



NC Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) Early Education Committee Meeting  
1/21/2026  
10:00

**Welcome**

Ann Benfield

Establish Quorum

**Actions Requiring Committee Approval**

- July 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes

**The County/Region NC Pre-K Committee is the decision-making body for the local NC Pre-K Program and is required to do the following:**

1. Conduct annual planning for NC Pre-K and approve an implementation plan. (Local Plan)
2. Select or change the NC Pre-K Contracting Agency.
3. Approve distribution of funding.
4. Review and approve the provider reimbursement strategy (i.e., payment rates to providers).
5. Approve provider transportation charges to/from the NC Pre-K Program. (Local Plan)
6. Approve costs that may be charged to cover the full/partial costs of meals when children do not qualify for free/reduced priced lunch. (Local Plan)
7. Approve adding new sites or non-voluntary termination of sites in the County/Region Plan. (Site Selection)
8. Approve the reallocation of slots across NC Pre-K sites
  - a. This refers to an adjustment to slot allocations that takes place after the NC Pre-K Committee has approved the initial distribution of funding.
  - b. Slots may only be allocated to facilities that are currently approved to serve as NC Pre-K

sites.

9. Appoint site selection committee.

NCPK Updates

Patricia Sehorn

- Award of additional slots
- Applications
- Site Monitoring
- Site Selection
- NC Pre-K Committee

**Other Agency Updates**

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| • Smart Start Updates       | Ann Benfield                     |
| • DHS Subsidy Updates       | Elizabeth Heston                 |
| • CCRI                      |                                  |
| • CCS                       | Tracy Thiery                     |
| • KCS/HS                    | Erin Anderson<br>Jennifer Baucom |
| • RCCC                      | Amanda Martin                    |
| • Endless Opportunities     | Lashonda Houston                 |
| • P.U.R.E Excellence        | Waynett Taylor                   |
| • Cabarrus County Libraries | Hoke Pittman<br>Jordan Maddux    |

Next Meeting

March 18, 2026

Zoom