



**The North Carolina Partnership for Children
Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025
1:30-2:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dr. Rebecca Simpkin – Vice Chair, Amy Barry, Matt Hughes, Page Lemel, Rosa Maria Matthews, Dr. Mary Olvera, and Dr. Khadija Tribié Reid
Members Absent: Dr. Anthony Jackson
Others Present: Joe Brownlee, Amy Cubbage, Safiyah Jackson, Casey Strange, and Maura Pherson – recording secretary

The Accountability Committee (Committee) of The North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC) Board of Directors (Board) met on May 20, 2025 via Zoom video conferencing. Vice Chair Simpkin called the meeting to order. The presence of a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Page Lemel and seconded to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rosa Maria Matthews and seconded to approve the minutes of October 15, 2024. **Motion carried.** A motion was made by Page Lemel and seconded to approve the summary of Feb. 11, 2025. **Motions carried.**

Smart Start Accountability Plan

Annually, the Accountability Committee and Finance and Audit Committee review the Smart Start Accountability Plan. No edits recommended from the Strategy Division. Joe Brownlee provided a summary of the minor revisions, from the Finance Division, in the body of the document.

A motion was made by Page Lemel and seconded to recommend approval of the changes to clarify the language in item 6a of the Accountability Plan to the Board at its June 17, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Explore Shifts in NCPC Data System

Casey Strange provided a demonstration of the new contract data management system (CDMS) and answered questions. The new system will allow local partnerships to collect individual data, not just aggregate. The system will begin collecting outcome data for each Smart Solution. There are several learning opportunities for local partnerships to implement new data collection reporting. The training schedule is built out to provide multiple modalities for technical assistance.

Local partnerships understand the need for accurate data that tells the stories of program impact. Additional data is helpful for program assessment and planning purposes. Some funders have also asked for additional data.

Set Committee Meeting Dates FY 2025-26

The standing committees set their meeting dates for each fiscal year. This Committee meets four times a year, approximately one month prior to the Board meeting on a Tuesday from 1:30-3 p.m. The next meeting is set for Sept. 2, 2025 from 1:30-3 p.m. Potential dates for the calendar year 2026 are:

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October 14, 2025 – 1:30-3 p.m.
February 10, 2026 – 1:30-3 p.m.
May 19, 2026 – 1:30-3 p.m.
September 1, 2026 – 1:30-3 p.m.

Tentative holds will be sent to the calendars for the meetings in October, February, and May. The September 2026 meeting will be scheduled after the NCPC Board sets its dates.

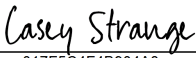

Follow-up and review action items for the Network

- Approved Smart Start Accountability Plan for FY 2026
- Implementation of new data system for FY26
- Tentative meeting dates were discussed for 2026; tentative holds will be placed and confirmed at the next meeting

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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Casey Strange, Committee Liaison
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Maura Pherson, Recording Secretary

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