

**From:** Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2024 2:17 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIL -- Appointments of Members of the Children and Family Services Advisory Board & Designation of its Chair, as Required by §124 of Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997

**Attachments:**

[rules and regulations relating to public inspection and copying of legislative records - january-2019 blue.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Sassower,

This is to acknowledge your request dated February 12, 2024 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law. You are requesting "...records of Appointments of Members of the Children and Family Services Advisory Board & Designation of its Chair, as Required by §124 of Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997:

(1) The appointments of the current 24 members, their bios (or summaries thereof), and designation of the chair; and

(2) The appointments of the original 24 members, their bios (or summaries thereof), and designation of the chair.

(1) Please be advised after a search, there are no documents / records responsive to your request (or match your request). Additionally, under the State's Freedom of Information Law, the Senate is not required to prepare or compile a record which does not otherwise exist.

(2) Please note the function of this office is to respond to requests for records maintained by the Senate, not to conduct historical research.

I have attached a copy of the Senate's Rules and Regulations Relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records for your information.

Sincerely,

Alejandra N. Paulino, Esq.  
Secretary of the Senate

Senate FOIL-AR

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
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**TO: Governor Hochul Records Access Officer Christopher Ritchey, Esq.  
Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, Esq.  
Assembly Records Access Officer Fern Whyland**

[§124 of Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997](#) is entitled "Children and family services advisory board" and states, by its ¶a:

"There is hereby created a children and family services advisory board. The board shall consist of the commissioner of children and family services, and twenty-four members who have demonstrated an active interest in children and families. Twelve members shall be appointed by the governor and twelve additional members shall be appointed by the legislature, as follows: four members by the temporary president of the senate; four members by the speaker of the assembly; two members by the minority leader of the senate and two members by the minority leader of the assembly. Members shall be appointed only if they have professional knowledge of the policies and programs affecting children and families or have an active interest in the system of services to children and families. The governor shall designate one of the appointed members of the board as chairperson. At least one-half of the members of the council shall not be providers of services. Members shall be appointed for terms of three years provided, however that of the members first appointed, one-third shall be appointed for two-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments for the remainder of any unexpired term. No person shall be an appointed member of the board for more than six years in any period of twelve consecutive years."

Pursuant to [FOIL \[Public Officers Law VI\]](#), [Senate Rule XIV \["Freedom of Information"\]](#), and [Assembly Rules VIII \["Public Access to Records"\]](#), this is to request records of:

- (1) the appointments of the current 24 members, their bios (or summaries thereof), and designation of the chair; and
- (2) the appointments of the original 24 members, their bios (or summaries thereof), and designation of the chair.

Thank you.

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