



Executive Committee – January 27, 2026

Zoom Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

The Executive Committee of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met at their regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom Meeting. These members were present: Pam Smith, Gil Small, Lora Lipe & Alece Pugh. Staff: Ann Benfield, Lauren Westin and Ariel Ayers were present. **Quorum was established.**

Minutes for September 23, 2025

Pam Smith reviewed the minutes of September 23, 2025, with the executive committee meeting. Gil Small moved to accept the minutes as presented and Lora Lipe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Financial Reports

Ariel Ayers presented the financial reports and discussed the Smart Start Expenditure Report and then shared the reallocation worksheet for Smart Start funds.

Activity, which included:

	Current FY 25-26	Requested Alloc.	Proposed alloc	Proposed FY 25-26	Comments	Conflict
FY 25-26 Smart Start Services Funds	\$2,221,990			\$2,251,476	includes carry forward	
NCPK Pre-K Program	\$279,860	15,000	\$15,000	\$264,860	change in TANF/Non TANF	
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WAGES	\$400,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$388,000	Reduce due to projection	
DPIL	\$20,689	\$27,467	\$27,467	\$48,156	Add funds to avoid waitlist	
Emergency Dental	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$45,000	Additional children with needs	

Ariel also discussed the possibility of needing to make some more adjustments to administration/program management in the spring once the changeover date for the ED position is known and leave balances have been paid out.

Gil Small moved to approve all reallocation requested above, Pam Smith seconded the motion, and all were in favor and there was no one conflicted.

She also shared and reviewed the Other Funds Report, the NCPK Expenditures and the State Directed Grant Funds Report.

Ariel stated that we need to reallocate some of the State Directed Grant funds and she gave an update on the programs.

Cabarrus Share needs to add \$40,000 because an increase in participants in the program total – needs \$190,037 – Alece Pugh is conflicted on Cabarrus Share

Increasing Preschool Capacity needs additional funds for year two because we wanted to wait and see how many children would attend in year 2 – they need an additional \$26,000

Pam Smith moved to approved Other State Funds Reallocation, Gil Small seconded, Alece Pugh abstained and all others approved reallocation as presented.

Ann Benfield thanked the executive committee for their support throughout the years and said working with them has been the greatest experience of her career.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 1:00 in a location to be announced.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be March 24, 2026, at 8:00 am on Zoom.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Benfield Executive Director