

CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
May 27, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

The **May 27, 2026** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **May 27, 2026** in Temple, Texas at **11:30am**.

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

Board of Trustees Hybrid Meeting:

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

Guests:

Anita Thompson – USI Insurance Services
Ivan Dixon – Enterprise Fleet Management
Danielle Mooshagian – Enterprise Fleet Management

Center Attorney:

Mr. Jack Tarver – Present

Staff:

Johnnie Wardell, Executive Director – Present
Joanne Cospers – Deputy Director - 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
Doug Wells, Quality Management Manager – Present
Jonathan Baker, Maintenance Supervisor - 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 11:32 AM by a Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

1) Introduction of Guests:

Ray Ashby introduced the guests for the Enterprise Fleet Management presentation, and the Award for Employee Benefits Insurance Broker & Consulting Services action item.

2) Review of Board Calendar – Meeting Schedule

No comments.

3) Approval of March 25, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

James Lively moved for approval of the March 25, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted, David Blackburn seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

4) Enterprise Fleet Management Presentation

Johnnie Wardell provided an introduction and synopsis of the fleet management presentation. Ivan Dixon and Danielle Mooshagian presented the Enterprise Fleet Management presentation. Both Ivan and Danielle addressed and answered questions from the Board.

5) 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 – Personnel committee met about the executive director's evaluation form. We are sending the form to all board members on June 15 with a 2-week turnaround to complete. Decision on July agenda in executive session.
2. Finance Committee – Ray Ashby – No report
3. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee – No Report

D. PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS:

Kelli Sames shared details of the Approval of RFP Award for Employee Benefits Broker and Consulting Services & Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract. Kelli Sames, Johnnie Wardell and Anita Thompson answered questions from the Board.

Virgie Hardeman moved for approval of RFP Award for Employee Benefits Broker and Consulting Services & authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract as submitted, Anne Jackson seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

None

E. FISCAL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS

None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

a. Monthly Financial Statement – April 2026

Leigh Miller presented the financial statement ending April 2026. No questions from the Board.

F. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Texas Council of Community Centers Report to the Board – David Blackburn shared details of the Texas Council of Community Centers report “What Every Board Member Should Be Talking About Back Home” and encouraged all Board Members to review the report that is included in the Board Packet.

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Johnnie Wardell congratulated Ray Ashby for his election as Coryell County Commissioner, Precinct 4, and announced Linda Browns retirement after 34 years of dedicated service to the Center.

H. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK

Ray Ashby: Thank you Johnnie and Judge Blackburn representing the Center in Austin and meeting with state representatives. Congratulations to Linda on her retirement.

Bill Cooke: I interact with Johnnie and CCS Staff on a regular basis. I want to thank Johnnie and her staff for all they do for the Bell County jail and individuals with mental health.

Sam Ferguson: I would like to know if the security door at Copperas Cove facility has been included in the renovation plans. Johnnie Wardell assured that security plans are being considered.

David Blackburn: I appreciate everyone's time today and the reports. I believe meeting with state representatives makes a positive impact for our services.

Virgie Hardeman: Good meeting as always. Congratulations to Miss Brown on her retirement. Thank you for the representation in Austin. Thank you for the fleet report.

Jane Jeffries: I learn new stuff in every meeting. Johnnie and staff do such a wonderful job, I appreciate everything you do. I look forward to being of service any way I can.

Felicia Inman: Thank you for the clear overview and thoughtful discussion today. I appreciate the focus on long-term fleet planning, safety improvements, and the continued emphasis on transparency around costs and savings. Congratulations to Commissioner Ashby.

James Lively & Anne Jackson: Left meeting at 1:00pm to attend other obligations.

Jack Tarver: Congratulations to Linda on her retirement. Great meeting today.

I. ADJOURNEMENT:

There being no further official business, Ray Ashby adjourned the meeting at 1:12 pm.

S U B M I T E D B Y:

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
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