



**The North Carolina Partnership for Children
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2025
2-3 p.m.**

Members present: Charles Bowman - Chair, Madison Shook Downing, Dr. Anthony Jackson, Page Lemel, Dr. Laurie Stradley, and Elizabeth Star
Members absent: Cassandra Brooks
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 August 18, 2025 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 August 18, 2025 and the minutes of May 19, 2025 Executive Committee meeting. **Motion carried.**

Set Committee Meeting Dates FY 2025-26

This past year the Executive Committee has scheduled its meetings from 2-3 p.m. on the third Monday of the month, excluding December and the months that the Board meets. The meetings are canceled if there are no action items. The Committee agreed to tentatively keep the same schedule and will confirm at the next meeting once new Committee members join.

Officers of the Corporation

The NCPC bylaws state that officers of the corporation will be elected annually at its annual meeting. The Committee recommends continuing with the current slate of corporate officers.

<u>Officer Title</u>	<u>Current Officer</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
President	Amy Cubbage	Amy Cubbage
Vice President	Safiyah Jackson	Safiyah Jackson
Assistant Secretary	Jessica Carter	Jessica Brown Strickland (name change only)
Assistant Treasurer	Joseph Brownlee	Joseph Brownlee

A motion was made by Page Lemel and seconded to present the slate of officers at the September Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

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State Audits

North Carolina legislators overrode the Governor’s veto of House Bill 549 / SL 2025-83. One aspect of the law removed the requirement of the NC Auditor to perform an audit for NCPC. NCPC has been in communication with the audit director at the NC Office of the State Auditor (OSA) who has offered to continue to conduct the audit with a cost transfer estimate of \$60,000 for the FY2025 audit, based on past years’ audit hours. The Board Chair, Finance & Audit Committee Chair, President and CFO agree with this policy shift. This will require NCPC to pay for its own audit and will require a shift in the NCPC budget. The NCPC Board approved the preliminary budget in June that did not have this provision.

The Committee agreed by unanimous consent to leave this with the Finance & Audit Committee for a final decision about who will perform the NCPC audit and to move forward with necessary operations to fund an NCPC audit.

Committee Vice Chairs

This year all vice chairs of the standing committees will roll off the Board. The bylaws state the Board Chair shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the standing committees at the annual meeting. However, with a high level of turnover this year, each committee is losing members, including the vice chairs. All the Governor’s appointees’ terms end this October. Some will be reappointed, while others will be replaced. The Committee agreed that vice chairs may be appointed at the January meeting, after the new members have been appointed by the Governor.

Board Annual Meeting and Retreat Update

The Committee reviewed the Board Retreat agenda and made no changes.

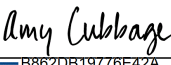

Meeting Recap

- Tentatively set meeting dates for FY2025-26
- Nominated officers of the corporation
- Agreed the Finance & Audit Committee will plan for future state audits
- Agreed to name vice chairs in January after new Board members are appointed
- Agreed to the agenda for the September Board Retreat

Adjourn

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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Maura Pherson, Recording Secretary

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