

BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD (BCCSB) MEETING
Hybrid: Boone County Family Resources
2700 W Ash St, Columbia MO 65203 or Virtual*

Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Greg Grupe, Lynn Barnett, Bob Aulgur, Leigh Spence, Michele Kennet, Rodney Dixon, Sebastián Martínez

Board Members Absent: Wiley Miller, Connie Leopard

Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD) Staff Present: Joanne Nelson – Director, Kristin Cummins – Deputy Director, Enola-Riann White – Program Specialist (Upward Mobility), Ben Lee – Administrative Coordinator, Michelle Thompson – Program Specialist, Kerby Webb – Program Specialist, and Gina Jenkins – Data and Performance Analyst

Guests: Alpha Hightower, Vivi Hirschfield – Camp Kesem Outreach Coordinator

1. Open Meeting

Leigh called the meeting to order at 8:05 am

2. Introductions

Joanne introduced Vivi Herschfield to the Board. Vivi shared information about Camp Kesem, which supports children ages 6-18 who are affected by a parent with cancer. Vivi provided links with more information and will be sent to the BCCSB following the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

Rodney motioned for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. Michele seconded the motion. The motion passed. A copy of the Consent Agenda is located at the end of the minutes.

4. Motion and Vote for Closed Session Pursuant to R.S.Mo. §610.021(11)(13)

Bob motioned to move into closed session. Sebastián seconded the motion.

Rodney-yes, Bob-yes, Lynn-yes, Leigh-yes, Sebastián-yes, Michele-yes, Greg-yes

Alpha Hightower joined the meeting at 8:20 am and remained outside the meeting room as the Board was in closed session.

Rodney motioned to come out of closed session. Sebastián seconded the motion.

Rodney-yes, Bob-yes, Lynn-yes, Sebastián -yes, Michele-yes, Greg-yes, Leigh-yes.

Closed session ended at 8:58 am

Alpha Hightower joined the meeting at 8:59 am.

5. **Financial Report for March 12, 2026 Meeting**

Joanne gave a report on the net position of the children's services fund:

- The Net Position is \$6,119,288 which is a \$278,366 increase from last month.
- The sale tax revenue is \$1,601,132.50
- The use tax revenue is \$344,621.27
- The interest revenue is \$23,646.50
- Year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances are \$13,518,437.34
- Contract utilization is currently at 17% while the average utilization rate is 8.38%. There have been no service reallocations so far in 2026
- Heriford House is currently on hold.
- Mizzou Academy PO has been finalized and BCCSD is awaiting the final paperwork from the Auditor.

Lynn motioned to approve the financial report. Bob seconded. The motion passed.

6. **New Business**

Some board member terms are set to expire at the end of March 2026. The deadline to file paperwork for reappointment to the board is March 31st. Two board members (Rodney Dixon and Bob Aulgur) have already filed, and their reappointment will be made at the next Boone County Commission meeting. One board member, Dr. Wiley Miller, still has paperwork outstanding. The Boone County Commission office is in communication with him about the deadline for filing.

The BCCSB meeting on April 9, 2026 will have the Boone County Commissioners attending. The BCCSB discussed potential meeting topics with the Commissioners at the next meeting.

7. **BCCSB Strategic Planning**

Joanne and Kristin provided an updated draft of the strategic plan. The draft includes an executive summary, a high-level overview of the strategic plan, and appendices. The strategic plan has three main goals that includes strategies and deliverables. There will be two versions released to the public. One will be a shortened version that includes the executive summary and strategic planning tables. The second version will attach appendices that are key documents used throughout the strategic planning process. The full version is to provide the public insight into how the goals, strategies, and deliverables were developed.

Bob asked Alpha if the summary was understandable to her, to which Alpha responded that it was not initially but was made so with the additional context provided by the attached Appendices and the additional information discussed in the meeting.

The staff provided an overview of the revisions that have been made since the last board meeting. The revisions were to help simplify the language and structure of the strategic plan. Joanne will share the current draft of the Executive Summary with the Boone County Commissioners, to solicit their input. The BCCSB will vote on the final draft of the strategic plan at the next board meeting on April 9, 2026.

8. **Public Comment**

Alpha asked about the governing rules for commissioners potentially being present at a closed session meeting. The Board referenced the Missouri Sunshine Act and stated that it allowed guests to be invited into a closed session at the Board's discretion, as long as there was no vote taking place.

9. **Adjourn**

Leigh adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am

NEXT MEETING: April 9, 2026