



WAYNE COUNTY DFCS BOARD MEETING  
March 18, 2026  
Minutes

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Dewana Mitchner. Seconded by Brandon Williams and Susan DeLeGal.**
- II. Roll Call—Members present for the meeting were Dawana Mitchner, Chairman, Susan DeLeGal, Vice-Chairman, Joy Surrency, Brandon Williams, and Director F. ‘Sandy’ Jordan.

A quorum was established as at least four members were present.

- III. **Reading and Approval of Minutes—January 2026, meeting for February was canceled.**  
Each board member reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting via email and voted on the acceptance of the minutes prior to today’s meeting. The minutes were approved as read with Susan DeLeGal making the motion to accept the minutes as reviewed and Dawana Mitchner seconded the motion.

- IV. **Approval of County Expenses**  
The Board Members reviewed the county expenses for February 2026. Total expenses in February 2026 were \$125.71. Brandon Williams motioned to approve for February 2026. Susan DeLeGal seconded.

V. **Old Business**

- A. **Christmas Decorations (TABLED)**- This item will remain on the agenda until the board can revisit the purchase of needed items.
- B. **Bookbags (TABLED)** –Director F. “Sandy” Jordan informed that the State Office Branding unit has requested that there be a hold on all items with the State of Georgia logo. No bags have been purchased for the County workers due to this hold.
- C. **Social Worker Appreciation Month** – March is Social Worker Appreciation Month and March 18<sup>th</sup> is Social Worker Appreciation Day. The planned appreciation luncheon has been rescheduled to Wednesday March 24, 2026, at 12:00 noon at the DFCS Office. The Wayne DFCS Office employees and Board Members are invited to attend.

**VI. New Business**

**A. OFI Stats as of 02/28/2026**

**TANF –**

Number of active cases – 26  
Number of active clients – 56  
Number of applications processed – \*  
Monthly TANF benefits issued - \$9,606

**Food Stamps –**

Number of active cases – Regular Food Stamps – 2,118  
Number of active cases – Sr. SNAP Food Stamps – 568  
Number of active cases – TOTAL – 2,686  
Number of active clients – 5,720  
Number of applications processed – \*  
Monthly Food Stamp benefits issued - \$1,037,997

**Medicaid –**

Number of active cases – Family Medicaid – 2,428  
Number of active cases – ABD Medicaid – 1,300  
Number of active cases – Total Medicaid – 3,728  
Number of active clients – 6,642  
Number of applications processed – \*

*\*Data not available*

**Social Services Stats as of 02/28/2026**

Wayne County had the following:  
20 Foster Care cases  
7 Investigations  
0 CPS Ongoing  
6 Family Support  
0 Non-Incident Courtesy Interview  
0 ICPC – Other State  
0 CPS Voluntary Kinship Caregiver  
1 OTI – Secondary Assignments

**Child Placement Types Active During the Month**

Adoptive Home	7
CPA Family Foster Home	4
Child Care Institution	6
DFCS Family Foster Home	13
ICPC – Relative	6
Non-Custodial Parent	1
Other Person	1
Parent/Primary Caretaker	7
Relative – unpaid	2

- B. **Performance Management- Mid-Point Reviews** have been completed for all social services employees. Additionally, the state is transferring to a new @Work system so annual reviews of workers will be completed a month earlier, May 2026 for transfer to the new system. There are some expected vacancies coming up in April 2026, so two positions are expected to be backfilled.
- C. **Amended State Fiscal Year 2026**– Gov. Kemp signed the proposed 2026 Amended Fiscal Budget and will be sending all state employees an additional one-time supplement of \$2,000.

**VII. Board Member Concerns**

- A. None

**VIII. Board Community News**

- A. Wayne County Family Connection Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30AM at the Housing Authority building 367 N Bamboo St.
- B. **WAYNE help** app flyers and cards were shared with the board to place in their respective places of business. Ms. DeLeGal shared the app seems to be doing well. The WAYNE help app replaces the former HelpMe website for Wayne County resources, to make a report, and community help.

**IX. Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be on April 15, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. in person. Virtual meetings are planned to begin May 2026.

**X. Adjournment**

With no other business to discuss, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dawana Mitchner and seconded by Brandon Williams.

Respectfully,



Dawana Mitchner, Chairman



F. 'Sandy' Jordan, Secretary