

HYBRID North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

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

Thursday, June 11, 2026

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

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

	Topic	Presenter
I.	Determination of Quorum & Call to Order	Co-Chairs: Van Gunter / Dr. Eric Bracy / Maria Ford
II.	Action*	
	A. Minutes – Thursday, April 30, 2026 B. Amended Final Child Allocation and Budget Implementation Plan! <i>Recusals: Lonnie Ballard, Dr. Eric Bracy, Maria Ford, Dr. Ayanna Richard and Linda Vandevender</i>	Maria Ford Mary Sonnenberg / Carole Mangum
III.	Updates^Δ	
	A. Fiscal Update 1. Financial Reports 2. End of Year B. SFY 2025-2026 Reporting Program Progress and Updates 1. Strengths and Barriers to Service Delivery C. SFY 2026-2027 Reporting Program Progress and Updates 1. Application/Placement 2. Recruitment Efforts 3. Strengths and Barriers to Service Delivery	Carole Mangum Ar-Nita Davis Ar-Nita Davis
IV.	Adjourn^Δ	Maria Ford
* Needs Action ^Δ Information Only ^ε Electronic Copy (Hard copies are available upon request) !Possible Conflict of Interest (Recusals) ^Δ Document Included in Packet		



**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 30, 2026, 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. Anthony Ramos, Human Resource Manager, was the Secretary for the meeting and recorded the minutes.		
II. Action*			
A. Minutes – Thursday, February 26, 2026	A. The minutes of the February 26, 2026 meeting were previously distributed and reviewed by the Committee. The Co-Chair asked for corrections and none were made. The Co-Chair declared the minutes approved.	Approved by unanimous consent	None
B. SFY 2026-2027 Approve Site Selection Sub-Committee Members	B. Ar-Nita Davis presented the names of the following individuals to serve on the SFY 2026-2027 Site Selection Sub-Committee for sites for the SFY 2027-2028 school year: Jerome Scott, Dina Gibson, Karen Huntley-Kellam, Dr. Jaunita Heyward, Dr. Patricia Fecher and Kyle Coleman. Dr. Janice Smith had agreed to serve but due to a conflict of interest, Dr. Smith is unable to serve. Mary Sonnenberg informed the committee that only three non-conflicted individuals are required to serve on the sub-committee. Ar-Nita verified that Kyle Coleman confirmed that he could participate on the Site Selection Committee. Betty Smith moved to accept the listed individuals as members of the SFY 2027-2028 Site Selection Sub-Committee, with the exception of Dr. Janice Smith, as presented. Van Gunter 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. Updates ^Δ	A. Mary reported that final allocation has been received from DCDEE for SFY 2026-2027. PFC had requested 1400 slots, based on the number received from childcare sites, but only 1383 slots were	None	None

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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	received. The number of slots received for SFY 2025-2026 was 1414. In previous years, enrollment has been less than PFC allocated slots. Due to the reduction in allocation, slots will be reduced at some sites beginning with those who did not fill all their slots this fiscal year. Question: Why is there under enrollment at some sites? Are they not finding teachers? Answer: Some sites did not have enough children and some did not have certified teachers. DCDEE did allow long-term substitute teachers for this fiscal year. Question: If you have a long-term sub, do you still receive the \$719 per slot? Answer: Yes, you receive the same rate. Question: Why? Answer: It was changed several years ago. Comment: It is not fair since centers are paying for a licensed teacher. Ar-Nita Davis stated that there is a barrier when teachers have to obtain their license. If exceptions were not made, the centers would not be able to serve the number of children served. Question: Are there any administrative impacts with the reductions? Answer: There will probably be a cut in the admin rate. Maria stated that NC Pre-K at CCS has declined in enrollment so they are having cuts as well. Mary stated that is a decline in population as well. B.1. Carole Mangum provided a brief overview of the March 2026 NC Pre-K financials. The report was included in the packet. Carole stated that PFC will be finishing up the year with the last two months of expenditures. Everything must be completed by the first week of June 2026. B.2. Carole stated that the NC Pre-K program is being monitored; all documents requested have been submitted. C.1. Ar-Nita provided the NC Pre-K update. The 2025-2026 child care allocation is 1414. The number of applications received via SchoolMint is 2444, with 1553 children placed and 25 on the waitlist. C.2. Recruitment efforts for SFY 2026-2027 have started. The 2026-2027 projected child care allocation is 1383. 1633 applications have been received via SchoolMint, with 86 incomplete applications. The number of children whose first choice was CCS for SFY 2025-2026 was 1615 vs 1151 for SFY 2026-2027. 293 children have been placed at private childcare sites only. CCS placement will begin on May 4, 2026 for next school year. C.3. The launch date for the SFY 2027-2028 NC Pre-K site selection has changed to July 12, 2026. Site selection takes place every three years. C.4. Upcoming Events and Meetings NC Pre-K Site Administrator's Monthly Meetings at Noon – 2:00 PM • Zoom meetings: May 21, 2026 • In-Person Meeting: June 18, 2026 • March 4, 2026, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Mary McArthur Elementary School Provider Appreciation Event, FTTC Tony Rand Student Center • May 2, 2026, 6:00 – 9:00 PM NC Pre-K Staff Development • Virtual Standards of Quality Certification Completed (NC Pre-K Caseworkers/Manager) • Smart Start Conference Greensboro, NC: May 4–7 • International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute, Chapel Hill, NC	None None None None None None None None	None None None None None None None None
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	May 19–21, 2026		
IV. Adjournment	As there was no further business; the chair announced the meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 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: 6/11/2026

TO: NC Pre-K Planning Committee

FROM: Mary Sonnenberg, President

SUBJECT: **Recommendations for Action Item**

II. Action Item for SFY 2026-2027: **Final Budget**

*Reduction in Slots by DCDEE and corresponding budget with DCDEE increased slot rates. **Amended Final Child Allocation and Budget Implementation Plan as follows:**

A. **Final DCDEE Child Allocation May 2026: 1,383 Children**

Site Type	Child Allocation	New Rates
Private Sites	837	\$738
Cumberland County Schools	464	\$525
Head Start	82	\$449

Projected DCDEE Child Allocation **February 2026: 1,414 Children**

Site Type	Child Allocation	Previous rates SFY26
Private Sites	833	\$719
Cumberland County Schools	491	\$496
Head Start	90	\$420

B. **Final NC Pre-Kindergarten Budget May 2026 for SFY 2026-2027**

\$ 9,064,940	Direct Services (Monthly payment to Providers)
<u>\$ 692,562</u>	Administrative Funds
\$ 9,757,502	Total Contract/Budget Amount

Projected NC Pre-Kindergarten Budget February 2026 for SFY 2026-2027:

\$ 8,802,630	Direct Services (Monthly payment to Providers)
<u>\$ 682,403</u>	Administrative Funds
\$ 9,485,033	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.

****The NC Pre-K Committee approved for the Contractor (PFC) to Move Children across NC Pre-K Sites at the February 26, 2026 meeting.**

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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 \$ - \$ 174,963 \$ - \$ 673,574 \$ 9,780,507	NC Pre-k Grant Payments to Providers [Fund 206, Fund 210, Fund 319] 2% CCDF Quality/Admin Funds [Fund 328] 2% CCDF ARPA Admin Funds [Fund 314] 6% Administrative Funds [Fund 211] Total NC Pre-k Grant	Fiscal Year 2025 / 2026 as of MAY 2026 SHOULD BE 92% 8%

FY 25/26				Budget				Remaining		% of	% of
Activity				1/30/2026	March	April	May	Y-T-D	Budget	Budget Expended	Available Funds
211	3323-999	Administrative Operations	AMENDMENT #1 EFF: 1-30-26	\$277,478	\$ 36,320.49	\$ 20,491.67	\$ 58,910.26	\$ 264,183.14	\$ 13,294.86	95%	5%
	3323-001	CCR&R - Core	INCREASE: \$166,134	\$78,545	\$ 6,794.60	\$ 9,917.15	\$ 8,217.14	\$ 74,189.14	\$ 4,355.86	94%	6%
	3323-017	NC Pre-k Coordination (In-Direct)		\$317,551	\$ 24,184.29	\$ 26,019.60	\$ 34,535.33	\$ 285,146.15	\$ 32,404.85	90%	10%
		Fund 211 Sub-Total		\$ 673,574.00	\$ 67,299.38	\$ 56,428.42	\$ 101,662.73	\$ 623,518.43	\$ 50,055.57	93%	7%
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	\$ 632,584.00	\$ 600,104.00		\$ 2,507,922.00	\$ 835,512.00	75%	25%
	2348-015	NC Pre-K Non-TANF/CCDF - State Funds		\$1,236,613	\$ 192,607.00	\$ 185,695.00		\$ 770,782.00	\$ 465,831.00	62%	38%
		Fund 210 Sub-Total		\$ 4,580,047.00	\$ 825,191.00	\$ 785,799.00		\$ 3,278,704.00	\$ 1,301,343.00	72%	28%
319	2342-015	NC Pre-k Subsidy TANF (Direct - Child Reimbursement) - Federal Funds		\$2,610,494	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,431,594.00	\$ 178,900.00	93%	7%
	2348-015	NC Pre-K Non-TANF/CCDF - Federal Funds		\$797,928	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 763,416.00	\$ 34,512.00	96%	4%
		Fund 319 Sub-Total		\$ 3,408,422.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 3,195,010.00	\$ 213,412.00	94%	6%
328	3323-017	NC Pre-K CCDF Quality Funds-ADMIN-Federal Funds		\$121,000	\$ 14,143.76	\$ 12,576.13	\$17,974.20	\$122,338.67	-\$1,338.67	101%	-1%
328	3323-999	NC Pre-K CCDF Quality Funds-Administrative Operations		\$53,963	\$ 5,167.59	\$ -		\$ 52,221.01	\$ 1,741.99	97%	3%
		Fund 328 Sub-Total		\$ 174,963.00	\$ 19,311.35	\$ 12,576.13	\$ 17,974.20	\$ 174,559.68	\$ 403.32	100%	0%
Total Budget Remaining									\$ 2,508,714.89		

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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
\$ -
\$ 174,963
\$ -
\$ 673,574
\$ 9,780,507

NC Pre-k Grant Payments to Providers [Fund 206, Fund 210, Fund 319]

2% CCDF Quality/Admin Funds [Fund 328]

2% CCDF ARPA Admin Funds [Fund 314]

6% Administrative Funds [Fund 211]

Total NC Pre-k Grant

as of MAY 2026

SHOULD BE

92% 8%

FY 25/26

Budget

Remaining

% of

% of

Activity

1/30/2026

March

April

May

Y-T-D

Budget

Budget
Expended

Available
Funds

Unallocated NC Pre-k Revenues

\$ -

Total NC Pre-k Grant Expended

\$ 911,801.73

\$ 854,803.55

\$ 119,636.93

\$ 7,271,792.11

Total State Funds

\$ 6,197,122.00

Total Federal Funds

\$ 3,583,385.00

Total NC Pre-K Grant

\$ 9,780,507.00



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NC Pre-K Updates

Thursday, June 11, 2026

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

- a. End of School Year May 23, 2026
- b. Strengths and Barriers to Service Delivery
- c. 2025-2026 County Plan and Kid Annual Close Down (Roll Over) June 30, 2026
- d. Programs/Sites information:
 - 1) The name and number of sites that have to complete the Assessment, and the number of sites completed ECERS-3 with scores. (See Below)
 - a) Burns Child Care: **Scored 4.79 (Submitting a Grievance)**
 - b) Child Care Network#110: **Scored 5.44**
 - c) Cozy Corner Child Care Center: **Scored 5.18**
 - d) Fayetteville State University Early Childhood Learning Center: **Scored 4.77 (Submitting a Grievance)**
 - e) Gracies Childcare: **Scored 4.79 (Submitting a Grievance)**
 - f) Kidz Kastle Day Care: **Scored 5.79**
 - g) Mommy's Moment Day Care Learning Center-
Scored: **Scored 5.15**
 - h) Stepping Stones Learning Academy #4 -Awaiting Scores
 - i) Stepping Stones #6: **Scored 5.40**

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

- a. Child Placement 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
- b. Recruitment Efforts
- c. Strengths and Barriers to Service Delivery

3. Events and Meetings

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

- 1) In-Person Meetings: June 18, 2026

b. 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