

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY

Minutes of the Meeting

April 6, 2026

9:00 A.M., SHR 2

Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here:

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Members Present:

Senator Carine Werner, Co-Chair

Senator Hildy Angius

Senator Theresa Hatathlie

Representative Selina Bliss, Co-Chair

Representative Walt Blackman

Representative Sarah Liguori

Staff:

Michael Madden, Senate Research Analyst

Makenna Schouten, Senate Research Intern

Ahjahna Graham, House Research Analyst

Logan Kilbey, House Research Intern

Co-Chair Werner called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and attendance was noted.

Senator Werner offered comments and distributed a letter from the San Carlos Apache Tribe (Attachment A) and a document entitled 13-3620 - Duty to report abuse, physical injury, neglect and denial or deprivation of medical or surgical care or nourishment of minors; medical records; exception; violation; classification; definitions (Attachment B).

PRESENTATIONS

Department of Child Safety

Kathryn Ptak, Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS), distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Legislative Oversight Committee Hearing" (Attachment C). Ms. Ptak answered questions posed by the Committee.

Casey Family Programs

Malcolm Hightower, Casey Family Programs, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Improving Child Welfare Outcomes for Children and Families" (Attachment D) Mr. Hightower answered questions posed by the Committee.

Collaborative Safety

Casey Melsek, Collaborative Safety, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Transforming Culture | Together" (Attachment E). Ms. Melsek answered questions posed by the Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Committee offered comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus Williams
Committee Secretary

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