

GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date:2/13/25

Started: 9:10 AM

Facilitator: Nicole Stewart

Location: NCWorks Career Center

In Attendance

Rebekah Shamberger, Quentin Miles, Stephen Gruver, Nicole Stewart, Ann Oshel, Chad Essick, Onia Royster, Emila Sutton, Imogen Rodenhiser, Pat Sturdivant, Kayla Rosenberg Strampe, Eric Braun, Wayne Beatty, Johnnie Thomas, Doris Bullock, Meredith Yuckman

Absent

Ashley Lommers-Johnson, Derwin Willoughby, Michele Woodson, Nicole Wilson

January Meeting Minutes - Vote

Nicole Stewart, Chair of the Governance Board, started the meeting by asking if the Board had reviewed the minutes and if any changes needed to be made. No changes were requested. Nicole then called for a vote.

Stephen Gruver motioned to approve the January Governance Board Meeting Minutes; Wayne Beatty seconded the motion.

Approved: Rebekah Shamberger, Quentin Miles, Stephen Gruver, Nicole Stewart, Ann Oshel, Chad Essick, Onia Royster, Emila Sutton, Imogen Rodenhiser, Pat Sturdivant, Wayne Beatty, Johnnie Thomas, Doris Bullock, Meredith Yuckman

Wake CoC Director Introduction (Virtual)

Nicole Stewart pulled up the Teams meeting with Eileen Rosa, the new CoC Director, and asked her to introduce herself. Eileen gave an overview of her background in housing, as well as her familiarity with Wake County with North Carolina. She will be moving to the Wake County area in the coming weeks.

PIT Count Update

Erin Flynn, CoC Coordinator, explained what a Point-In-Time (PIT) Count is and gave a rundown of the 2025 PIT Count statistics. Erin gave an update that the data had been cleaned and unofficially finalized on Wednesday. *The data still needs to be reviewed and approved by HUD before it can become publicly available.*

Bringing Neighbors Home Update

Emila Sutton, Director of the Department of Housing and Neighborhoods with the City of Raleigh, gave a presentation on the Bringing Neighbors Home Pilot Program. She went into the background and reason for the program. She then went into the design of the program, the timeline for the program, and what the program has accomplished. Lastly, Emila explained what the program will be doing next.

Pat Sturdivant asked what the plan is to keep people housed.

Emila Sutton replied that they have extensive case management, and they work with people to be exited from the program after 24 months.

Johnnie Thomas asked if the City of Raleigh is approaching state legislators on capping rent increases.

Emila Sutton replied that the City has several tools to create affordable units. She said that the rent control conversation may be a non-starter with the state legislators in the current political climate.

Youth Action Board – Vote

Meredith Yuckman, Vice Chair of the Governance Board and Executive Director of The Hope Center at Pullen, provided an overview of a proposed Youth Action Board for the community. The YAB would bring youth into the conversation to include their ideas on how to help end homelessness in the community. This board would be made up of youth between the ages of 18-24.

Nicole Stewart called for a vote.

Eric Braun motioned; Doris Bullock seconded.

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2025 Board Meeting Dates

Nicole Stewart proposed the first Thursday of each month from 9-10:30 AM for all future Board meetings in 2025.

Wayne Beatty motioned to approve the proposed date. Chad Essick seconded.

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Committee Work Plan Presentations

Presentations are moved to the next Governance Board meeting

Adjourned: 10:27 AM

Next Meeting

Date and Time: March 6, 2025; 9:00-10:30am

Location: NC Works Career Center; 1830 Tillery Place, Suite B, Raleigh, NC