

North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Quorum is 11 = 50% + 1 (Total Board Members = 21)

Thursday, April 30, 2026

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	Van Gunter / Dr. Eric Bracy / Maria Ford
II.	Action*	
	A. Minutes – Thursday, February 26, 2026 B. SFY 2026-2027 Approve Site Selection Sub-Committee Members	Maria Ford Maria Ford / Mary Sonnenberg / Ar-Nita Davis
III.	Updates^Δ	
	A. DCDEE Reduction in Slot Allocation for SFY 2026-2027 B. Fiscal Update 1. March 2026 Financial Report 2. DCDEE Fiscal and Programmatic Monitoring C. NC Pre-K Program Updates 1. SFY 2025-2026 Reporting: Program Progress and Updates 2. SFY 2026-2027 Reporting: Program Progress and Updates NC Pre-K 3. SFY 2027-2028 NC Pre-K Site Selection Process ^D 4. Events and Meetings	Mary Sonnenberg Carole Mangum Ar-Nita Davis/ Mary Sonnenberg
IV.	Adjourn^Δ	Maria Ford
<p>* Needs Action ^Δ Information Only ^ε Electronic Copy (Hard copies are available upon request) !Possible Conflict of Interest (Recusals) ^D Document Included in Packet</p>		



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North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2026 (12:11 pm to 12:27 pm)
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Shona Bannister (D), Lisa Childers, Dr. Patricia Fecher, Maria Ford (D), Dr. Meredith Gronski, Haja Jallow-Konrat*, Amanda Klinck, Katie Lada, Maybelyn Rodriguez Laureano*, Betty Smith, Elizabeth Stiff* (joined at 12:26pm), Felicia Tyson-Johnson and Darlisha Warren
MEMBERS ABSENT: Christiana Adeyemi, Lonnie Ballard, Joe Deaton, Van Gunter, Dr. Ayanna Richard, Heather Skeens, and Ebone Williams
NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: None
NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Eric Bracy and Brenda Jackson
MEMBER ON PERSONAL LEAVE: Linda Vandevender
NON-VOTING ATTENDEES: Ar-Nita Davis, Michelle Downey, Pamela Federline, Belinda Gainey*, Julanda Jett, Marie Lilly, Daniele Malvesti Petti, Anthony Ramos, Mary Sonnenberg, Karen Staab and Kesia Wilson
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 February 26, 2026, beginning at 12:11 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. Anthony Ramos, HR Manager, assisted on-site with audio visuals.		
II. Action* A. Minutes – Thursday, December 11, 2025	A. The minutes of the December 11, 2025 meeting were previously distributed and reviewed by the Committee. Lisa Childers moved to approve North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) Planning Committee Minutes from December 11, 2025 as presented. Betty Smith 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.	Motion Carried	None
III. Action SFY 2026-2027 A. Approve NC Pre-K Contracting Agency B. Approve Site Location and Projected Allocation Implementation Plan 2025-2026! (<i>During meeting, corrected to 2026-2027</i>) C. Approval for Contractor to Move Children across NC Pre-K Sites!	Mary Sonnenberg presented the following recommendations to the committee: A. Approval for the Partnership for Children of Cumberland County (PFC) to remain the NC Pre-K Contracting Agency for Cumberland County for SFY 2026-2027. Maria Ford asked for a motion for approval. Betty Smith moved to approve that PFC remains the NC Pre-K Planning Contracting Agency for Cumberland County for SFY 2026-2027 as presented. Katie Lada 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. Approval of the Site Location and Projected Allocation Implementation Plan 2026-2027 , contingent on funding, with 1,414 children: Private Sites – total allocation 883, CCS – total	Motion Carried	None



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	<p>allocation 491 and Head Start – total allocation 90.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Allocation Implementation Plan</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NC Pre-Kindergarten projected budget for SFY 2026-2027:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$ 8,802,630 Direct Services (Monthly payment to Providers)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$ 682,403 Administrative Funds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$ 9,485,033 Projected Total Contract/Budget Amount</p> <p>Please Note: The initial Site Location and projected Allocation Implementation Plan for SFY 2026-2027 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. This is Year 3 of Site Contracts.</p> <p>Maria Ford asked for a motion for approval. Lisa Childers moved to approve the Site Location and Projected Allocation Implementation Plan as presented. Shona Bannister seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the Co-Chair put the motion to a vote. All votes were unanimous. The motion carried. Recusal: Maria Ford</p> <p>C. Approval for Contractor to Move Children across NC Pre-K Sites. Maria Ford asked for a motion for approval. Maybelyn Rodriguez Laureano moved to approve PFC, as the Contractor, to move children across NC Pre-K sites, as presented. Lisa Childers seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the Co-Chair put the motion to a vote. All votes were unanimous. The motion carried. Recusal: Maria Ford</p>	<p>Motion Carried</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>
<p>IV. Updates^Δ</p> <p>A. Fiscal Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. January 2026 Financial Report 2. SFY 2025-26 Projected Unspent Funds <p>B. NC Pre-K Program Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SFY 2025-2026 Program Progress 2. SFY 2026-2027 NC Pre K Applications/Enrollment 3. NC Pre-K Site Selection Process for SFY 2027-2028 4. Events and Meetings 	<p>A.1. Mary provided a brief overview of the January 2026 NC Pre-K financials. The report was included in the packet.</p> <p>A.2. PFC we will not fully expend the service dollars because our enrollment's not quite at the 1414, even with picking up the additional children in the school district. The money will stay with the state, and that is how they allocate slots to other people or could allocate admin money; they have already surveyed for that. There are some sites that want more slots for next year. We will be going into site selection next year and hope to have the opportunity to have some additional slots.</p> <p>B.1. Ar-Nita Davis reported that the 2025-2026 child care allocation is 1414. The number of applications received via SchoolMint is 2429, with 1529 children placed and 135 on the waitlist.</p> <p>B.2. Recruitment efforts for SFY 2026-2027 have started. Recruitment emails have been sent and a social media site has launched for recruitment. There have been 996 applications received via SchoolMint so far. Placement for Private Sites and Head Start will begin on March 10, 2026; CCS placement will begin on May 4, 2026 for next school year.</p> <p>B.3. Volunteers, who are not conflicted, are needed for the NC Pre-K Site Selection Committee for the 2027-2028 school year. If interested in serving on the committee, contact Ar-Nita Davis, Julanda Jett, Mary Sonnenberg or Belinda Gainey. Recommendations for sites will be presented at the October 2026 board meeting. That allows enough time to have any new sites identified prior to</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <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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	<p>applications being opened January 2027.</p> <p>B.4. Upcoming Events and Meetings</p> <p>NC Pre-K Site Administrator’s Monthly Meetings at Noon – 2:00 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person Meeting: June 18, 2026 • Zoom meetings: March 19, 2026, April 16, 2026, May 21, 2026 <p>Kindergarten Transition Night hosted by the Early Intervention Special Education program with Cumberland County Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 4, 2026, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Mary McArthur Elementary School <p>2026 Spring Transition Meetings and Work Sessions with North Carolina’s Early Learning Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 23, 2026, 3:00 – 5:00 PM • March 25, 2026, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM <p>Provider Appreciation Event, FTTC Tony Rand Student Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2, 2026, 6:00 – 9:00 PM 	None	None
V. Adjournment	As there was no further business; the chair announced the meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.	Adjourned	None

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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 04/30/2026

TO: NC Pre-K Committee

FROM: Ar-Nita Davis, NC Pre-K Program Manager

SUBJECT: Proposed Recommendations for Action Items

II-B. **SFY 2026-2027** Approve Site Section, Sub-Committee Members: Approval of the following candidates to serve on the SFY 2027-2028 Site Selection Sub-committee.

1. **Jerome Scott:** The Insurance Guy serving child care providers.
2. **Dina Gibson:** Retired NCDCEE Regulatory Consultant
3. **Karen Huntley-Kellam:** Retired NCDCEE Regulatory Consultant
4. **Dr. Jaunita Heyward:** Retired Dean of Early Childhood Professor at Methodist College
5. **Dr. Patricia Fecher:** Associate Provost, Academic Operations; Associate Professor of Education at Methodist College
6. **Dr. Janice Smith:** Adjunct Professor in the Educational Leadership Department at Fayetteville State University
7. **Kyle Coleman:** Regional Supervisor at Youth Village

Please Note: The local NC Pre-K Committee must appoint and approve by vote at least 3 non-conflicted Sub-Committee members. The Sub-Committee may include non-conflicted local NC Pre-K Committee members and/or community members who are non-conflicted. Each appointed member of the Site Selection Sub-Committee must read, understand, and sign a Site Selection Sub-Committee Conflict of Interest Statement.



NC Pre-K Site Selection Roles/Responsibilities

	Local NC Pre-K Contracting Agency (Supports the Process)	Local NC Pre-K Committee (Oversees the Process)	Non-Conflicted Site Selection Sub-Committee (Conducts the Process)
Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Informs and updates Local NC Pre-K Committee about Site Selection Process ➤ Conducts an orientation/training session for the non-conflicted site selection sub-committee (refer to NC Pre-K site selection training power point) including the Additional Locally Determined Indicators, if applicable. Practice scoring the rubric with the application and documents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review and follow NC Open Meetings and Public Records Laws ➤ Reviews materials, policy and procedures, timeline and expectations for process and Non-Conflicted Site Selection Sub-Committee roles and functions ➤ Determines the context for what criteria constitutes a high, mid, and low level area of need. ➤ Decides if the optional Locally Determined Indicators will be used as part of the Rubric score and, if used, specify the criteria for up to 8 additional points. ➤ Clarifies how Local NC Pre-K Committee and NC Pre-K Contracting Agency staff will support process ➤ Selects members for Non-Conflicted Pre-K Site Selection Sub-Committee (min. 3; may include local NC Pre-K Committee members and/or community members, if non-conflicted). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Completes orientation/training session (provided by local Contracting Agency) ➤ Selects chair for the Site Selection Sub-Committee ➤ Sets review dates
Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prepares materials for local NC Pre-K Committee and the Site Selection Sub-Committee: Application, Decision Tree, Instructions, Rubric, supporting documentation (monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviews the NC Pre-K Site Selection sub-committee Conflict of Interest Statements to ensure members selected do not have any conflict of interest or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chair convenes the sub-committee ➤ Score Rubrics using Applications, supporting documents, Rubric, Teacher-

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	<p>results), Pre-K Program Requirements (Summary Docs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide materials to the local NC Pre-K Committee: link to the NC Child Care Rules, contract and budget information, reimbursement requirements ➤ Provides any knowledge of existing sites as issues arise throughout the school year to help the Local NC Pre-K Committee make informed decisions 	<p>perceived conflict of interest The local NC Pre-K Committee may choose to develop a more restrictive Conflict of Interest statement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arranges to have Conflict of Interest Statements signed by all Site Selection sub-committee members 	<p>Teacher Assistant Worksheet embedded in the application, Decision Tree, Instructions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Two or more committee members should complete the Rubric for each site application to reach consensus.
Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prepares public notices and invite all 4-star and 5- star rated license and temporary license programs to information/application session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Convenes the NC Pre-K committee to vote on the recommendations presented by the site selection sub Committee ➤ Ensures final site selection decisions are noted in the committee meeting minutes ➤ Determines funding/slot placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Refers to Decision Tree and Instructions for step-by-step procedures.</i>
Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conducts information session for eligible public and private 4- and 5-star rated license and temporary license programs: include NC Child Care Rules and NC Pre-K Program Requirements, review Application Packets, Rubric criteria, including the Locally Determined Indicators, required documentation, Timeline, Review and Notification Process, Funding expectations, Public Records Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Works with the Contracting Agency to review child enrollment, rules for assigning children to slots and adjusting slot placements, including preparation for future budget/slot adjustments to new or existing sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prepares final recommendations, rationale and rankings in writing to present to the local NC Pre-K Committee ➤ Additional factors to assist in determining recommendations may include site visits to verify classroom, additional reports from staff about monitoring findings, DCDEE visit summaries, teacher

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			education/licensure process, geographic need, other contract/fiscal compliance findings.
Topic	➤ Collects site application materials from eligible sites/schools	➤ Determines need for annual Site Selection Process in collaboration with Contracting Agency	
Topic	➤ Screens submitted Site Applications for completeness, required documentation is accurate and valid, monitoring results, teacher education progress, other documentation ➤ Prepares packets for Site Selection Sub-Committee review		
Topic	➤ Conduct review of all final materials completed by the NC Pre-K Site Selection Sub-Committee (See <i>NC Pre-K Site Application Submission Checklist on last page of application.</i> Ensure total points assigned by the sub-committee reflect documentation submitted with the application.)		
Topic	➤ Supports Non-Conflicted Site Selection Sub-Committee as requested		

- ❖ The Site Selection process must be opened and all steps completed prior to the start of a new funding cycle or every three years, whichever is less, but can be opened annually.
- ❖ The Site Selection Process must be opened to **all eligible 4-star and 5-star rated license and temporary license centers.**
- ❖ The local NC Pre-K Committee **may decide** that existing NC Pre-K sites that are maintaining all NC Pre-K standards **do not have to reapply during the site selection process.**



- ❖ Your local NC Pre-K Committee may reopen the site selection process annually based on the following reasons:
 - Currently funded programs decide to stop providing NC Pre-K services, elect to close or DCDEE revokes the site's license, etc. Your committee will need to have a process in place to reallocate slots equitably.
 - Existing NC Pre-K site closures (voluntary or otherwise) due to lack of additional resources to help sustain quality (lead teacher and teacher assistant salaries, benefits, high staff turnover, materials, etc.).
 - New sites who expressed interest in applying to be an NC Pre-K site.
 - Removal of existing NC Pre-K sites from the NC Pre-K program due to non-compliance with NC Pre-K Standards (repeated violations of non-compliance with any of the NC Child Care Rules, including the NC Pre-K Section .3000 or substantiation of child maltreatment).
 - Previous NC Pre-K sites that want to be reconsidered for participation in NC Pre-K.
 - Expansion and/or Reduction in local and state funding or other resources.
 - Changes in your community's needs (increase in homeless population, high poverty areas, change in other aspects of the economy, laws and rules, increase or decrease in the number of eligible children, community needs shift to different geographic areas of the county/region).

- ❖ Below are examples for determining high, mid and low level areas of need.
 1. The level of poverty by zip codes
 2. The location by zip code of current year's applications for families earning less than 75% SMI
 3. Review the current year's applications and rank sites by family choice.
 4. Review input from public schools and private sites, surveys, census data, DSS files, Child Care Resource and Referral staff and databases.

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Fiscal Year 2025 / 2026

LEGEND	
12/31/2025	Internal Budget Adjustments
1/30/2026	Budget Increase per Amendment #1
3/31/2026	Internal Budget Adjustments

FY 25/26 Revenues per Contract	
\$ 8,931,970	NC Pre-k Grant Payments to Providers [Fund 206, Fund 210, Fund 319]
\$ -	
\$ 174,963	2% CCDF Quality/Admin Funds [Fund 328]
\$ -	2% CCDF ARPA Admin Funds [Fund 314]
\$ 673,574	6% Administrative Funds [Fund 211]
\$ 9,780,507	Total NC Pre-k Grant

as of MARCH 2026	
SHOULD BE	
75%	25%

			FY 25/26 Budget					Remaining	% of	% of
Activity			1/30/2026	January	February	March	Y-T-D	Budget	Budget Expended	Available Funds
211	3323-999	Administrative Operations	AMENDMENT #1 EFF: 1-30-26 \$277,478	\$ 58,846.31	\$ 10,484.76	\$ 36,320.49	\$ 184,781.21	\$ 92,696.79	67%	33%
	3323-001	CCR&R - Core	INCREASE: \$166,134 \$78,545	\$ 5,664.53	\$ 4,981.07	\$ 6,794.60	\$ 56,054.85	\$ 22,490.15	71%	29%
	3323-017	NC Pre-k Coordination (In-Direct)	\$317,551	\$ 33,945.77	\$ 25,261.10	\$ 24,184.29	\$ 224,591.22	\$ 92,959.78	71%	29%
	Fund 211 Sub-Total		\$ 673,574.00	\$ 98,456.61	\$ 40,726.93	\$ 67,299.38	\$ 465,427.28	\$ 208,146.72	69%	31%
206	2342-015	NC Pre-k Subsidy (Direct - Child Reimbursement) - State Funds	\$688,756	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 688,756.00	0%	100%
	2348-015	NC Pre-K Non-TANF/CCDF - State Funds	\$254,745	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 254,745.00	0%	100%
	Fund 206 Sub-Total		\$ 943,501.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 943,501.00	0%	100%
210	2342-015	NC Pre-k Subsidy (Direct - Child Reimbursement) - State Funds	\$3,343,434	\$ 623,835.00	\$ 651,399.00	\$ 632,584.00	\$ 1,907,818.00	\$ 1,435,616.00	57%	43%
	2348-015	NC Pre-K Non-TANF/CCDF - State Funds	\$1,236,613	\$ 194,764.00	\$ 197,716.00	\$ 192,607.00	\$ 585,087.00	\$ 651,526.00	47%	53%
	Fund 210 Sub-Total		\$ 4,580,047.00	\$ 818,599.00	\$ 849,115.00	\$ 825,191.00	\$ 2,492,905.00	\$ 2,087,142.00	54%	46%
319	2342-015	NC Pre-k Subsidy TANF (Direct - Child Reimbursement) - Federal Funds	\$2,610,494	\$ 23,378.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,431,594.00	\$ 178,900.00	93%	7%
	2348-015	NC Pre-K Non-TANF/CCDF - Federal Funds	\$797,928	\$ 8,628.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 763,416.00	\$ 34,512.00	96%	4%
	Fund 319 Sub-Total		\$ 3,408,422.00	\$ 32,006.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,195,010.00	\$ 213,412.00	94%	6%
328	3323-017	NC Pre-K CCDF Quality Funds-ADMIN-Federal Funds	\$121,000	\$ 10,770.17	\$ 8,154.29	\$ 14,143.76	\$91,788.34	\$29,211.66	76%	24%
328	3323-999	NC Pre-K CCDF Quality Funds-Administrative Operations	\$53,963	\$ -	\$ 22,252.51	\$ 5,167.59	\$ 52,221.01	\$ 1,741.99	97%	3%
Fund 328 Sub-Total		\$ 174,963.00	\$ 10,770.17	\$ 30,406.80	\$ 19,311.35	\$ 144,009.35	\$ 30,953.65	82%	18%	

Total Budget Remaining \$ 3,483,155.37

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Activity	FY 25/26 Budget				Remaining Budget	% of Budget Expended	% of Available Funds
	1/30/2026	January	February	March			
Unallocated NC Pre-k Revenues	\$ -						
Total NC Pre-k Grant Expended		\$ 959,831.78	\$ 920,248.73	\$ 911,801.73	\$ 6,297,351.63		
Total State Funds	\$ 6,197,122.00						
Total Federal Funds	\$ 3,583,385.00						
Total NC Pre-K Grant	\$ 9,780,507.00						

North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Committee Meeting

NC Pre-K Updates

Thursday, April 30, 2026

III. C. NC Pre-K Program Updates

1. SFY 2025–2026 Reporting: Program Progress and Updates

- a. NC Pre-K Child Placement (Allocation: 1,414)
 - 1) Applications Received via SchoolMint: 2444
 - 2) Placed: 1553 (*Does not mean served*)
 - 3) Waitlist: 25
 - 4) Children served in March 2026: 1342
- b. 2nd Long-term Substitute Teacher/Teacher Assistant Extension Request (*Until the end of the SFY 2025-2026)
- c. SFY 2025-2026 Kindergarten Transition Celebrations
- d. SFY Final PLC Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at PFC 3:30 PM
- e. Recruitment Efforts
- f. Strengths and Barriers to Service Delivery

2. SFY 2026-2027 Reporting: Program Progress and Updates NC Pre-K

- a. Child Placement (Projected Allocation: 1,383)
 - 1) Applications Received via SchoolMint: 1633
 - 2) Number of children's applications processed: 1312
 - 3) Number of children's applications with incomplete information: 86
 - 4) Number of children 1st choice CCS 1615 (25-26) vs 1141 (26-27)
 - 5) Placed: 293 (*Private Childcare Sites Only*)
 - 6) Cumberland County Schools Placement (May 4, 2026)
- b. Recruitment Efforts
- c. Strengths and Barriers to Service Delivery

3. SFY 2027-2028 NC Pre-K Site Selection Process

Key Dates at a Glance

- Projected Application Launch: July 12, 2026
- Application Deadline: August 11, 2026
- Site Selection Recommendations to PFC: October 16, 2026
- NC Pre-K Committee Review: October 29, 2026
- Final Readiness for Enrollment in School Mint: December 2026

4. Events and Meetings

a. **NC Pre-K Site Administrator's Monthly Meetings at Noon – 2:00 PM**

- 1) Zoom meetings: May 21, 2026
- 2) In-Person Meetings: June 18, 2026

b. **Provider's Appreciation Ceremony**, FTTC Tony Rand Student Center, May 2, 2026, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

c. **NC Pre-K Staff Development**

- 1) Virtual Standards of Quality Certification Completed (NC Pre-K Caseworkers/Manager)
- 2) Smart Start Conference Greensboro, NC: May 4–7
- 3) International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute, Chapel Hill, NC, May 19–21, 2026