



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

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

Next Meeting

March 18, 2026

Zoom