

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 28, 2026 MEETING MINUTES**

Board Members		Board Members		Executive Team	
✓	Keith Malick, Chair		Traci Buckner	✓	Cassandra Holtzmann
✓	Patrick Bravo, Vice-Chair	✓	Anne Connell-Freund	✓	Darin Kearns
	GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary	✓	Beth Gracey	✓	Liz Mangon
	Anna Arvay		Megan Recker	✓	Sushi Moore
✓	Omar Banks	✓	Katie Stoyhoff	✓	Catherine Van Horne
✓	Kemp Boyd				

Staff Present: Dawn Boudrie, Tim Longworth, Tracy Mayfield, Laura Sasser, Deanna Shriver, Jennifer Snyder, JoAnn Dunson - Recording Secretary

Call to Order and Roll Call

- Chair Malick called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.
- Roll call was taken.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Chair Malick requested a motion to approve the March 26, 2026 meeting minutes.
- Ms. Connell-Freund moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Stoyhoff.
- All were in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment

- There were no requests for public comment this month.

Committee Reports

- **Rules Committee**
 - Committee Chair Banks reported that the committee met today.
 - Review of the Board Code of Regulations and Board policy and procedure revisions
- **Resources Committee**
 - Committee Chair Bravo reported that the committee met today
 - Chief Financial Officer (CFO)/Deputy Director Kearns presented the Financial Statement Report as of March 31, 2026.
 - There were no resolutions this month.

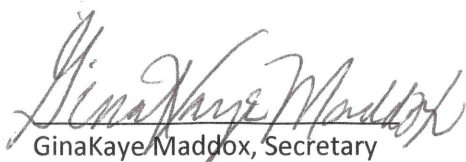
Executive Director's Report

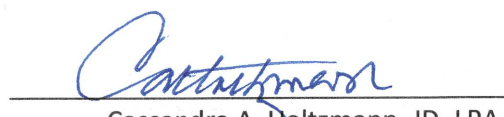
- Executive Director Holtzmann highlighted the following:
 - **Child Welfare & Operations**
 - Continued decrease in number of children in custody due to strong staff prevention efforts, kinship placements, and case necessity reviews.
 - Screening call volume increased to nearly 39%
 - Increase attributed to consistent internal staffing and decision-making.
 - Noted rising physical abuse cases related to discipline.
 - Recognition of Intake Department for significant improvement in completing investigations within 60 days.
 - March completion rate: 97%
 - Year-to-date: 94%

- **Older Youth & Independent Living**
 - 24 young adults aged 18+ remain in custody for various reasons
 - non-graduation, special needs, housing instability.
 - 179 youth ages 14+ eligible for independent living services.
 - Ongoing assessment of appropriate timelines for emancipation.
- **Property Tax Elimination Concerns**
 - Discussion regarding potential statewide elimination of property taxes and its severe impact on agency funding.
 - Nearly 60% of agency revenue comes from levy funds.
 - Early strategy discussions include:
 - Working with PCSAO and regional partners.
 - Lobbying for statutory changes (e.g., limiting delinquency-to-custody placements, redefining dependency).
 - Concern expressed regarding increasing viability of ballot initiative.
 - Emphasis on proactive planning and legislative engagement.
- **After-Hours and Prevention Work**
 - Second and third shift teams provide supplemental support and follow-up on screened-out calls.
 - School truancy and family support outreach being performed after hours.
- **Foster Care Recruitment and Support**
 - 63 new foster care inquiries received in the past month.
 - Efforts underway to improve follow-up and onboarding.
 - Foster Friendly Program in early development—business discounts for foster parents.
 - Collaboration with local faith communities for respite and support.
- **IT Department Recognition**
 - Noted contributions improving operational efficiencies.
 - Development of Adult Protective Services after-hours call queue in collaboration with Job and Family Services.
 - Legal review of agreements in progress.
- **Prevention Initiatives**
 - Family Success Network (Greenleaf) updates:
 - 130 referrals presented; 59 families served.
 - \$29,749 in support issued.
 - 40% successful case closure rate.
 - Two families became homeowners through program involvement.
 - Warm Line Pilot discussed
 - Aimed at helping families before formal agency involvement.

Adjournment

- Chair Malick requested a motion to adjourn.
- Mrs. Stoyhoff moved; seconded by Mr. Boyd.
- All were in favor and the motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.


 GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary
 Board of Trustees


 Cassandra A. Holtzmann, JD, LPA
 Executive Director