



**The North Carolina Partnership for Children
Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026
1:30-3 p.m.**

Members Present: Page Lemel – Chair, Russ Altenburg, Dr. Anthony Jackson, Dr. Mary Olvera, Dr. Khadijia Tribié Reid, and Matt Hughes
Members Absent: Amy Barry
Others Present: Amy Cubbage, Joe Brownlee, Safiyah Jackson, Jim Jingoian, 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 March 10, 2026 via video conferencing. Chair Page Lemel called the meeting to order. The presence of a quorum was established. Russ Altenburg was welcomed as a new member of the Committee.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion was made by Mary Olvera and seconded to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Khadijia Tribié Reid, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025. **Motion carried.** Russ Altenburg abstained as he was not a member at the time of the previous meeting.

Smart Solutions Data Stories Smart Start Impact Data and Messaging

NCPC staff shared case studies of programmatic data on a few Smart Solutions and what NCPC and local partnerships can do with the new data structure. The Committee explored the shift toward outcome level storytelling, showcasing how raw data points can be converted into narratives.

The Committee viewed the Smart Start data on a few key programs, Triple P (Positive Parenting Program), Kaleidoscope Play and Learn Groups, and Case Study advising for Higher Education.

Previous data only provided outcomes. This conversation is the first Committee discussion with the new data. Program officers may be able to use this information to coach the local partnerships when it is time to select their programs for the next year. Some partnerships are still capturing their data on paper. The switch to digital is huge.

DCDEE Data Request and DCDEE Data User Agreement

Recent changes to the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) data request and DCDEE data user agreement have been made. DCDEE has requested data reporting only on state funds. Some local partnerships receive Federal and grant funding for the same projects. DCDEE is asking Smart Start to only report the Smart Start portion. This is very challenging for local partnerships and state partners to be able to meet DCDEE's needs. NCPC has until June to meet this request.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Participant Survey

The Committee reviewed the summary overview of the outcomes from FY 24-25 Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) annual parent survey. Jim Jingoian provided an overview of the respondent's data as it relates to the population of NC.

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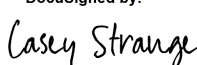
Follow-up and review action items for the Network

- Reviewed some data collected from the new CDMS
- Data on DPIL annual parent survey
- NCPC will share Smart Start messaging in the Smart Solutions toolkit.
- Next meeting is May 19, 2026

Adjournment

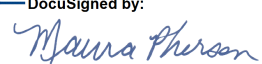
Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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Casey Strange, Committee Liaison

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Maura Pherson, Recording Secretary

5/22/2026 | 10:24 AM EDT

Date