

CABARRUS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met on for a called meeting on Tuesday, January 13th 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children Office, which was advertised on our website. Board Chair Pam Smith presided over the meeting.

These board members were present:

1. Lora Lipe Government/DHS/Subsidy
2. Stacy Fackler Atrium Health/Community/Services
3. Pam Smith CCM/Community/Services
4. Aalece Pugh Government/Assistant County Manager
5. Jessica Grant CHA/Healthy Cabarrus
6. Gil Small Community/Faith Community
7. Jackie Whitfield Community/Faith Community
8. Melanie Holles Government/Libraries
9. Malisha Ross Services/Partners BHM
10. Jeff Jones Government/County Commissioner
11. Sara Newell Government/Superintendent Kannapolis City Schools

These board members were absent:

1. Judge Beth Street Government/Judge
2. Samantha Moose Community/Parent

A quorum was present.

These staff members were present: Ann Benfield, Lauren Westin, and Ariel Ayers

Welcome:

Pam Smith welcomed board members and thanked them for attending the board meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

The Board reviewed the agenda for today's meeting. Jackie Whitfield moved to approve the agenda as presented. 2nd: Lora Lipe
All were in favor.

ED Search Process and Review:

Robbie Furr provided an overview of the Executive Director Search process and board members had an opportunity to ask questions. Robbie shared that the ED Search Committee unanimously recommended Lauren Westin as the final candidate.

Presentation by Candidate:

Lauren Westin provided a presentation on her plan and vision for the next 6-12 months. Board members had an opportunity to ask her questions.

Vote for Executive Director Position:

Lauren Westin left the meeting. The board discussed the position and committee members shared their feedback. Gil Small moved to approve Lauren Westin for the Executive Director position.
2nd: Jackie Whitfield
All were in favor.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ariel Ayers