

**1. Is it the Administration's position that it does not have to establish the Committee in accordance with the law?**

No

**2. When can we expect the committee to be re-established?**

In October 2024, following discussions and review of the Governing Body and City Ordinance with Sr. Policy Analyst Abigail Stiles, it was conveyed to YFS staff that while City Council is considered the governing body with Legal and Fiscal authority over the EHS grant, a Governance Advisory Committee would also need to be in place. While the Governance Advisory Committee would not have legal and fiscal authority over the grant, it would serve as an advisory body that facilitated ongoing discussion about the EHS program operations. Ms. Stiles further asserted that the options were to reinstate the Advisory Committee or to seek out a City Council Member to support an amendment to the Ordinance.

In mid-December 2024 following a Board and Commissions training, YFS staff reached out to the City Clerk's Office to request guidance on re-establishing the Governance Advisory Committee based upon the discussion and guidance from Ms. Stiles. Due to the holiday season and scheduled vacations, a response was received in early January.

On January 7, 2025, YFS received an email from the City Clerk's Office stating the Governance Advisory Committee was archived in 2022 at the request of then FCS staff. FCS staff archived the Committee due to guidance from the US Health and Human Services, Early Head State Program that the City Council is the Governing Body for the Early Head Start grant. Despite the direction given, FCS is working with the City Clerk to reinstate the Governance Advisory Committee.

On February 4, 2025, another email was sent to the City Clerk to get clarification on recruiting members and the next steps for reinstatement of the Committee. YFS will ensure that the Governance Advisory Committee is reestablished.