



Muscogee County Division of Family and Children Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/24/2026

Location: 2100 Comer Avenue, Columbus GA 31904

Call to Order

N/A

Attendees/Participants

Mrs. Gwendolyn McIntosh

Tonika Wadley

Klissa Maddox

Review/Approval of minutes from last meeting(s) Official meeting was not held due to low participation.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

- Clark's Christmas for children in foster care began preparation in September. Will receive further information when toys are available for pick up. Local church has also agreed to sponsor children in foster care in Muscogee County.
- Annual law enforcement meet and greet will be held Friday Sept 25 at 10:00 at the Muscogee DFCS office.
- **"A Home for Every Child"** – A new initiative to ensure that there is a placement for every child. This is another opportunity to serve the needs of our kids. We don't just want a home for our kids but the right home for every child. This is being used to strengthen foster care services. We are in the beginning stages of this program determining how it will be implemented in GA.
- Board training- only received Melvin. Need training certificates from all other board members.
- **Trump Accounts** – The state of Georgia has opted into the Fostering the Future Accounts program that came from President Trump's "One big, beautiful bill". We are working to establish Trump Accounts for eligible youth in care, with a specific focus on children who are receiving survivor benefits due to a deceased parent and those born between 2025 and 2028.

Financial report (will update the budget next fiscal year- funds have already been allocated for this year) Current funds remaining: \$44,802

Next Board meeting will be November 19, 2026 at 4:30 p.m at the Muscogee County DFCS office.

Board County Secretary
Tonika Wadley Director
Muscogee County DFCS

Board Chairperson
Jennifer Melvin
Muscogee County DFCS

