

Mayor's Commission for Children

March 11th 2025, 8 am

Mercy Health Academy

Minutes

Commission present: Brandy Harris, Emily Denniston, Bria Coale, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Dr. Kaleen Long, Dr. Tom Masterson, Dr. Christy Davis

Advisory Council present: Kimberly Shinn Brown, Dr. Doug McNeal, Dr. Kristin Thompson, Callie Carroll, Rinda Davis, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Jaimie Trussell, Jessie Daugherty

Meeting was started at 8:05. Dr. Masterson welcomed the group to the Mercy Healthcare Academy for 50 eighth graders. Minutes were approved by the Commission with Dr. Kaleen Long making the motion to approve as written and Brandy Harris offering a second to that motion.

Brigitte made an announcement regarding Child advocacy day April 2 in Jefferson City. The City has started the search for a new City Manager. April 8 will bring an election with a new mayor and 4 City council races. April 8 will be our next meeting and will be back at the Chamber. Ken McClure has been invited to attend. Also all 4 school board candidates have been invited to attend.

Dr. Christy Davis will give us an update on Parents as Teachers.

Dr. Jason Steingraber-Director of Choice schools and Magnet Schools for Springfield Public School gave us an overview of the various choice programs.