

**The Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) Nominating Committee Members who attended the November 5, 2025
Listening Session**

Agency/Organization, per statute	Nominating Committee Member
1. EOHHS Secretary	Kiame Mahaniah
2. Children’s Trust ED (child abuse prevention board)	Jennifer Valenzuela, Executive Director
3. Pediatrician experienced in treating victims of child abuse, designated by Mass American Academy of Pediatrics	Dr. Linda Sagor
4. Child psychologist, designated Mass. Psychological Association	Margo Townley, MSW, PsyD
5. Representative from MA Association for Mental Health (MAMH)	Meri Viano, Associate Director, PPAL
6. Representative of organization that advocates children at risk of abuse designated by Children’s League of Mass	Rachel Gwaltney, Executive Director, CLM
7. Attorney experienced in care and protection cases designated MA Bar Association	Attorney Daniel Mahoney
8. Person with experience in the juvenile justice system designated by chief justice of the juvenile court department	The Honorable Amy Nechtem