



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**JUVENILE COURT ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**  
**COMMITTEE ROOM A – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**12:00 PM**

**Committee Members:**

**The Honorable Ronald Adrine, Chair**  
**Jennifer Blumhagen Yarham, Vice Chair**  
**The Honorable Robert McClelland**  
**Bridget Gibbons**  
**Marvin Cross**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 21, 2024 MEETING**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a) Presentation regarding Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program
  - b) Presentation from Office of the Public Defender
- 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
JUVENILE COURT ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024  
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER  
JUDICIAL CONFERENCE ROOM – 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
2:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Adrine called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.**

**Chair Adrine then thanked Juvenile Court for attending the meeting and provided an overview of the Committee and upcoming activities.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Chair Adrine asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Adrine, Yarham, Gibbons, McClelland and Cross were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**The following Judges and staff were also present from Juvenile Court:**

**The Honorable Thomas O'Malley, Administrative Judge  
The Honorable Judge Kristin Sweeney  
The Honorable Judge Jennifer O'Malley  
The Honorable Judge Nicholas Celebrezze  
The Honorable Judge Anne McDonough  
Mr. Timothy McDevitt, Juvenile Court Administrator**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ms. Nikita Stange addressed the Committee regarding the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program.**

**Ms. Leah Winsberg addressed the Committee regarding recommendations sent to the Committee from the Office of the Public Defender.**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 28, 2024 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Cross, seconded by Ms. Yarham and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2024 meeting.**

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion regarding format of final report

**Ms. Gibbons stated that the Committee is currently compiling information from the previous meetings, and it will be available on the County's website. The final report will list issues and topics discussed at the Subcommittee meetings as well as recommendations from the public and other entities.**

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Conversation with members of Juvenile Court Bench

**Committee members asked the Court questions regarding meeting with Court staff, wraparound services, re-entry support, indigent counsel, bindovers, funding for programs and oversight of private youth centers. Discussion ensued.**

**The Judges recommended that the Committee speak with law enforcement officers in addition to meeting with Court staff. The Judges also discussed the various barriers facing juvenile offenders, the Re-entry docket, probation issues, gun violence, Marcy's law and Corrective Action Plans (CAP). Discussion ensued.**

**Chair Adrine thanked the Court for hosting the meeting and participating in the discussion.**

- b) Schedule additional interviews and meetings with other constituent groups & individuals

**Chair Adrine stated that additional meetings and interviews with constituent groups will be scheduled at another time.**

#### 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Judge McClelland with a second by Ms. Yarham, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m., without objection.**