1232 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

73106

Chickasaw Rooms A&B

A meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
November 5, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
1232 North Classen Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2025
4. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
5. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Coordinator's Report
 - i. Central
 - ii. Northeast
 - iii. Northwest
 - iv. Southeast
 - v. Southwest
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

a. Policy Recommendations

i. Benefits

ii. Meeting Notifications

8. **Executive Session**

i. Motion and vote to enter into Executive Session as authorized by the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Policy and Procedures

ii. Motion and vote to return to Open Session

iii. Statement of Executive Session Minutes and any actions taken in Open Session

9. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

10. Adjourn



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc. Board
of Directors' Meeting Agenda
October 1, 2025**

**The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
1232 North Classen Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73106**

A hybrid meeting was held by the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests
The meeting was called to order by President Kody Suanny at 10:01am
No Guests in attendance

2. Roll call/establish quorum
 - a. Roll call / establish quorum: Kody Suanny, Kerrie Mathews, Darla Cheek, Herb McSpadden, Wendy Swatek, and Jana Emerson were in person. Courtney Dukes and Brenda Rose attended virtually.
Quorum Established

3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for the board meeting held on September 3, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2025
Motion made by Darla Cheek. Second by Wendy Swatek.
The motion passed.

4. Agency Spotlight Okmulgee/Okfuskee County Youth Services
 - a. Dr. Greene spoke about the renovations that have been made possible with ARPA funds and how services have increased and relationships with the schools in her counties have become stronger.

5. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
 - a. Darla Cheek presented the financial reports for July and August; however, they were not reviewed or approved, as prior approval from the Finance Committee is required.

6. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report - Herb McSpadden reported that OJA requested information on how potential cuts of Federal Funding will impact Youth Service Agencies.

- b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report - Dr. Messiah presented that the Legislative Committee and Strategic Planning Committee have plans to partner together with a combined agenda.
 - c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Program Committee Report-Dr. Messiah presented information on the upcoming December Board and Membership meeting. There will be 2 ½ days of CEUs and learning opportunities.
 - d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report - Shanna Rice reported the next Counselor Call will be October 14th, and it covers domestic violence resources and assessments.
 - e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report - Dr. Messiah spoke about the new hotline process and offered advocacy from the OAYS office if needed.
 - f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - Courtney Dukes reminded all the clusters about the activities at the upcoming December meeting.
 - i. Central-Wendy Swatek reported their cluster met in September and talked about collaboration and service referrals with bordering counties. During their last meeting they answered questions sent by the Cluster Rep.
 - ii. Northwest-Brenda Rose reported their meetings have been via zoom due to distance between counties. During their last meeting they answered questions sent by the Cluster Rep.
 - iii. Northeast-Jana Emerson reported their cluster met in Claremore and their next meeting will be at Tulsa Street School. During their last meeting they answered questions sent by the Cluster Rep.
 - iv. Southeast-Yolanda Cummings reported they plan to have meetings at each agency in their cluster quarterly. During their last meeting they answered questions sent by the Cluster Rep.
 - v. Southwest - Shanna Rice shared that the Southwest Cluster would have a meeting in the next couple of weeks.
7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
- a. Kody Suanny highlighted the first 90 days of FY26 and YSAs going through CARF Accreditation. She spoke on how OAYS provides guidance and support during big projects and requirements.

8. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

- a. Dr. Messiah reported on the upcoming learning opportunities at the December meeting and invitations will be sent inviting Legislators to the luncheon.
- b. He announced the Private Facebook page for agencies and the external page open to the public.
- c. Bring Your Boss to Work Day on October 16th to give agency board members the opportunity to learn more about OAYS.
- d. OAYS submitted the annual report to TSET and David Jordan will be the TSET Coordinator.

9. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

- a. None

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
November 5, 2025
Immediately Following the Board of Directors Meeting

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
1232 North Classen Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
73106

A special Membership Meeting has been scheduled for the membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services scheduled for 10:00 a.m. that same day and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. The meeting can be virtually accessed by joining the following Zoom link:

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the June 5, 2025, Membership Meeting minutes
4. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - i. Legislative Agenda Planning
 - ii. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 1. Central
 2. Northwest
 3. Northeast
 4. Southeast
 - iii. Legislative Agenda Wrap-up

7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

8. Adjourn



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Membership Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2024
The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits
701 N Lindsay Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

A hybrid meeting was held for the membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Kody Suanny at 10:00 a.m.
No guests were present

2. Roll call/establish quorum.
 - a. 27 members present. **Quorum Established**

3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the June 5, 2025 Membership Meeting minutes
 - a. Courtney Dukes made a motion to approve the Membership Meeting minutes from June 5, 2025. Darla Cheek made a second motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

4. Agency Spotlight: Southwest Youth and Family Services
 - a. Shanna Rice reported on her ARPA project progress. She also shared two ideas for working with youth and getting them to engage during groups. We played Wheel A Fortune and Diffuse the Mindfield.

5. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report.

Herb McSpadden has reached out to the Oklahoma State Center for Family Resilience and they are working on a proposal to work with OAYS on data collection.

 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report

Dr. Messiah announced that the December Quarterly Meeting will offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for prevention staff, administrative staff, and licensure. Additionally, ethics training will be provided during this meeting.

- c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report

Shanna Rice announced that the next Counselor Call will be held on September 9th at 10:00 a.m. The discussion will focus on billing questions and domestic violence. CEUs will be awarded for the training provided during these calls.

- d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2025 to discuss the new hotline process through DHS.

- e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report

- i. **Legislative Forum Planning**

- Clusters formed in groups to develop a list of topics for this year's legislative agenda.

- ii. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report

- 1. Central - presented their list of topics
 - 2. Northwest - presented their list of topics
 - 3. Northeast- presented their list of topics
 - 4. Southeast- presented their list of topics

- iii. Legislative Forum Wrap-Up

- John Schneider and Steve Lewis led the discussion to narrow the lists to the top priorities and a final list will be developed by the legislative committee.

- 6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

- No report at this time

- 7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

- No Report at this time

- 8. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

- None at this time

- 9. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 1:40pm

OAYS Legislative Agenda

Legislative Session 2026

The information below is directly from the final flip chart which was developed at the end of the OAYS membership legislative planning day:

1. Funding Formula and Accountability

- a. Develop the Formula with OJA**
- b. Where do the extra/unbilled dollars go?**
- c. Is state statute needed?**

Legislative committee current stance/action plan:

After discussion, the legislative committee feels this need would be best addressed in collaboration with OJA/OJA staff. We would encourage OAYS leadership to continue working directly with OJA leadership and OAYS membership to develop the YS funding formula. As the number one rated priority, it is obvious it is important to membership that OAYS is heavily involved in the development of the funding formula. After deliberate and strategic efforts are made to develop the formula with OJA, the legislative committee will discuss with OAYS leadership to decide if legislative action is needed in the future to accomplish this item.

2. MCO/Medicaid

- a. Payment process=pain**
- b. What is the impact of this process- interim study needed?**
- c. Join with other coalitions, hospital boards, ext.**
- d. Define what the problem is**

Legislative committee current stance/action plan:

After discussion, the legislative committee believes this issue is far greater than our reach/ability to create change on our own. We plan to stay abreast the situation and strive to find organizations/associations who would be in natural alignment for us to collaborate with/” stand with” to advocate for system change. It was mentioned during the legislative agenda planning day that we need to “define the problem”. A survey of membership may be needed to accomplish this should we decide to join forces with organizations of greater scope to advocate for system change.

3. Leaders in prevention through advocacy

- a. Why we are a good investment**
- b. Create definitions of who we are and what we do**
- c. Data**

Legislative committee current stance/action plan:

After discussion, the legislative committee believes this is an item that is not only important but should be accomplished through a deliberate and coordinated plan which is further developed by the legislative committee. The legislative committee plans to further develop the plan through coordination with the strategic development committee. The plan could include the following:

- An overall OAYS data report, compiled of different outcomes from all youth service agencies to be handed out in meetings at the capitol and visits with legislators.*
- Planned all OAYS days at the capitol*
- Potential training on how to reach out to legislators and what information to share*
- Strategic conversations with leadership at the capitol in the House and Senate*

4. Federal funding rates/stagnant funding

Legislative committee current stance/action plan:

While we do not think this is a good year to ask for more dollars for general YSA contracts, we do feel like we should align our support with OJAs group-home ask. After reviewing OJAs Legislative Agenda, will support their current requests.

We will use this year to prepare ourselves for an ask in the future, however, if an opportunity arises, we will plan to move for requesting funds.

5. One-time capital improvement rates

Legislative committee current stance/action plan:

While we know this will be helpful, and while it is needed, legislators cannot appropriate dollars to nonprofits for this activity.

6. Transitional Living

- a. Is the state helping non-profits in any way- lots of cost**

b. Increase contracts to create a new program (transitional living programs)

Legislative committee current stance/action plan:

The Legislative Committee believes that this is a fundable opportunity for the legislative agenda. The Committee feels the initial approach will be to partner with OJA and other state agencies to determine a path forward.



The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services

Board of Directors Meeting

December 3, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Membership Meeting December 3, 2025

**Immediately Following the Board of Directors Meeting
Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. That Same Day**

**Oklahoma City Convention Center
100 Mick Cornett Dr.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
73109**

Room 301 A

A meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
December 3, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

Oklahoma City Convention center
100 Mick Cornett Dr.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
73109

Room 301 A

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Agency Spotlight: Western Plains Youth and Family Services
4. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2025
5. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
 - i. Recommended Policy
8. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
9. Adjourn



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc. Board
of Directors' Meeting Agenda
November 5, 2025**

**The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
1232 North Classen Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73106**

A hybrid meeting was held for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests
The meeting was called to order by President Kody Suanny at 10:01am
Jennifer - Office of Juvenile Affairs

2. Roll call/establish quorum
 - a. Roll call / establish quorum: Kody Suanny, Kerrie Mathews, Darla Cheek, Herb McSpadden, Courtney Dukes, Shanna Rice, Brenda Rose, Jana Emerson were in person. Wendy Swatek and Yolanda Cummings attended virtually.
Quorum Established

3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for the board meeting held on October 1, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2025
Motion made by Darla Cheek. Second by Courtney Dukes.
The motion passed.

4. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
 - a. Darla Cheek presented the financial reports that were approved by the Finance Committee.
Motion made to approve Treasurer's Report made by Courtney Dukes. Second made by Brenda Rose.

5. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Coordinator's Report
Courtney Dukes reported on events and reminders for the upcoming December Quarterly Meeting. She spoke about the recent Government Shutdown and SNAP Benefits.
 - i. Central-Wendy Swatek reported their cluster will meet during the December Quarterly meeting.
 - ii. Northwest-Brenda Rose - nothing to report

iii. Northeast-Jana Emerson reported their cluster met at Tulsa Street School and discussed relationship with OJA, increase in rates, and data collection.

iv. Southeast-Yolanda Cummings reported discussion on OJA change in leadership, rates, and December Quarterly Meeting.

v. Southwest - Shanna Rice reported about custer discussion on request for rate changes from OJA and how to request and use the FTOP funds from OJA.

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

a. Kody Suanny spoke on youth services ability to shift as changes happen in each community to make sure we fill the gaps. She spoke of the change in OJA Leadership and how OAYS keeps moving forward.

7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

a. Policy Recommendation

i. Benefits updates

ii. Meeting Notifications and Open Meeting Acts Language

Discussion about changes and Herb McSpadden requested to add policy change recommendations to the December Meeting Agenda to allow for further review prior to meeting. All agreed.

b. Dr. Messiah reported on the success of Bring Your Boss to Work Day. Plans to continue in the future.

c. He reminded everyone of upcoming deadlines and registration for the December Quarterly Meeting.

d. Dr. Messiah reported on the 50th Magazine being put together by OAYS featuring each YSA.

8. Executive Session

i. Motion and vote to enter Executive Session as authorized by the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Policy and Procedures made by Courtney Dukes. Second by Shanna Rice.

ii. Motion and vote to return to Open Session made by Shanna Rice. Second by Darla Cheek.

9. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

a. None

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Recommended Policy Changes

Current Language – Section 524 Insurance Benefits

The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services provides group major medical health insurance, including dental and vision, benefits for new eligible persons will become effective on the first day of the month following the date of employment.

The employee can elect to provide dependent coverage at their expense and at the rates by the present carrier.

Medical insurance, including dental and vision, is considered a benefit and is contingent upon funding and budget limitations and may be revised or changed at any time by action of the Board of Directors.

Recommended Language – Section 524 Insurance Benefits

A. Standard Coverage

The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services (OAYS) provides group major medical insurance, including dental and vision coverage, for eligible full-time employees. Benefits for new eligible employees become effective on the first day of the month following the date of employment.

Medical, dental, and vision coverage are considered fringe benefits and are contingent upon funding availability and budget limitations. They may be amended, suspended, or discontinued at any time by action of the Board of Directors.

B. Alternative Coverage Election

1. An eligible employee who chooses to obtain qualified health coverage through another plan (for example, through the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma (TRS) or a comparable program) may request to waive participation in the OAYS group plan.
2. Upon written request and advance approval by the Board of Directors, the employee may receive a limited reimbursement or supplemental payment intended to offset a portion of the cost of such alternative coverage.
3. The amount shall not exceed the employer's current contribution toward the OAYS group plan for an individual employee and may be set at a lesser amount as determined by the Board.
4. This option is a **discretionary fringe benefit**, not a vested right or entitlement, and may be modified or discontinued at any time based on funding or policy considerations.

C. Supplemental Bonus In lieu of Coverage

1. When an employee becomes ineligible for participation in the Association's group health plan, including, but not limited to, when the employee becomes eligible for Medicare or elects alternate coverage, the Board of Directors may, at its discretion, authorize a supplemental taxable bonus in recognition of prior participation in the group plan.

2. The amount of such bonus shall be determined annually by the Board and shall not exceed the Association's typical employer contribution toward individual coverage under the current plan.
3. This payment shall be treated as ordinary compensation, subject to all applicable payroll taxes and reporting requirements. It shall not be construed as a health benefit, reimbursement, or subsidy for any medical or insurance expense, including Medicare premiums.
4. The availability, amount, and continuation of any supplemental bonus remain at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, contingent upon available funding and annual budget approval.

Open Meeting Act

Recommended Language:

The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services will comply with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and contractual requirements governing its operations. When required by law or contract, OAYS will adhere to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act or any other mandated or agreed upon transparency or procedural standard. Nothing in this section shall be construed as extending those provisions beyond the scope required by applicable law or active contractual obligations.



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Membership Meeting Agenda
December 3, 2025
Immediately following the
Board of Directors Meeting
Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. that Same Day**

Oklahoma City Convention Center
100 Mick Cornett Dr.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
73109

301 A

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the November 5, 2025, Membership Meeting minutes
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
 - d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
 - e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
 - f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report

- i. Central
- ii. Northwest
- iii. Northeast
- iv. Southeast

5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
8. Adjourn



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Membership Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2024
The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits
701 N Lindsay Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

A hybrid meeting was held for the membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Kody Suanny at 10:00 a.m.
No guests were present

2. Roll call/establish quorum.
 - a. 27 members present. **Quorum Established**

3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the June 5, 2025 Membership Meeting minutes
 - a. Courtney Dukes made a motion to approve the Membership Meeting minutes from June 5, 2025. Darla Cheek made a second motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

4. Agency Spotlight: Southwest Youth and Family Services
 - a. Shanna Rice reported on her ARPA project progress. She also shared two ideas for working with youth and getting them to engage during groups. We played Wheel A Fortune and Diffuse the Mindfield.

5. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report.

Herb McSpadden has reached out to the Oklahoma State Center for Family Resilience and they are working on a proposal to work with OAYS on data collection.

 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report

Dr. Messiah announced that the December Quarterly Meeting will offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for prevention staff, administrative staff, and licensure. Additionally, ethics training will be provided during this meeting.

- c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report

Shanna Rice announced that the next Counselor Call will be held on September 9th at 10:00 a.m. The discussion will focus on billing questions and domestic violence. CEUs will be awarded for the training provided during these calls.

- d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2025 to discuss the new hotline process through DHS.

- e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report

- i. **Legislative Forum Planning**

- Clusters formed in groups to develop a list of topics for this year's legislative agenda.

- ii. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report

- 1. Central - presented their list of topics
 - 2. Northwest - presented their list of topics
 - 3. Northeast- presented their list of topics
 - 4. Southeast- presented their list of topics

- iii. Legislative Forum Wrap-Up

- John Schneider and Steve Lewis led the discussion to narrow the lists to the top priorities and a final list will be developed by the legislative committee.

- 6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

- No report at this time

- 7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

- No Report at this time

- 8. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

- None at this time

- 9. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 1:40pm



The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services

Board of Directors Meeting

January 7, 2026

10:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85805131240>

A virtual meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
January 7, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

A virtual meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. The meeting can be virtually accessed by joining the following Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2025
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
5. Discussion and possible action regarding Peer Review Reports
 - i. Edmond Family Counseling-Edmond
 - ii. Logan Community Services
 - iii. Marie Detty Youth and Family Service Center-Lawton
 - iv. Pivot-Oklahoma City
 - v. Western Plains Youth and Family Services-Woodward
 - vi. Youth Services of Bryan County-Durant
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion and possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
 - b. Discussion and possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - c. Discussion and possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report

- d. Discussion and possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
- e. Discussion and possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
- f. Discussion and possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - i. Central
 - ii. Northwest
 - iii. Northeast
 - iv. Southeast
- 7. Discussion and possible action to approve items, as needed, on the President's Report
 - i. Nomination Committee Appointment
- 8. Discussion and possible action to approve items, as needed, on the Executive Director's Report
- 9. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
- 10. Adjourn



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
December 3, 2025
10:00am**

**Oklahoma City Convention Center
100 Mick Cornett Dr.
Oklahoma City, OK 73109**

A meeting was held for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.

1. Call to order and introduction of guests

The meeting was called to order by President Kody Suanny at 10:00am
No Guests were present at the meeting .

2. Roll call/establish quorum

a. Roll call / establish quorum: Kody Suanny, Kerrie Mathews, Herb McSpadden, Courtney Dukes, Shanna Rice, Brenda Rose, Jana Emerson, Wendy Swatek, and Yolanda Cummings were present. Darla Cheek was absent

Quorum Established

3. Agency Spotlight: Western Plains Youth and Family Services

a. Kevin Evans shared a video made by the High School Tech Center in Woodward that highlighted 50 years of Western Plains Youth and Family Services.

4. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for the board meeting held on November 5, 2025

a. Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2025
Motion made by Courtney Dukes. Second by Shanna Rice.

The motion passed.

5. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report

a. Financials were presented to the board for review.
Motion made to approve financials made by Wendy Swatak. Second made by Herb McSpadden.

The motion passed

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

a. Kody Suanny will give a report during the Membership Meeting following the board meeting.

7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

- a. An annual request for policy change was presented by Dr. Messiah
 - i. Insurance Benefits updates
 - ii. Meeting Notifications and Open Meeting Acts LanguageMotion made to accept the changes in policy as presented by Herb McSpadden.
Second by Courtney Dukes.
The motion passed

8. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

- a. None

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.



**The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services
Board of Directors and Membership Meetings**

February 4, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Membership Meeting Immediately Following

A virtual meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors and Membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
February 4, 2026
10:00 a.m.

A virtual meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. The meeting can be virtually accessed by joining the following Zoom link:

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2026
4. Agency Highlight: Rogers County
5. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
8. Executive Session
 - i. Motion and vote to enter into Executive Session as authorized by the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Policy and Procedures*
 - ii. Motion and vote to return to Open Session*
 - iii. Statement of Executive Session Minutes and any actions taken in Open Session*
9. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
10. Adjourn



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
January 7, 2026
10:00 a.m.

A virtual meeting was held for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests

The meeting was called to order by President Kody Suanny at 10:01 a.m.

Guest in attendance Jennifer Francis, OJA

- a. Jennifer Francis reported she will be the OJA point at contact for Youth Services.

2. Roll call/establish quorum

a. Roll call / establish quorum: Kody Suanny, Courtney Dukes, Kerrie Mathews, Darla Cheek, Herb McSpadden, Brenda Rose, Jana Emerson, and Yolanda Cummings were present. Shanna Rice and Wendy Swatek were absent.

Quorum Established

3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2025.

a. Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for July 23, 2025

Motion made by Courtney Dukes. Second by Brenda Rose.

The motion passed.

4. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report

a. Darla Cheek presented the November 2025 financials.

A motion to approve the July financials was made by Herb McSpadden. A second motion was made by Yolanda Cummings.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Peer Review Reports

i. Edmond Family Counseling-Edmond

ii. Logan Community Services

iii. Marie Detty Youth and Family Service Center-Lawton

iv. Pivot-Oklahoma City

v. Western Plains Youth and Family Services-Woodward

vi. Youth Services of Bryan County-Durant

a. Brenda Rose made a motion to approve the presented Peer Reviews. Yolanda Cummings seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
 - i. No Report
- b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - i. No Report
- c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
 - i. Dr. Messiah reported on the outcomes from the surveys received from the December Quarterly Meeting.
- d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
 - i. No Report
- e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
 - i. No Report
- f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - i. Central - No Report
 - ii. Northwest - No Report
 - iii. Northeast - Next meeting January 22, 2026
 - iv. Southeast - No Report
 - v. Southwest - No Report

Shanna Rice reported on successful summer programming and back to school activities in the Southwest Cluster. ElReno will be having a ribbon cutting for their completed ARPA project in the next few months.

7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

- i. Nomination Committee Appointment
 - a. Motion was made by Courney Dukes to continue the Cluster Representative structure as the nomination committee. Second made by Darla Cheek.
The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Voting for the full slate of officers will take place at the March 2026 meeting

8. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

- a. Dr. Messiah spoke about future funding opportunities and the need to diversify funds.

9. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

- a. None

10 .Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:02a.m.



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Membership Meeting Agenda
February 4, 2026**

**Immediately following the OAYS Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for
10:00 a.m. that same day**

A virtual meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. The meeting can be virtually accessed by joining the following Zoom link:

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the December 3, 2025, Membership Meeting minutes
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
 - d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
 - e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
 - f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - i. Central
 - ii. Northwest
 - iii. Northeast
 - iv. Southeast
 - v. Southwest

5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
8. Adjourn



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Membership Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2025
Oklahoma City Convention Center
100 Mick Cornett Dr.
Oklahoma City, OK 73109

A Membership Meeting was held for the membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and was being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.

1. Call to order and introduction of guests

- a. The meeting was called to order by Kody Suanny at 10:21 a.m.
No guests were present

2. Roll call/establish quorum.

- a. 22 members present.
Quorum Established

3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the November 5, 2025 Membership Meeting minutes

- a. Mindy Bellack made a motion to approve the Membership Meeting minutes from November 5, 2025. Courtney Dukes made a second motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
Herb McSpadden spoke about a breakout session during the conference that will focus on the next 5 years for OAYS.
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
Dr. Messiah reported Legislators are working to file bills for the upcoming session. He also spoke about the upcoming legislative panel during the luncheon.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
Clusters will have increased input in developing training schedules for upcoming learning opportunities. Virtual training will continue to be offered to assist in meeting requirements.
- d. Discussion and possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
Shanna Rice will be holding ethics training during the conference. Counselor calls will resume January 13, 2026.
- e. Discussion and possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
Courtney Dukes thanked cluster reps for support during the planning of the OAYS 50th Celebration. She encouraged continued networking and collaboration.

1. Central - no report
2. Northwest - no report
3. Northeast - no report
4. Southeast - met and spoke about building projects
5. Southwest - Shanna Rice reported on ARPA projects in the cluster

5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

Kody Suanny highlighted the events planned for the next two days of the conference and encouraged everyone to attend and get involved by joining a committee. She emphasized that OAYS's strength comes from the active participation of its members. She also reminded everyone of the importance of continued growth and the need for the organization to evolve in order to meet the changing needs of our communities.

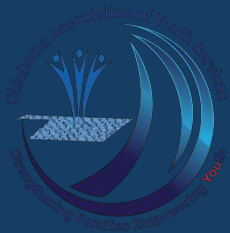
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report.

Peter Messiah spoke about servant leadership and a member led association. He thanked membership for the work that has been done over the past 50 Years.

7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
No New Business at this time

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53am



**The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services
Board of Directors and Membership Meetings**

March 4, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Membership Meeting Immediately Following

**The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits
701 N Lindsay Ave
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
73104**

A meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Membership Meeting Agenda
March 4, 2026
10:00 a.m.
The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits
701 N Lindsay Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73104**

A meeting has been scheduled for the Membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. The meeting can be virtually accessed by joining the following Zoom link:

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the February 4, 2025, Membership Meeting minutes
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
 - d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
 - e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
 - f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - i. Central
 - ii. Northwest
 - iii. Northeast

- iv. Southeast
- v. Southwest

- 5. Cluster Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Coordinator Report
 - i. Nomination of Officers (Executive Committee and Cluster Reps)
- 6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
- 7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
- 8. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
- 9. Adjourn



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
February 4, 2026
10:00 a.m.

A virtual meeting was held for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests.

The meeting was called to order by President Kody Suanny at 10:03 am.

Guests in attendance- Jennifer Francis from OJA. She shared her new titles as Deputy Chief of Operations.

2. Roll call/establish quorum

- a. Kody Suanny, Courtney Dukes, Kerrie Mathews, Darla Cheek, Herb McSpadden, Brenda Rose, Jana Emerson, Yolanda Cummings, Shanna Rice, and Wendy Swatek were present.

Quorum Established

3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2026

- a. Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2026.

Motion made by Courtney Dukes. Second by Brenda Rose.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Agency Highlight: Rogers County

- a. Executive Director Herb McSpadden presented on donor development and how to get better at asking. He described 3 things that will help retain donors and turn them into long term supporters.

5. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report

- a. Darla Cheek presented the January 2026 financials.

- b. A motion to approve the January 2026 financials was made by Brenda Rose. A second was made by Wendy Swatek.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

i. A committee will be developed to review and present OAYS Policy and Bylaw changes to the board for vote.

ii. Clusters were encouraged to continue meeting and networking to discuss successes and challenges.

7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

- ii. Peer Review Submitted for (1) Moore Youth & Family Services and (2) Leflore County Youth Services. Motion made to accept by Herb McSpadden. Second by Courtney Dukes.
The motion passed unanimously.

8. Executive Session

- i. Motion and vote to enter into Executive Session as authorized by the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Policy and Procedures

Motion Made By: Wendy Swatek

Second By: Yolanda Cummings

- ii. Motion and vote to return to Open Session

Motion Made By: Darla Cheek

Second By: Courtney Dukes

9. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

No new business.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
March 4, 2026
Immediately Following
The Membership Meeting
Scheduled for
10:00 a.m.
That Same Day**

**The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits
701 N Lindsay Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73104**

A meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. The meeting can be virtually accessed by joining the following Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85805131240>

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2026
4. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
8. Adjourn



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
February 4, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

A virtual meeting was held for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests.

The meeting was called to order by President Kody Suanny at 10:03 am.

Guests in attendance- Jennifer Francis from OJA. She shared her new titles as Deputy Chief of Operations.

2. Roll call/establish quorum

- a. Kody Suanny, Courtney Dukes, Kerrie Mathews, Darla Cheek, Herb McSpadden, Brenda Rose, Jana Emerson, Yolanda Cummings, Shanna Rice, and Wendy Swatek were present.

Quorum Established

3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2026

- a. Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2026.

Motion made by Courtney Dukes. Second by Brenda Rose.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Agency Highlight: Rogers County

- a. Executive Director Herb McSpadden presented on donor development and how to get better at asking. He described 3 things that will help retain donors and turn them into long term supporters.

5. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report

- a. Darla Cheek presented the January 2026 financials.

- b. A motion to approve the January 2026 financials was made by Brenda Rose. A second was made by Wendy Swatek.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

i. A committee will be developed to review and present OAYS Policy and Bylaw changes to the board for vote.

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The motion passed unanimously.

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Motion Made By: Darla Cheek

Second By: Courtney Dukes

9. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

No new business.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am



**The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services
Board of Directors and Membership Meetings**

April 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Membership Meeting Immediately Following

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85805131240>

A virtual meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
April 1, 2026
10:00 a.m.

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2026
4. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
8. Adjourn



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
March 4, 2026
10:00 a.m.

A virtual meeting was held for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests.
No guests present.

2. Roll call/establish quorum

- a. Kody Suanny, Courtney Dukes, Kerrie Mathews, Darla Cheek, Herb McSpadden, Brenda Rose, Jana Emerson, Yolanda Cummings, and Wendy Swatek were present. Shanna Rice was absent.

Quorum Established

3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2026

- a. Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2026.
Motion made by Darla Cheek. Second by Yolanda Cummings.

The motion passed.

4. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report

- a. Current financials were presented and reviewed.
- b. A motion to approve the current financials was made by Brenda Rose. A second was made by Janna Emerson.

The motion passed.

5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

Kody gave a report during the membership meeting. No new updates.

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

- i. Peter Messiah reported on his work with YFS boards and agencies that requested assistance with website updates and enhancement.
- ii. Peer Review Submitted for (1) Shawnee YS (2) Norman YS
Motion made to accept by Courtney Dukes. Second by Janna Emerson.

The motion passed.

7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

No new business.

8. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 11:28 am



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Membership Meeting Agenda
April 1, 2026**

Immediately Following

The Board of Directors Meeting Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. that Same Day

A meeting has been scheduled for the Membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. The meeting can be virtually accessed by joining the following Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the February 4, 2025, Membership Meeting minutes
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - i. Discussion Regarding SB1570
 - c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
 - d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
 - e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
 - f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - i. Central
 - ii. Northwest
 - iii. Northeast
 - iv. Southeast
 - v. Southwest

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
8. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
9. Adjourn



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services,
Inc.**

**Membership Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2026**

A hybrid Membership Meeting was held for the membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and was being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.

1. Call to order and introduction of guests

- a. The meeting was called to order by Kody Suanny at 10:01 a.m.
Guests present were Katy Fever, OJA Legislative Liaison and Jennifer Francis, OJA Deputy Chief of Operations

2. Roll call/establish quorum.

- a. 27 members present.

Quorum Established

3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the February 4, 2026 Membership Meeting minutes

- a. Courtney Dukes made a motion to approve the Membership Meeting minutes from February 4, 2026. Yolanda Cummings second.

Motion passed.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report

Continuing to work in conjunction with the Legislative Committee.

- b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
John Schneider reported that the legislative and strategic development committee continue to work together. Time was taken for membership to discuss bills to follow, ways to strengthen collaboration, and be seen as leaders in prevention work.

- c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
Continuing to work on the training schedule for all YSA's.

- d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
Last Counselor call offered 2 CEU's through online training and the committee is looking to expand for more opportunities.

- e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
Shelters discussed Safe Places, DHS workers, and gave feedback over updated hotline process.

- f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - i. Central - rates discussion, survey questions and set next meeting
 - ii. Northwest - completion of survey, Senate Bills, and agency updates

- iii. Northeast - Met in Vinita, discussed the survey and collaboration
- iv. Southeast - discussed OAYS ED upcoming evaluation
- v. Southwest - fundraising events, impact of clients success, and ARPA project completion dates

5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Coordinator Report

- i. Nomination of Officers (Executive Committee and Cluster Reps)
- ii. No additional nominations were made and the slate of officers presented were as follows:

Past President-Kody Suanny, **President**- Courtney Dukes, **Vice President** - Jim Harris, **Secretary** - Kerrie Mathews, **Treasurer** - Shanna Rice, **SE Cluster Rep**- Yolanda Cummings, **Central Cluster Rep**- Amara Letts, **SW Cluster Rep**-Mindy Bellack, **NE Cluster Rep**-Jana Emerson, **NW Cluster Rep** - Brenda Rose
Motion made by John Schnieder to accept the slate as presented. Second by Sheila. **Motion Passed**

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report.

Kody Suanny reported there are four months left in the OJA contract and how times are busy with agencies and accreditations. She reminded everyone to send any training requests for the June Annual Meeting.

7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report.

Peter Messiah took the time to thank the past board and welcome the new FY27 board members. He reported on the upcoming June Annual meeting.

8. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

Amara Letts made the suggestion for a data and outcomes committee.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am



A virtual meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.

The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Board of Directors Meeting

May 6, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Membership Meeting Immediately Following

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85805131240>



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
May 6, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

Membership Meeting Immediately Following

A virtual meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. The meeting can be virtually accessed by joining the following Zoom link:

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2026
4. Agency Highlight: Youth and Family Services, Inc. El Reno
5. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
 - a. Peer Review Recommendations
 - i. Ada
 - ii. Okmulgee
 - iii. McAlester
 - iv. Sapulpa
 - v. Alva
 - b. Michael Mitchell, Co-Founder and CEO of the Fundraising Academy, leading a focused session on strengthening funding requests.
8. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
9. Adjourn



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
April 1, 2026
10:00 a.m.

A virtual meeting was held for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests.
 - a. Meeting called to order at 10:02am
 - b. Guests: Jane Silovsky is a licensed psychologist with Oklahoma Children's OU Health who specializes in helping children and families affected by trauma. She spoke about an opportunity for rural Oklahoma elementary schools to receive a developmentally appropriate sexual abuse prevention education program.
 - c. Guest: Jennifer Frances, Office of Juvenile Affairs who shared OJA will be reviewing current curriculums and would like input and feedback from youth services.

2. Roll call/establish quorum
 - a. Kody Suanny, Courtney Dukes, Kerrie Mathews, Darla Cheek, Herb McSpadden, Brenda Rose, Jana Emerson, Yolanda Cummings, and Shanna Rice were present. Wendy Swatek was absent.
Quorum Established

3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2026.
 - a. A motion was made to approve the board meeting minutes from March by Courtney Dukes and second was made by Herb McSpadden.
Shanna Rice Abstained - **The motion passed.**

4. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
 - a. Peter Messiah reported recent fraud on the bank account.
 - b. Motion was made to move part of current funds to Bank of America for extra security by Courtney Dukes and Second made by Yolanda Cummings. **The motion passed.**
 - c. A motion to approve the financials as presented was made by Herb McSpadden and second made by Brenda Rose.
The motion passed.

5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
 - a. Kody Suanny will give a report during the membership meeting to directly follow the board meeting.

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

- a. Peer Reviews submitted for approval:
 - 1. Multi-County Youth Services Center - Clinton
 - 2. Youth Services - Tulsa
 - 3. ROCMND Area Youth Services - Vinita
 - 4. Frontline Family Solutions - Pauls Valley / Newcastle
 - 5. Tulsa Street School
 - 6. Youth & Family Services for Hughes / Seminole Counties
 - 7. Youth and Family Services, Inc. - El Reno
 - 8. Rogers County Youth Services - Claremore
 - 9. NOYS - Ponca City
 - 10. People Inc. - Salisaw
 - 11. MCCOYS - Muskogee
 - 12. Great Plains Youth and Family Services - Hobart

Motion made to accept peer reviews by Brenda Rose and second made by Shanna Rice.

The motion passed.

7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

No new business.

8. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Membership Meeting Agenda
Immediately Following
the Board of Director's Meeting
Scheduled for May 6, 2026
At 10:00 a.m.
That Same Day**

A virtual meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. The meeting can be virtually accessed by joining the following Zoom link:

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion or possible action to approve Membership Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2026
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
 - d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
 - e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
 - f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - i. Central
 - ii. Northwest
 - iii. Northeast
 - iv. Southeast

v. Southwest

5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
8. Adjourn



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Membership Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2026

A virtual Membership Meeting was held for the membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and was being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.

1. Call to order and introduction of guests

- a. The meeting was called to order by Kody Suanny at 10:30 a.m.
No Guests present

2. Roll call/establish quorum.

- a. 24 members present.

Quorum Established

3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the March 4, 2026 Membership Meeting minutes.

- a. Courtney Dukes made a motion to approve the Membership Meeting minutes from March 4, 2026. Yolanda Cummings second. Chickasha and Sapulpa abstained.

Motion passed.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
Surveys sent out to support the legislative committee and need every YS Agencies to complete and send back for data collection.
- b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
Peter Messiah reported on SB 1570 and progress passing through legislation.
- c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
Sheila S. reported on curriculum discussions and asked for suggestions on any curriculums from YSAs.
Program committee meets last Tuesday of each month
- d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
Shanna Rice reported that the training on the Science of Addiction is almost complete. Reminded the opportunity each month for Free Training CEUs.
- e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
No meeting this month.
- f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - i. Central - Nothing to report
 - ii. Northwest - Nothing to report

- iii. Northeast - Met in Bartlesville and discussed the funding formula and remaining OJA funding not used for the fiscal year.
- iv. Southeast - Nothing to report
- v. Southwest - Met and completed the ED evaluation survey.

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report.

- a. Kody Suanny reminded everyone the importance of completing surveys to gather collective data.
- b. She reported on a meeting at the State Capital with legislators and OJA leadership.
- c. Congratulations was sent to all YSA members being recognized and receiving awards for the great work done in their communities with youth and families.

7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report.

- a. Peter Messiah spoke about networking with Legislators and a new curriculum for the FTOP program.
- b. He discussed the rate associated with the peer review process.
- c. He reported on the upcoming Annual Meeting June 3-4 at the Hard Rock in Catoosa. It's My Life Training will be on the agenda for those needing to be trained.

8. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

No new business

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am



The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services

Board of Directors and

June 3rd 4:00 p.m.

Hard Rock Hotel
777 W. Cherokee St.
Catoosa, Oklahoma
74015

Cherokee Salon A, B&C

A meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
June 3, 2026
4:00 p.m.**

Hard Rock Hotel
777 W. Cherokee St.
Catoosa, Oklahoma
74015

Multipurpose Room

A meeting has been scheduled for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. Both the agenda and minutes from this meeting will be available on the OAYS website (www.oays.org) following the meeting.

1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for May 6, 2026
4. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report
 - i. Financials
 - ii. Budget
5. Discussion and/or possible action regarding peer review items as needed
 - a. Youth and Family Services of Washington County, Inc. (Bartlesville)
 - b. Southwest Youth and Family Services, Inc. (Chickasha)
 - c. Mid-Del Youth and Family Center, Inc. (Midwest City/Del City)
 - d. Youth and Family Services on North Central Oklahoma, Inc. (Enid)
 - e. Counseling, Inc. (Tishomingo)
 - f. Payne County Youth Services, Inc. (Stillwater)
 - g. Tri-City Youth and Family Center, Inc. (Choctaw)
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed for the FY2027 Board and Membership Meeting Calendar
7. Discussion or possible action to sign the FY2027 TSET Successful Futures Contract Agreement
8. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

9. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

10. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda

11. Adjourn



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
May 6, 2026
10:00 a.m.

A virtual meeting was held for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

1. Call to order and introduction of guests.

The meeting was called to order by President Kody Suanny at 10:03 am.

Guests in attendance:

- a. Jennifer Francic, Deputy Chief of Operations or OJA. She explained the reallocation letter that was sent to many youth service agencies. She also announced that Shel Millington was confirmed as the Executive Director at OJA.
- b. Scott Greenland, Program Manager, Rogers County & City of Claremore Opioid Abatement Project and Managing Consultant, SOAR Partners. LLC - he presented on the availability of the Opioid Abatement Grant from the OAG that would allow prevention in schools.

2. Roll call/establish quorum

- a. Kody Suanny, Courtney Dukes, Kerrie Mathews, Darla Cheek, Herb McSpadden, Brenda Rose, Jana Emerson, Yolanda Cummings, Shanna Rice, and Wendy Swatek were present.

Quorum Established

3. Discussion or possible action to approve Board Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2026

- a. Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2026.
Motion made by Darla Cheek. Second by Yolanda Cummings..

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Agency Highlight: Youth and Family Services, Inc. El Reno

- a. Executive Director John Schnieder reported on progress and growth over the past 3 years to include Work Ready, YFS Dads, and the addition of a gym with classrooms and a teaching kitchen.

5. Discussion or possible action regarding the Treasurer's Report

- a. Darla Cheek presented the financials.
- b. A motion to approve the financials was made by Herb McSpadden. A second was made by Yolanda Cummings.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report

- a. The evaluation for Peter Messiah, ED of OAYS will be completed by the end of May.

- b. Kody explained how the diversification of OAYS funding sources is appreciated so OAYS can have continued success.

7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report

Peer Review Recommendations:

- I. Ada
- ii. Okmulgee
- lii. McAlester
- iv. Sapulpa
- v. Alva

Motion made by Herb McSpadden to accept peer review recommendations. Second by Yolanda Cummings.

8. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
No new business.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 am

FY2027 Board and Membership Meetings

Recommended Calendar (July 2026 – June 2027)

Month	Board Meeting Date	Time	Membership Meeting	Format	In-Person Location
July 2026	No meeting	—	—	—	—
August 2026	Wed, Aug 5, 2026	10:00 a.m.	—	Virtual	—
September 2026	Wed, Sep 2, 2026	10:00 a.m.	—	Virtual	—
October 2026	Wed, Oct 7, 2026 (Day 1) Thu, Oct 8, 2026 (Day 2)	10:00 a.m.	Yes (follows board)	In-Person, 2-day	TBD
November 2026	Wed, Nov 4, 2026	10:00 a.m.	—	Virtual	—
December 2026	Wed, Dec 2, 2026	10:00 a.m.	Yes (follows board)	Virtual	—
January 2027	Wed, Jan 6, 2027	10:00 a.m.	—	Virtual	—
February 2027	Wed, Feb 3, 2027	10:00 a.m.	Yes (follows board)	Virtual	—
March 2027	Wed, Mar 3, 2027	10:00 a.m.	Yes (follows board)	Virtual	—
April 2027	Wed, Apr 7, 2027 (Day 1) Thu, Apr 8, 2027 (Day 2)	10:00 a.m.	Yes (follows board)	In-Person, 2-day	TBD
May 2027	Wed, May 5, 2027	10:00 a.m.	Yes (follows board)	Virtual	—
June 2027	Wed, Jun 2, 2027	10:00 a.m.	Yes (follows board)	Virtual	—

Board meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, excluding July.



**Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.
Membership Meeting Agenda
June 3, 2026**

Immediately Following

The Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Board of Directors' Meeting Scheduled for 4:00 p.m. that same day

Hard Rock Hotel
777 W. Cherokee St.
Catoosa, Oklahoma
74015

Multipurpose Room

A meeting has been scheduled for the Membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws. Both the agenda and minutes from this meeting will be available on the OAYS website (www.oays.org) following the meeting.

1. Call to order and introduction of guests
2. Roll call/establish quorum
3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the May 6, 2026, Membership Meeting Minutes
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
 - c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
 - d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
 - e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
 - f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - i. Central
 - ii. Northwest
 - iii. Northeast
 - iv. Southeast

v. Southwest

5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report
6. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report
7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
8. Adjourn



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2026

Immediately following the Board of Director's Meeting-Same day

A virtual Membership Meeting was held for the membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and was being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.

1. Call to order and introduction of guests
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Kody Suanny at 11:07 a.m.
No Guests present
2. Roll call/establish quorum.
 - a. 24 members present.
Quorum Established
3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve the April 1, 2026 Membership Meeting minutes.
 - a. Brenda made a motion to approve the Membership Meeting minutes from April 1, 2026. Courtney Dukes second. Chickasha and Sapulpa abstained.
Motion passed.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion or possible action regarding the Strategic Development Committee Report
Herb McSpadden will be stepping down as chair of Strategic Development Committee.
 - b. Discussion or possible action regarding the Legislative Committee Report
John Schnieder gave updates on bills in session and meeting with OJA, DHS Leadership and Representative Lawson.
 - c. Discussion or possible action regarding the Programs Committee Report
Sheila Stinnet gave information about the annual meeting , upcoming surveys, and possibility of moving to quarterly meetings.
 - d. Discussion or possible action regarding the Counselor Call Report
Shanna Rice reported that the training on Addiction has concluded with 3 CEUs
 - e. Discussion or possible action regarding the Shelter Committee Report
Yolanda Cummings spoke about recreation activities in shelters.

- f. Discussion or possible action regarding the Cluster Committee Report
 - i. Central - no report
 - ii. Northwest - no report
 - iii. Northeast - no report
 - iv. Southeast - met and spoke about annual reports, summer camps and funding availability
 - v. Southwest - no report

5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report.

- a. Kody Suanny spoke about May being Mental Health Month and supports for families and upcoming Summer Camps
- b. She praised Peter and David for visiting all the Youth Service Agencies.

6.. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report.

- a. Petter Messiah spoke about the upcoming Annual June Meeting and the learning opportunities.
- b. Reported a New ED has been hired for Tishamingo.
- c. He continues to provide technical support at Olkmulge.

7. New business not known at the time of posting this agenda
No new business

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am