

CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
January 28, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

The **January 28, 2026** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **January 28, 2026** in Temple, Texas at **11:36am**.

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

Board of Trustees Hybrid Meeting:

Mr. Ray Ashby – Present
Mr. Steve Wick – Present
Judge David Blackburn – Present
Sheriff Bill Cooke - Present
Ms. Virgie Hardeman – Present
Ms. Anne Jackson – Present
Ms. Jane Jeffries – Present
Judge James Lively – Present
Deputy Sam Ferguson – Present

Absent:

Ms. Felicia Inman – Absent

Guests:

Kayla Marsh and Dan Barron with Forvis Mazars – FY2025 Auditors
Melissa Lynch, CPA, PLLC

Center Attorney:

Mr. Jack Tarver – Present

Staff:

Johnnie Wardell, Executive Director – Present
Joanne Cosper – Deputy Director - Present
Leigh Miller, Chief Financial Officer – Present
Kelli Sames, Director of human Resources - Present
Rebecca Wagner, Director of Early Childhood Intervention – Present
Andrea Erskine, Director of Intellectual and Developmental Delays – Present
James Arnold, Director of Behavioral Health - Present
Darla Hogan, Director of Information Services – Present
Barbara Theilen, Executive Assistant II – Present

A. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Ray Ashby, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at 11:36 AM by a Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

1) Introduction of Guests:

Kayla Marsh and Dan Barron introduced themselves for the FY2025 Fiscal Audit presentation.

2) Review of Board Calendar – Meeting Schedule

No comments.

3) Approval of December 9, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

*David Blackburn moved for approval of the **December 9, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes** as submitted, **Jane Jeffries** seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

4) Approval of FY2025 Fiscal Audit

Kayla Marsh and Dan Barron presented the FY2025 Fiscal Audit, and answered questions from the Board.

*Virgie Hardeman moved for approval of the **FY2025 Fiscal Audit** as submitted, **Jane Jeffries** seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

5) Approval of Amended ByLaws

Johnnie Wardell shared details about the Amended ByLaws. No comments from the board

*Jane Jeffries moved for approval of the **Amended ByLaws** as submitted, **David Blackburn** seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

6) Approval of Contract Negotiation for Construction Management at Risk – Temple Permanent Supportive Housing Apartments

Johnnie Wardell shared details of the project, and requested approval to engage in contract negotiations with the CMAR RFQ respondent that submits the best value cost proposal. We requested cost proposals from both qualified respondents.

*James Lively moved for approval of the **Contract Negotiation for Construction Management at Risk – Temple Permanent Supportive Housing Apartments** as submitted, **Jane Jeffries** seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

7) Approval of Medical Policies

Dr. Baker shared details of the revised Medical Policies. No questions from the Board.

*Jane Jeffries moved for approval of the **Medical Policies** as submitted, **James Lively** seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

8) Ratification of the Amended Inter-Local Agreements with Texas Council Risk Management Fund

Johnnie Wardell shared details of the amendment to the Inter-Local Agreement with Texas Council Risk Management Fund. No questions from the Board.

*Jane Jeffries moved for approval of the **Ratification of the Amended Inter-Local Agreements with Texas Council Risk Management Fund** as submitted, **David Blackburn** seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

9) Executive Summary – Center Happenings

Johnnie Wardell shared the Executive Summary, and answered questions from the Board.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel Committee- James Lively – No report
2. Finance Committee – Ray Ashby – No report
3. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee - Steve Wick – No report

D. PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS:

None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

None

E. FISCAL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of FY2026, Qtr. 1 Financial Report – Form G
Leigh Miller presented the FY2026, Qtr. 1 Financial Statement – Form G. No questions from the Board.

Virgie Hardeman moved for approval of the FY2026, Qtr. 1 Financial Report – Form G as submitted, Anne Jackson seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

- b. Approval of FY2026, Qtr. 1 Investment Report
Leigh Miller resented the FY 2026, Qtr. 1 Investment report. No questions from the Board.

David Blackburn moved for approval of the FY2026, Qtr. 1 Investment Report as submitted, Jane Jeffries seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried

- c. Approval of Budget Adjustment: Bell County Navigators
Leigh Miller presented the Budget Adjustment for the IDD Employment Navigators additional funding of \$93,576.18. No questions from the Board.

Jane Jeffries moved for approval of the Budget Adjustment as submitted, Anne Jackson seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

a. Monthly Financial Statement – December 2025

Johnnie Wardell commented that after careful consideration, the December financials were not ready due to time constraints of completing the FY25 Fiscal Audit for Board Approval by the Required 1-31-2026 due date. The financials will be shared at the March 25, 2026 Board meeting

F. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. FY2026, Qtr. 1 Program Performance Reports

a. Early Childhood Intervention

Rebecca Wagener presented the Early Childhood Intervention report. No questions from the Board

b. Intellectual and Developmental Delays

Andrea Erskine presented the Intellectual and Developmental Delays report, and answered questions from the Board.

c. Behavioral Health

James Arnold commented that Behavioral Health data was incomplete due to State system & metric changes. We will postpone the report to the March meeting.

2. Texas Council of Community Centers Board Update

David Blackburn reported that the Texas Council decided to change their Board meeting cadence to occur on Friday's, instead of Saturday. This would allow the Day at the Capitol meetings to occur on Thursday afternoon.

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Johnnie Wardell thanked everyone for all of their work on the Audit. Thank you for making adjustments to make this meeting happen.

H. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK

Ray Ashby: Thank you to everyone for the audit report, and thank you to everyone for helping getting our meeting done.

Bill Cooke: Thank you very much for everything you do.

James Lively: Great meeting as always. Great audit report.

Jane Jeffries: I am always impressed with the work of the center, and all of the people who work so hard to maintain the services for our people. I am glad that everyone is healthy and that no one was injured in the storm.

David Blackburn: I appreciate everybody's time and certainly Johnnie and her staff for the work they do to put all of this together. I am very appreciative of our new meeting schedule.

Virgie Hardeman: Good report for the audit, and great news for the additional funding for IDD. Thank you everyone.

Anne Jackson: I appreciate the efficiency of the meeting. I am excited about the new project mentioned in Johnnie's executive summary. I am glad that this entity is collaborating with other community partners to make them happen.

Steve Wick: I am very impressed with the IDD report. Congratulations to Miss Erskine and her staff.

Jack Tarver: All the reports today were great. The audit report was impressive and well presented.

Sam Ferguson: I wanted to comment that when you are ready to set up interviews for the Milam county social worker position, we are ready for a date and we will set those up.

I. ADJOURNEMENT:

There being no further official business, Ray Ashby adjourned the meeting at 1:07 pm.

SUBMITTED BY:



Miss Virgie Hardeman
Secretary

Board of Trustees
Central Counties Services
Recorded by:
Barbara Theilen
Executive Assistant II

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