

**CABARRUS PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, December 6, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus Partnership for Children held its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 12 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church. Robbie Furr presided over the meeting.

**The following board members were present:**

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| 1. Gale Coor                | Government         |
| 2. Ginny Amendum            | Community/Business |
| 3. Steve Morris             | Government         |
| 4. Rob Betler               | Community/Business |
| 5. Hilary Smith             | Services           |
| 6. Maureen O'Bryan          | Services           |
| 7. Rose Staples Deese       | Community/Business |
| 8. Robert Furr              | Government         |
| 9. Jeanne Dixon             | Community/Business |
| 10. Denisha Torrence-Nesbit | Government         |
| 11. Amos McClorey           | Services           |
| 12. Cecelia Graves          | HS Parent          |

**Quorum was established**

**These board members were absent:**

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| 1. Yolanda Simms | Community/Business |
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**The following staff members were present:** Ann Benfield, Stephanie Bynum, Elizabeth Albright, Ariel Ayers, Jamie Clark, Debra Pless and Melissa Jones.

**The following guests and community partners were also represented:**

*Academic Learning Center  
Allen Tate Realtors  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
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Cabarrus County Government – Diane Honeycutt, Steve Morris, Mike Downs  
Cabarrus County Dept. Human Services  
Cabarrus County Schools – Dr. Chris Lowder  
Cabarrus County Cooperative Extension  
Cabarrus District Attorney's Office – Roxann Vaneekhoven  
Cabarrus Health Alliance  
Carolinas Healthcare System/Northeast - Tri Tang  
Centralina Workforce Center  
Child Developmental Services Agency (CDSA)  
City of Concord, Brian Hiatt  
City of Concord Fire & Safety  
Community Care of Southern Piedmont  
Community in Schools  
Concord Housing Authority  
Cooperative Christian Ministry  
Country Law Shack  
Duke Energy  
Esther's Heart  
Families First in Cabarrus County  
Family Support Network of Southern Piedmont  
First Kids – First Presbyterian Church  
GEM Theater  
Kannapolis City Schools*

*Law Office of Rose M. Staples Deese  
Lockhart Early Learning Center  
Logan Child Development Center  
Long Preschool Center  
McGill Baptist Church  
McKnight Head Start  
Multi-Cultural Learning Center  
NAACP  
NC Senator Paul Newton  
Office of Representative Richard Hudson – Georgia Lozier  
Office of Senator Richard Burr – Josh Ward  
Office of Senator Thom Tillis – Elizabeth Edwards  
Patton McDowell & Associates  
Perry Productions  
Region IV Head Start – Lisa Goldman  
Safe Kids Cabarrus  
Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency  
Stanly County Community College  
The Sunshine House  
Thompson Child & Family Focus  
UNC Charlotte  
United Way of Central Carolinas*

Robbie Furr thanked Ben Mynatt Family of Dealership for sponsoring the Annual Luncheon and introduced Reverend Nancy Cox from All Saints Episcopal Church who opened the meeting with prayer.

Ann Benfield welcomed everyone, recognized elected officials, individuals and organizations present, directed guests to review the Partnership's Annual Report and new Partnership Brochure at their place setting and thanked everyone for coming.

**2016 Ann Laukaitis Award**

The 2016 Ann Laukaitis Champion for Children Award went to Ashlie Shanley, the Cabarrus Assistant District Attorney.

Robbie Furr introduced Paula Yost who presented the Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children Award. Ashlie has been prosecuting sex offenders in Cabarrus County for many years and keeps our children safe.

**Special Message**

Ginny Amendum introduced our new video for the Partnership and asked for folks to consider a financial donation to the Partnership before the end of the year.

**Board Chair :**

Robbie Furr thanked everyone for their time and wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Without any other business the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Ann Benfield, Executive Director