



**The North Carolina Partnership for Children
Board Development Committee Meeting Summary
August 5, 2024
9-9:30 a.m.**

Members Present: Elizabeth Star – Chair, Dr. Louis A. Finney, Jr., and Ashley Neal
Members Absent: Rev. Renee Bethea, Victoria Brown, and Amy Rhyne
Others Present: Amy Cubbage and Maura Pherson – recording secretary

The Board Development Committee (Committee) of The North Carolina Partnership for Children Inc. (NCPC) Board of Directors (Board) met on August 5, 2024 via video conference. Quorum was not established. No action was taken.

Committee Meeting Dates FY 2024-25

This Committee meets four times a year, approximately 1 month prior to the NCPC Board meeting, on the first Monday of the month at 9 a.m. An email will be sent to all members asking for their availability. Then the meetings will be set.

Board Annual Meeting and Retreat

Based on the discussions at both the Board Development and Executive Committee meetings in the past few months, the board chair and NCPC staff have continued to develop the plan for the annual Board Retreat on Monday, September 16 from 12 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the [Hampton Inn Midtown Raleigh](#) followed by a reception at Amy Cubbage's house at 5:15 p.m. The Board annual meeting is scheduled for the following day on Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dan Gerlach will facilitate the discussion at the Board Retreat. The focus will be on these objectives:

1. Strengthen relationships and communication within the Board.
2. Understand the value of Smart Start to businesses, employers, and state-level partner organizations in North Carolina.
3. Elevate the collaboration with state-level partner organizations.
4. Develop strategies and messaging for effective bipartisan advocacy for increased public and private funding.
5. Commit to supporting Smart Start's mission and initiatives.

The retreat will begin with lunch and a guest speaker from the business community, followed by discussion of ways to expand awareness and engagement with the business community through Board support. Strategic partners will share their perspectives, as well as the Smart Start Advocates' lobbyists, ending with a discussion of the upcoming legislative long session, and the role NCPC can play in leading for more investments in early childhood.

Board Member Term Dates 2025

The NCPC bylaws include statements encouraging a diverse and inclusive Board as well as term limits based on participation and leadership.

In 2025 fifteen board member terms will end. Several of these may be reappointed. The Governor's twelve appointments will have a start date of Oct. 31, 2025. The legislative appointments will be made on the Appointments Bill during the 2025 session for start dates of Jan. 1, 2026.

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Lorena Gonzalez is the new ex officio member serving in the NC Pre-K position due to Ariel Ford’s recent departure from her position.

Ereka Williams has been recommended to the Governor’s office to be appointed in Channah VanRegenmorter’s position, due to her recent resignation from the NCPC Board.

Please let Liz Star or Amy Cabbage know if you have any recommendations for potential new Board members to add to the current list.

Recap items to send to network

The committee discussed the Board Retreat and Board membership changes for 2024 and 2025.

Adjourn

Having no other items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Summary submitted by:

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Amy Cabbage, Committee Liaison

10/7/2024 | 10:02 AM EDT

Date

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Maura Pherson, Recording Secretary

10/7/2024 | 9:57 AM EDT

Date

