

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FAMILY COURT ORDERS

Minutes of the Meeting
May 12, 2025
9:00 A.M., SHR 1

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Members Present:

Senator Mark Finchem, Co-Chair
Senator Theresa Hatathlie
Senator Carine Werner

Representative Rachel Keshel, Co-Chair
Representative Lisa Fink
Representative Betty Villegas

Staff:

Zack Dean, Senate Research Analyst
Kaytie Sherman, Senate Assistant Research Analyst
Joel Hobbins, House Research Analyst
Robert Swoboda, House Research Assistant

Co-Chair Finchem called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and attendance was noted.

OPENING REMARKS

Senator Finchem offered opening comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners

Jennifer Michaelsen, Deputy Director, Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners, introduced herself and distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Claims A.R.S. §32-2081(C)" (Attachment A). Ms. Michaelsen also submitted a letter dated April 9, 2025 from Heidi Paakkonen, Executive Director of the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners (Attachment B) and a document entitled "Claims Processing" (Attachment C). Ms. Michaelsen answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Joseph Stewart, Psychologist Member, Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners, introduced himself and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Finchem offered comments.

Dr. Stewart offered comments and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

RECESS

At 11:59 a.m. Co-Chair Finchem recessed the meeting to the sound of the gavel.

RECONVENE

At 1:05 p.m. Co-Chair Finchem called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY (continued)

Maggie, minor representing self, announced that she was happy to share her legal name in private and offered comments.

Christine Morrison, representing self, offered comments and distributed a book entitled "Judicial Criminals" (Attachment H).

Hayley Worrell, representing self, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Monty Shultz, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Lucy Vellema, representing self, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Leah McCardie, representing Jonathan and Rebecca Burr, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ryan Murray, representing self, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Finchem offered comments.

Mr. Murray offered additional comments and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Monica Ballard, representing self, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee. Ms. Ballard distributed and explained two documents entitled "Policy Brief" (Attachment I) and "Annotated Bibliography" (Attachment J).

Shirley Regaurd, representing self, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.