

North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Quorum is 10 = 50% + 1 (Total Board Members = 18)

Thursday, June 12, 2025

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Be the Driving Force to meet our roles and responsibilities as a non-profit Board by:

➤ Providing Oversight ➤ Ensuring Adequate Resources ➤ Establishing a Strategic Direction

	Topic	Presenter
I.	Determination of Quorum & Call to Order	Maria Ford
II.	Action*	
	A. Minutes – Thursday, April 24, 2025	Maria Ford
	B. Child Allocation & Budget – reductions from DCDEE	Maria Ford/Mary Sonnenberg
III.	Updates^Δ	
	A. NC Pre K Updates	Ar-Nita Davis
	1. SFY 2024-2025	
	2. SFY 2025-2026	
	B. Fiscal Updates	Carole Mangum
	1. SFY 2024-2025 Financials	
	2. Year-End Update	
	3. SFY 2025-2026 Budget-Pending	
IV.	Adjourn^Δ	Maria Ford

* Needs Action ^Δ Information Only ^ε Electronic Copy (Hard copies are available upon request) /Possible Conflict of Interest (Recusals)

^D Document Included in Packet

Partnership for Children of Cumberland County, Inc.
Hybrid North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2025 (12:03 pm to 12:25 pm)
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Lonnie Ballard (arrived @ 12:15pm), Shona Bannister (D), Lisa Childers, Dr. Patricia Fecher, Maria Ford (D)*, Van Gunter*, Amanda Klinck, Haja Jallow-Konrat, Katie Lada, Dr. Nicole Lucas, Taylor Mobley*, Heather Skeens, and Darlisha Warren
MEMBERS ABSENT: Terrasine Gardner, Mary Mathis, Tre'vone McNeill, Dr. Ayanna Richard, Betty Smith and Ebone Williams
NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: None
NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr. and Brenda Jackson
NON-VOTING ATTENDEES: Ar-Nita Davis*, Michelle Downey, Belinda Gainey, Julanda Jett, Marie Lilly, Carole Mangum, Sharon Moyer, Mary Sonnenberg and Karen Staab
GUEST: Jeanne Barnes

*Attended Virtually

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
I. Determination of NC Pre-K Quorum & Call to Order – Maria Ford, Co-Chair	The hybrid meeting of the North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) Planning Committee was held on April 24, 2025, beginning at 12:03 pm pursuant to prior written notice to each Committee member. Notification was made via email and meeting notices are located on the PFC website. Maria Ford, Co-Chair, chaired the meeting, determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. Belinda Gainey, Executive Specialist, was the Secretary for the meeting and recorded the minutes.	None	None
II. Action* A. Minutes – Thursday, February 27, 2025 B. Approval of Contingency Plan for Allocation adjustments by DCDEE – SFY 2025-2026	A. The minutes of the February 27, 2025 meeting were previously distributed and reviewed by the Committee. Dr. Nicole Lucas moved to approve North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) Planning Committee Minutes from February 27, 2025 as presented. Dr. Patricia Fecher seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the Co-Chair put the motion to a vote. All votes were unanimous. There were no abstentions. The motion carried. B. Mary Sonnenberg recommend approval for Contingency Plan for Allocation adjustments by DCDEE – SFY 2025-2026. These items are in the order that would be implemented dependent on the Allocation Adjustment by DCDEE for SFY 2025-2026. 1. Decrease allocation for classrooms that have not filled their allocation in SFY 2024-2025. 2. Maintain initial SFY 2024-2025 allocation in classrooms or programs that have requested additional slots for SFY 2025-2026. 3. Review and adjust allocations in classrooms that have had Long-term Substitutes for the entire SFY 2024-2025 if needed based on Allocation Adjustment by DCDEE. 4. Dependent on Allocation and funding adjustment by DCDEE, make a set %age cut across programs.	Motion Carried	None



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	<p>Haja Jallow-Konrat asked for a motion to approve the Contingency Plan for Allocation adjustments by DCDEE for SFY 2025-2026. Dr. Patricia Fecher moved to approve the Contingency Plan for Allocation adjustments by DCDEE for SFY 2025-2026 as presented. Heather Skeens seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, Haja put the motion to a vote. All votes were unanimous. The motion carried. Recusals: Maria Ford (D)</p> <p><i>Lonnie Ballard arrived after all action items were approved.</i></p>	Motion Carried	None
<p>III. Updates</p> <p>A. Fiscal Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SFY 2024-2025 Financials 2. Delays in payments – re: Long-term Substitute Approvals <p>B. NC Pre-K SFY 2024-2025 Child Placement</p> <p>C. NC Pre K Applications SFY 2025-2026</p>	<p>A.1. Carole Mangum provided an overview of the March 2025 NC Pre-K Financials. The handout was included in the packet and was provided electronically.</p> <p>A.2. Carole reported that there is a teacher shortage across the State. Instead of regular licensed teachers, long term subs had to be utilized. There was a first extension and then there was a second extension of those substitutes because they are normally only given 12 weeks at a time. There were several teachers that had not been approved by the time it was ready make a payment so those are outstanding funds that PFC anticipates being paid, also for the retro tax next month. As soon as the actual teachers become approved, those classrooms will be eligible again to submit their attendance, and then PFC will reimburse them. Mary reported that as of this today, there are only 3 out of 15 classrooms pending that are not cleared for the March payment.</p> <p>B. No updates provided</p> <p>C. NC Pre-K Updates for 2025-2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Submitted: 1341 • Applications Processed: 1001 • Children Placed: 227 (Private and Head Start Returning 3 years old) • Reserved for Placement: 3 • Waitlist: 754 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 18 Head Start First Choice ○ 736 CCS First Choice ➤ ASQ Process: Previously, CCS screened applications that selected private sites and Head Start as their first choice, with CCS as a secondary choice. To streamline the 2025-2026 process, CCS will only screen applicants who choose CCS as their first choice. ➤ Barriers: Eligible Teachers: Once teachers become licensed, they seek employment in the school system. ➤ 2025 Spring State Pre-K and Kindergarten Transitions Meeting: March 25 and April 3, 2025: 25 providers attend, including CCS ➤ NC Pre-Kindergarten Site Administrator's Meeting (Zoom) April 22, 2025 (Tuesday) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-Person Meeting - May 22, 2025 In Person Meeting - June 19, 2025 	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>



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IV. Adjournment	As there was no further business; the chair announced the meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.	Adjourned	None
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Submittal: The minutes of the above stated meeting are submitted for approval.

Secretary of Meeting

Date

Approval: Based on Committee consensus, the minutes of the above stated meeting are hereby approved as presented and/or corrected.

Committee Chair

Date

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 6/12/2025

TO: NC Pre-K Planning Committee

FROM: Mary Sonnenberg, President

SUBJECT: **Recommendations for Action Items**

- II. Action Items for SFY 2025-2026: Reduction in Slots by DCDEE* and corresponding decrease in budget – Recommend approval of the Amended Child Allocation and Budget Implementation Plan as follows:

A. Final DCDEE Child Allocation May 2025: 1,414 Children

Site Type	Child Allocation
Private Sites	891
Cumberland County Schools	433
Head Start	90

Projected DCDEE Child Allocation February 2025: 1,431 Children

Site Type	Child Allocation
Private Sites	924
Cumberland County Schools	417
Head Start	90

B. Final NC Pre-Kindergarten Budget May 2025 for SFY 2025-2026

\$ 8,931,970	Direct Services (Monthly payment to Providers)
<u>\$ 682,403</u>	Administrative Funds
\$ 9,614,373	Total Contract/Budget Amount

Projected NC Pre-Kindergarten Budget February 2025 for SFY 2025-2026:

\$ 9,154,590	Direct Services (Monthly payment to Providers)
<u>\$ 699,516</u>	Administrative Funds
\$ 9,854,106	Projected Total Contract/Budget Amount

Please Note: The initial Site Location and projected Allocation Implementation Plan are subject to change based on funding availability, satisfactory contract compliance, adherence to the NC Pre-K Requirements and Guidance, rate fluctuations, and outcomes of recruitment efforts.

Fiscal Year 2024 / 2025

Partnership for Children of Cumberland County, Inc. - NC PRE-KINDERGARTEN GRANT

Fiscal Year 2024 / 2025

LEGEND

		FY 24/25 Revenues per Contract	
		\$ 9,154,590	NC Pre-k Grant Payments to Providers [Fund 206, Fund 210, Fund 319]
		\$ -	
	Internal Budget Alignment	\$ 174,963	2% CCDF Quality/Admin Funds [Fund 328]
	Budget Increases per Amendment #1	\$ -	2% CCDF ARPA Admin Funds [Fund 314]
		\$ 524,553	6% Administrative Funds [Fund 211]
		\$ 9,854,106	Total NC Pre-k Grant
			as of May 2025
			SHOULD BE
			92% 8%

FY 24/25		Budget				Remaining	% of	% of
Activity	5/1/2025	March	April	May	Y-T-D	Budget	Budget Expended	Available Funds
Total Budget Remaining						\$ 1,980,673.52		

Unallocated NC Pre-k Revenues	\$ -					
Total NC Pre-k Grant Expended	\$ 903,106.60	\$ 764,297.86	\$ 656,249.65	\$ 7,873,432.48	YTD	
Total State Funds	\$ 6,270,721.00					
Total Federal Funds	\$ 3,583,385.00					
Total NC Pre-K Grant	\$ 9,854,106.00					