

MINUTES
CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 4, 2025 at 11:30 A.M.
VIRTUAL

1. Call to Order at 11:30 A.M.
Chairman Schutz opened the meeting of the Department Children and Youth Commission at 11:30 A.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation, Robert White, 13th District Chairman gave the opening invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
Department Chairman Schutz led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Members present:

Sarah Mast, 1st District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Ken Schutz, Department Chairman- PRESENT
John Dugan, 3rd District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Sylvia Thweatt, 4th District Chairman- PRESENT
Lise Day, 5th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Roger Friend, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT
VACANT, 7th District Chairman- VACANT
VACANT, 8th District Chairman- VACANT
Joyce Hannum, 9th District Chairwoman- PRESENT
Howard Moratto, 10th District Chairman- PRESENT
George Bradley, 11th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Rick Garren, 12th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Robert White, 13th District Chairman- PRESENT
Bryan Holden, 14th District Chairman- PRESENT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Howard Moratto, 10th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Robert White, 13th District Chairman to accept the minutes from the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. Special Olympics- Christie White, Department Coordinator discussed with the Commission about getting involved with their local programs, as well as joining the Polar Plunge.
 - a. Volunteer- Columbus Polar Plunge- Saturday February 7th, 2026

b. Battle of Delaware- Friday March 27th at 1:00PM

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Flag Program paperwork- all paperwork has been updated since the last meeting and has been put on the website. The order form will also go out in the Department Post mailing to all Adjutants. Howard Moratto, 10th District Chairman, discussed sending information to all the posts in his District as well as the order form in hopes that posts participate. Commission asked that the letter he sent out be sent to them so they can do the same.
 - i. 7 Posts
 - ii. 1148 Tests
 - iii. 10 schools

9. New Business

- a. Child Welfare Worker of the Year selections
 - i. D9- William Dieterle
 - ii. D14- Aaron Mellinger

Howard Moratto, 10th District Chairman, motions, seconded by Robert White, 13th District Chairman, to name William Dieterle as the Department Child Welfare Worker of the Year.

MOTION PASSED

- b. Joyce Hannum, 9th District Chairwoman discussed having great scouting programs in each District. She asked if there is a scouting certificate that can be given out at District conferences to the Scout Masters. Robert White, 13th District Chairman mentioned that Americanism has an Award similar that can be given out.

10. Good of the Legion- Robert White, 13th District Chairman, thanks the Commission for getting the word out about the Cleveland Gaming Commission. There were a lot of youth that attended. Joyce Hannum, 9th District Chairwoman discussed Sportsfest in her District. They set up a Be The One booth there and had tons of young people come up to them and talked to them about it and discussed their families with them.

11. Benediction. Bob White, 13th District Chairman gives the benediction.

12. Adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 12:13 P.M.