

CHILD SUPPORT ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 5, 2026
10:00 A.M. CDT (11:00 A.M. EDT)
McCracken County Courthouse
300 Clarence Gaines Street, Conference Room
Paducah, Kentucky

I. ATTENDANCE:

Council Members Present: present in person: Amy Burke (Chief, Department of Child Support Services); Cade Foster (McCracken County Attorney); Jeremy Logsdon (Grayson County Attorney); Jason Darnall (Marshall County Attorney); Jennie Haymond (Madison County Attorney); and Joe Ross (Logan County Attorney). Mike O'Connell (Jefferson County Attorney) present via proxy—Joe Leavell. Present virtually via TEAMS: Joe White (Clay County Attorney); Corey Thomas (Spencer County Attorney); Angela Evans (Fayette County Attorney); and Stacy Tapke (Kenton County Attorney).

II. WELCOME: Amy Burke started the meeting welcoming council members and other attendees and thanking Cade Foster for hosting the council in the McCracken County Courthouse.

III. & IV. ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 6, 2026, AND MAY 8, 2026: A motion was made by Jennie Haymond to adopt the Minutes from the March 6th and May 8th meetings. The motion was seconded by Joe Ross. Vote was taken and adoption of the minutes from the meetings of the council on March 6, 2026 and May 8, 2026 passed.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Phase II Migration Information: KASES and all applications on KOG are unavailable beginning Friday, June 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. EDT to Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. EDT. All child support employees must ensure that their computers are left in a ready state for the entire weekend beginning on Friday, June 5th. "Ready state" means that your device is powered on and connected to the network, by leaving it at the office and directly connected (plugged into) the network or connected to the network from your home office if you work remotely.

2. Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) Study for Child Support Budget: We had an overview session with Katie Smith and Michael Clark staff members from

CBER. We will be providing a lot of data and information to CBER—things like caseloads , collections, establishment rates, MIP information, caseworker pay rates, computer expenses, copier expenses, phone expenses, and whatever other information is necessary for their study. Jefferson County will likely have to provide some independent data because of the way that they are set up.

CBER will speak with every member of the council without DCSS presence, so that you may speak freely. Also, anyone not on the council may contact a council member if there are specific concerns that you would like to be addressed or brought to the attention of CBER. A survey will be sent to all County Attorneys not on the council, but the in depth interviews will be done with the ten (10) council members. The goal is to right size budgets for everyone. The next time the budget session comes around we will have a formula and data to back up what we are requesting. This will also create transparency in how we arrive at funding for the next biennium.

3. Update on Invoice Review and Processing: We are aware that invoice processing has gotten a little behind. We are experiencing some growing pains: turnover and changing mindsets from full audit to review. There is a need to carefully scrutinize invoices to ensure that there is no misuse of funds. This is a busy time of year with the closeout of the state fiscal year approaching on June 30th. DCSS is bringing on three (3) extra invoice reviewers through a temp service to help get us through. They will be working through the July holiday to get advancements out and invoice reviews completed and finalized.

There are counties that have been consistently behind in their invoicing which is why the contract was changed to require invoices to be submitted within thirty (30) days of the close of the month being invoiced. We have reached out directly to counties that are behind. Not certain what the council can do to assist those counties that are struggling to get invoices submitted timely. Going forward the OAG Office of Management and Budget is getting us into the practice of when the state fiscal year closes, it closes--so there are not submissions for reimbursements that date back several years.

4. Update on House Bill 762 (which makes DPA no longer responsible for representing defendants in civil contempt proceedings): Jennie Haymond joined us on a call with Margaret Ivey (General Counsel for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)), and Judge Petrie (head of the Circuit and Family Court Judges Association). The issue is when an indigent person comes to court for a contempt hearing and is entitled to

appointment of counsel, who gets appointed and how does that person get paid? DCSS is not funded to pay for counsel for contempt proceedings that DPA used to be responsible for. The concern is that when the Finance Cabinet sees that something is related to a child support case, they sent the order/bill to DCSS. Every county attorney handles things differently. Some offices utilize contempt and some utilize criminal proceedings. Also, every judge does things differently. The takeaway was that there is not a one size fits all solution and there will need to be statutory changes. There will be a rough patch until we can get things sorted out. Our position is that the Finance Cabinet pay for these fees and counties should be careful to make sure DCSS or the county is not ordered to pay for these fees. Jenny Oldham offered that the Pisdorf may be helpful to the argument that DCSS not be responsible and pointed out that there is good language in the dissent that can be used. We also need to find out what the Finance Cabinet's position is. We can all work together to get the law changed back or get more funding for whomever is going to be ultimately responsible for paying for the change.

VI. PERFORMANCE, ETHICS AND CONFIDENCE IN OFFICE (PECO) UPDATES: This is a draft title, and a very rough draft version of the updates was sent out. Overall Summary is that county attorneys have independent agency to work their cases as contracted to do so. DCSS and the council would monitor for: violation of the law; violation of ethics; and performance.

The council and DCSS would need to act swiftly if there is a violation of the law or ethics. However, the main goal when performance is the issue is not to punish county attorneys. DCSS wants to work with them to improve their performance so that the overall IV-D program benefits. This would be a slower paced collaborative effort to improve a county's performance over time. The goal is to get the county attorney's office back on track with performance. However, if there is no effort to improve, then next steps would have to be taken.

VII. FORMATION OF COUNTY OR ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY LED TRAINING

GROUP: There was discussion of putting together a work group of several assistant county attorneys or County Attorneys who would be provided with tools like Camtasia or other software in which to put together training programs for other attorneys who handle child support cases on behalf of the IV-D program.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

IX. ADJOURN: Amy Burke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Several members seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

The August meeting of the council will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at a time to be announced. It will be held in conjunction with the Kentucky Prosecutors Conference, at the Central Bank Center in Lexington, Kentucky.