

**CABARRUS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., at the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children Office, which was advertised on our website and in our newsletter. Board Chair Pam Smith presided over the meeting.

These board members were present:

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| 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. Samantha Moose | Community/Parent |

These board members were absent:

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| 1. Gil Small | Community/Faith Community |
| 2. Jackie Whitfield | Community/Faith Community |
| 3. Melanie Holles | Government/Libraries |
| 4. Danielle Mauldin | Owner of Kids Korner/Services |
| 5. Malisha Ross | Services/Partners BHM |
| 6. Judge Beth Street | Government/Judge |
| 7. Jeff Jones | Government/County Commissioner |

A quorum was not present.

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

Welcome:

Pam Smith welcomed board members and thanked them for attending the board meeting. Pam asked all attendees to introduce themselves, as several new board members are attending their first meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

The Board reviewed the agenda for today's meeting, however it was unable to be approved because no quorum was present.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

The board reviewed the consent agenda documents that were emailed to members prior to the meeting, including: Minutes of June 23, 2025 board meeting, August 2025 ED Report, FY25-26 SS Expenditures, FY25-26 NCPK Expenditures, FY25-26 Other Funds Report, FY25-26 State Directed Grant Expenditures, FY24-25 SS Final Expenditures, FY24-25 NCPK Final Expenditures, FY24-25 Other Funds Final Report, FY24-25 State Directed Grant Expenditures, Program Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025 and evaluation reports.

No quorum was present so these items were not able to be approved at this meeting.

Marcella Beam's Resignation 8/19/25:

Ann Benfield presented that she received an email from Marcella Beam resigning from the board of directors due to her increased work responsibilities serving as Interim Housing Director. Ann noted that we will need to identify another person to replace her so that we have a cushion on our required thirteen member board. The Board Members present suggested several people for Ann to seek out and possibly recruit. Aalece Pugh volunteered to serve the rest of the fiscal year for Marcella's term. All were in favor.

Final Proposal for FY25-28 Strategic Plan (update on new position):

Ann Benfield reported that we are unable to vote and finalize the Strategic Plan today due to no quorum. Ann did give an update on the process of getting a Deputy Director position approved in the Atrium system. Dwight Roache and Emma Hand at Atrium are looking at getting the Associate Director position added to our department, which is the most closely aligned to what was envisioned for the Deputy Director. Ann hopes to have an answer by the end of the week.

Executive Director (ED) Search Committee Update:

Stacy Fackler and Lora Lipe updated the board on search committee's work. They are looking into search firms to assist with the search and need to know if there is a budget for this work. Ann Benfield and Ariel Ayers would just need an idea of how much is needed to see if it is doable with current funds or if we would need to seek out someone to support the Partnership with funding, like the Cannon Foundation. Ariel Ayers will be joining the search committee as the Partnership staff representative.

Support the Partnership:

Pam Smith reminded the Board Members to donate this fiscal year to the Partnership, and support the children in our community and the Partnership's work.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Westin