

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Jill Marano, Department of Family Services

Recommendation:

Appoint five qualified individuals to serve as members of the Department of Family Services Citizen’s Advisory Committee for three-year terms ending on January 1, 2027, from the list of the following applicants: Incumbents: Donna Smith (Foster and Adoptive Parents) and Dashaun Jackson (Youth with Foster Care Experience); and New Applicants: Brandon Ford (Child Welfare Advocate), Kimberly Abbott (Child Welfare Advocate), and Traci Nellis (General Public). (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	N/A	Fund Name:	N/A
Fund Center:	N/A	Funded PGM/Grant:	N/A
Amount:	N/A		
Description:	CAC Appointments		
Additional Comments:	N/A		

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Clark County Code 2.07.040, the Board of County Commissioners appoints eleven members to the Department of Family Services (DFS) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to offer opinions and recommendations concerning the facilities, services and resources provided by DFS. The eleven members represent the following groups: court appointed special advocate (1 member); foster and adoptive parent (1 member); local juvenile probation services (1 member); parent advocate (1 member); private provider of mental health care (1 member); Clark County School District (1 member); youth with foster care experience (1 member); general public (2 members); and child welfare advocates (2 members).

The eight vacant positions on the CAC are: two general public; two child welfare advocates; one foster and adoptive parents; one youth with foster care experience; one Court Appointed Special Advocate; and one Clark County School District. There are five applicants who are qualified individuals. Donna Smith, previously appointed to the CAC as a foster and adoptive parent member, has requested to be reappointed. Dashaun Jackson, previously served as youth with foster care experience member, has requested to be reappointed. Staff recommend that Donna Smith and Dashaun Jackson be re-appointed in the positions they previously held.

The other qualified individuals – Brandon Ford, Kimberly Abbott, and Traci Nellis – have submitted applications to be appointed to the CAC. Brandon Ford and Kimberly Abbott are qualified to serve on the CAC as a child welfare advocate member. Traci Nellis, is a retired licensed Social worker with more than 26 years of experience in Social work. Traci is qualified to serve on the CAC as a member of the general public. Therefore, Staff respectfully recommend that Brandon Ford and Kimberly Abbott be appointed to the CAC as a child welfare advocate member and Traci Nellis be appointed as member of the General Public.

Cleared for Agenda

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