



**Muscogee County Division of Family and Children Services Board Meeting
Minutes**

April 21, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.

Location: 2100 Comer Avenue, Columbus GA 31904

Call to Order

The Muscogee County Georgia Division of Family and Children Services Board Meeting was held on April 21, 2022 via Microsoft Teams.

Attendees/Participants

Dr. Darlene Smalls participated in the meeting.

Members -- Jennifer Melvin, Tolua Pailo and Dr. Johnny Flakes were not in attendance.

Georgia Division of Family and Children Services staff in attendance -- was Muscogee County Director Tonika Wadley. The Administrative Assistant - Chris Nunn was not in attendance.

Review/Approval of minutes from last meeting(s) All details of the March 2022 Board meeting were provided to each Board member via email.

Old Business

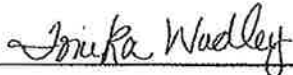
There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

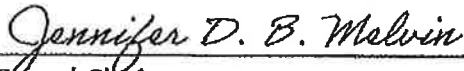
- As a recognition for Child Abuse Prevention Month the staff had a Spring Fling. Chattahoochee, Marion, Taylor, Talbot, Harris Counties joined in the celebration. The event was a success.
- May is recognized as Foster Parent Appreciation Month. The specific events will be announced later.
- A Foster Parent recruitment event was held on April 30th at Muscogee Co. DFCS. The event was meant to recruit foster parents, specifically for our teens and sibling groups. Many active foster parents and community partners came out.

- State employees received the \$5000 pay Increase on April 1st. The increase was effective July 2021. Employees also received a one time back pay from July 2021-March 2022 in the amount of \$3750.
- Muscogee DFCS will have a Back to School event for our CPS families (100 children grades K-8) and youth in care. Backpacks with school supplies will be given out. Hope to secure an ice cream vendor for the event.

Next Board meeting will be May 19th at 1:00 via Microsoft Teams.



Board County Secretary
Tonika Wadley Director
Muscogee County DFCS



Board Chairperson
Jennifer Melvin
Muscogee County DFCS