



**The North Carolina Partnership for Children  
Executive Committee Meeting  
October 21, 2024  
2-3 p.m.**

Members present: Charles Bowman - Chair, Cassandra Brooks, Madison Shook Downing, Page Lemel, Dr. Laurie Stradley, and Elizabeth Star  
Members absent: Dr. Anthony Jackson  
Others present: Amy Cubbage, Joseph Brownlee, and Maura Pherson – recording secretary

The Executive Committee (Committee) of The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. (NCPC) Board of Directors (Board) met on October 21, 2024 via Zoom video conference. Chair Bowman called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. The presence of a quorum was established.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

A motion was made by Page Lemel and seconded to approve the agenda for October 21, 2024 and to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024 Executive Committee meeting. **Motion carried.**

**Legislative Agenda of the Report to the General Assembly**

As part of legislation, NCPC is required to create a Report to the General Assembly which is always due Dec. 1. The Executive Committee reviewed the legislative agenda section prior to submission. Marta Hester reviewed the four topics that have been completed so far. The Committee agreed to move forward with the legislative agenda by unanimous consent.

**Debrief Board Annual Meeting and Retreat**

The annual Board Retreat and Annual Meeting was September 16-17, 2024. The Committee discussed the retreat and suggestions and observations for the next Board Retreat in 2025.

- Consider retreat as an extended Board meeting on one day; only 13 Board members attended the retreat, while 22 attended the Board meeting.
- Not have on Monday – have later in the week. Will set this date in early 2025.
- Some prefer Thursday evening to Friday early afternoon or Wednesday to Thursday.
- Suggestion to start with Board reception in evening before the one-day retreat and meeting
- Will poll NCPC Board members at a future full meeting.
- Content was good, some would have liked more time with lobbyists. Dan Gerlach was a good facilitator.

**Hurricane Helene Update**

Those from the western part of the state shared their stories. NCPC received \$100,000 unrestricted grant for western North Carolina from The Leon Levine Foundation. Weekly meetings are occurring with early childhood state and regional agencies on Helene recovery efforts. A request has been made to the General Assembly for \$3,275,000 for early care and education center funding for comprehensive needs and use for those most impacted. This is still pending.

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President’s Evaluation Process and Timeline

As discussed at the April 14, 2024 meeting, the Executive Committee agreed that the process and instrument for the president’s evaluation will be reviewed in October.  
The survey has been sent to the full board on Chair Bowman’s behalf and is due back by October 31. The Executive Committee will review and evaluate in closed session at the Executive Committee meeting on November 18, 2024. Chair Bowman will then provide feedback to Amy before the end of the calendar year.

Meeting Recap

- Agreed to move forward with the 2025 legislative agenda
- Debriefed and discussed the September Board Retreat
- Heard updates on Hurricane Helene and effect on western NC
- Reviewed the process for the president’s annual evaluation

Adjourn

Having no further items, the Committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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Amy Cabbage, Committee Liaison  
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Maura Pherson, Recording Secretary

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