

**CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**April 25, 2023**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

The **April 25, 2023** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **April 25, 2023** in Temple, Texas at **6:15 PM**.

The following members of the Board, CCS Staff and Guests were present:

Board of Trustees Hybrid Meeting:

Ms. Felicia Inman - Present  
Mr. Ray Ashby – Present  
Ms. Rita Kelley - Present  
Mr. Steven Wick - Present  
Dr. Louella Tate – Present  
Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins- Present  
Sheriff Jesus Ramos - Present

Absent:

Judge James Lively  
Ms. Virgie Hardeman

Guests:

Claire Cate – Central Counties Service  
Celia Sellers – HD 59 – For Representative Shelby Slawson  
Tommy Nelson – Auditor - Scott, Singleton, Fincher & Company

Center Attorney:

Mr. Jack Tarver –Present

Staff:

Johnnie Wardell, Executive Director - Present  
Kelli Sames, Director of Human Resources - Present  
Joanne Cosper, Director of Information Services - Present  
DeWayne HaGans, Chief Financial Officer - Present  
Julie Fielder, Director of Early Childhood Intervention Services - Present  
James Arnold, Director of Behavioral Health – Present  
Darla Hogan – Director of Information Technology – Present  
Andrea Erskine – Director of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - Present  
Barbara Theilen, Executive Assistant II – Present

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Felicia Inman, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, at 6:15 PM by a Regular Session.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**1. Introduction of Guests**

Claire Cate's retirement recognition. Kelli Sames, James Arnold, Johnnie Wardell and Celia Sellers spoke for Claire's retirement recognition. Claire Cate thanked everyone for honoring her at the Board Meeting.

**2. Review of Board Calendar**

Board Chairman Ray Ashby announced we would like everyone to begin meeting in person starting in May at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting. A light meal will be provided. We would like to have every member attend in person at least once per quarter.

**3. Approval of March 28, 2023 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes**

*Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins moved for approval of the **March 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes** as submitted **Rita Kelley** seconded. **All were in favor.** The motion carried.*

**4. Executive Summary- Center Happenings**

Johnnie Wardell shared the Executive Summary - Center Happenings and answered questions from the Board.

**B. Citizen Comments**

a. None

**C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Medical Committee-Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins – Dr. Avots shared the medical report and answered questions from the Board.
2. Personnel Committee- Rita Kelley – No report
3. Finance Committee - James Lively - Absent
4. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee - Steve Wick – Johnnie Wardell updated the Board on the wheel chair ramp renovation project at Temple Main.

**D. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

1. ACTION ITEMS:

a. None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

a. None

**E. FISCAL MATTERS**

1. ACTION ITEMS

- a. FY 22, Fiscal Audit – Mr. Tommy Nelson reviewed the FY22 Fiscal Audit report highlighting the financial position of the center, the compliance requirements and the 1 finding.

*Rita Kelley moved for approval of the FY 22, Fiscal Audit as submitted Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

**a. Monthly Financial Statements (March 2023)**

DeWayne Hagans reviewed the financial statements for March 2023, and answered questions from the Board.

**F. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Program Performance Reports**

Julie Fielder presented the FY23, Qtr. 2 ECI Performance Report. No questions

Andrea Erskine presented the FY23, Qtr. 2 IDD Performance Report. No questions.

James Arnold presented the FY23, Qtr. 2 BH Performance Report and answered questions from the Board.

**G. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session commenced at 7:28 pm to discuss deliberations of real property and ended at 7:52 pm.

**H. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Johnnie Wardell shared Barbara Theilen's Birthday with everyone, and that she received some updates at the ED consortium last week about the state budget process and bills that affect our service delivery system. Documents detailing these will be sent to all board members. We will be sending our annual letter to the Commissioners courts next week and will include that information.

**I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK**

**Rita Kelley:** This was a good meeting. I am excited to get everyone back in person for the meetings. Great job on the audit.

**Jack Tarver:** Good meeting. Sad to lose Claire Cate. She is such a wonderful asset.

**Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins:** Kudos to Claire for 40 years, and great audit report.

**Ray Ashby:** I agree with everything everyone has said. Awesome presentation for Claire. Great meeting. Everything is positive and I look forward to being back in person with everyone.

**Sheriff Jess Ramos:** Great presentation for Claire. Great meeting. Thank you all.

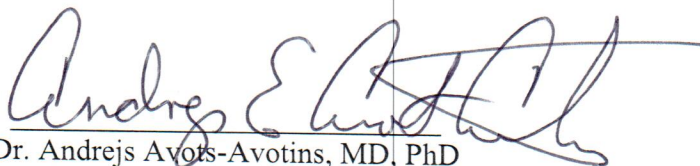
**Dr. Louella Tate:** Congratulations on 40 years for Claire. Great to hear we are in the top three for our Audit report. Keep up the great work.

**Felicia Inman:** I was pleased with the presentation for Claire. I hope a legacy of that same life passion will be available. Great job on everything presented. Thank you.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further official business, Felicia Inman adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:



Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins, MD, PhD  
Secretary

Board of Trustees  
CCCMHMR  
Recorded by:  
Barbara Theilen  
Executive Assistant II

**NOTE:** The reference material disseminated during the meeting will be archived with the official Minutes.