

GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: 7/3/25

Started: 9:07 AM

Facilitator: Nicole Stewart

Location: NCWorks Career Center

In Attendance

Wayne Beatty; Eric Braun; Doris Bullock; Stephen Gruver; Ashley Lommers-Johnson; Ann Oshel; Kayla Rosenberg Strampe; Onia Royster; Rebekah Shamberger; Nicole Stewart; Pat Sturdivant; Johnnie Thomas; Meredith Yuckman

Absent

Chad Essick (excused); Quentin Miles (unexcused); Imogen Rhodenhiser (excused); Emila Sutton (excused); Derwin Willoughby (excused); Nicole Wilson (excused); Michele Woodson (excused)

May and June Meeting Minutes – Vote

Wayne Beatty motioned to approve the May Governance Board Meeting minutes with the edits to attendance made.

Pat Sturdivant seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty; Eric Braun; Doris Bullock; Ashley Lommers-Johnson; Kayla Rosenberg Strampe; Onia Royster; Rebekah Shamberger; Nicole Stewart; Pat Sturdivant; Johnnie Thomas; Meredith Yuckman

Doris Bullock motioned to approve the June Governance Board Meeting minutes.

Johnnie Thomas seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty; Eric Braun; Doris Bullock; Ashley Lommers-Johnson; Kayla Rosenberg Strampe; Onia Royster; Rebekah Shamberger; Nicole Stewart; Pat Sturdivant; Johnnie Thomas; Meredith Yuckman

Abstain: None

Not Approved: None

Governance Board Updates

Eileen Rosa gave an update that Amanda Blue, as of July 2, 2025, had more than the simple majority approval for the Governance Board Emergency Shelter Seat. Eileen shared that voting continues through Monday, July 7, 2025. Assuming she's approved, Amanda will go through a Governance Board orientation and will begin her Board service in August.

Committee Work Plans

Eileen Rosa reminded the Board of the discussion that ensued during the June Governance Board meeting on the Racial Equity Committee's Annual Work Plan and potential name change.

Eileen noted that the Board needs to decide today as the Charter needs to be updated and approved to maintain the timeline for ESG and NOFO funding competitions.

DaQuanta Copeland, Co-Chair of the Racial Equity Committee, and two members of the Racial Equity Committee, Brittany Jackson and Mary Thompson were introduced. A discussion was had on the Annual Work Plan and name change to the CoC Fair Housing Advisory Committee.

Kayla Rosenburg Strampe suggests changing the word "compliance" with the word "consistency" in the work plan.

Johnnie Thomas motioned to change the name of the Racial Equity Committee to "CoC Fair Housing Advisory Committee" and to approve the Committee's 2025 Annual Work Plan with changes suggested by the Governance Board.

Wayne Beatty seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty; Eric Braun; Doris Bullock; Ashley Lommers-Johnson; Ann Oshel; Kayla Rosenberg Strampe; Onia Royster; Rebekah Shamberger; Nicole Stewart; Johnnie Thomas; Meredith Yuckman

Abstain: Pat Sturdivant

Not Approved: None

Charter Review and Associated Policies

Eileen Rosa gave a rundown of the Charter Review timeline.

Nicole Stewart, who led the Charter Review Workgroup as Chair of the Governance Board, reviewed the major draft changes to the Charter, including:

1. Added new Board seat: Community Member (p 7-8)
2. Added Past Chair as new Executive Committee position (p 9-10)
3. Emphasizing that regular Board meetings will be in-person (p 7 & 10)
4. Updated Committees – added Youth Action Board and Lived Experience Committee (p 15-16)
5. Meets federal language restrictions throughout

6. Other grammatical, consistency updates throughout

Nicole opened up to questions and comments. Kayla Rosenberg Strampe asked if the Lived Experience Committee will have to also comply with the Annual Workplan Requirement, as that was not listed in the committee description. Nicole Stewart stated it will be added. Kayla then asked if the Lived Experience Committee will be comprised of service providers as well. Johnnie Thomas added that he wants service providers so they can collaborate with people with Lived Experience.

Eileen Rosa then reviewed the changes made to the associated policies listed in the Charter that include:

1. Written Standards – Eileen updated the Board that the Written Standards will be undergoing a more rigorous review process later this year. Edits made to the current standards are grammar and de-duplication of standards.

Rebekah Shamberger suggested that “Prevention and Diversion Standards” needs to be added to the table of contents.

2. Grievance Policy – Eileen updated the Board that the Grievance Policy change was to pull it out of the Antidiscrimination Policy and turn it into its own policy. No major edits were made.

Pat Sturdivant asked if the word “initially” was necessary in the first step of the Grievance Policy.

Kayla Rosenberg Strampe suggested changing the first step to say, “Consumer must file a grievance with the program in accordance with the program’s grievance policy.”

Nicole Stewart suggested taking out “as follows...” in the initial paragraph. Eileen Rosa asked if the Board agrees to add a statement that clarifies that the Grievance Policy is for CoC funded projects.

Kayla Rosenberg Strampe added to change “initially” to “must first”.

3. Antidiscrimination Policy – Eileen Rosa added the caveat that this policy will continue to be under review, but changes made are updates to links, grammar, and the appendices, including the addition to a checklist of questions to ensure compliance with the Antidiscrimination Policy.

Eric Braun suggested in parenthetical where it says that it is under review in the charter, that we add “for compliance with emerging federal mandates.”

Kayla Rosenberg Strampe asked if the new CoC Fair Housing Advisory Committee had a chance to review this policy. Nicole Stewart updated that Johnnie Thomas and DaQuanta Copeland, co-chairs of the CoC Fair Housing Advisory Committee, were on the Charter Review Workgroup and that during public comment period these policies can be sent directly to all committees for review.

4. Lead Agency MOU (no changes) – No changes made.
5. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy – Eileen Rosa stated that the updates made to the VAWA policy are the inclusion of new forms that were sent out and to the appendices to link active fillable links on HUD’s website.
6. Ensuring Continuing Education Policy – Only edit made was to add the approval date for the policy.

Stephen Gruver asked if we could do a review of these policies with the providers. Eileen shared we will do that in the July Membership Meeting.

7. Conflict of Interest Policy – Only change made was the addition of a signature page at the end of the policy .

Nicole Stewart motioned to approve the Charter and associated policies with the changes made suggested by the Governance Board.

Johnnie Thomas seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty; Eric Braun; Doris Bullock; Ashley Lommers-Johnson; Ann Oshel; Kayla Rosenberg Strampe; Onia Royster; Rebekah Shamberger; Nicole Stewart; Pat Sturdivant; Johnnie Thomas; Meredith Yuckman

Abstained: None

Not Approved: None

Lead Agency and System Updates

Eileen Rosa gave updates on funding for the CoC, staffing and hiring, transitional technical assistance, Collaborative Applicant, HMIS, and Coordinated Entry updates. **See PowerPoint for more information.**

Ann Oshel asked if the worst-case scenario for HUD is going to play out if the federal budget is passed? Eileen Rosa gave an update that there would be a budget reduction and possibly the merging of programs. There may also be the possibility that there will be a full NOFO this year, rather than the two-year NOFO that was announced last year.

Ashely Lommers-Johnson added that there will probably be a 51% reduction in major programs such as CBDG. He states that there will probably be very little chance of block grant funding and that programs may stay intact, but funding will be seeing cuts.

A discussion was had on what to do in the chance of the possible loss of funding.

Eileen gave an update of the Lead Agency monitoring and strategic planning process, as well as a White Flag annual response plan that is in progress.

Adjourned: 10:27 AM

Next Meeting

Date and Time: August 7, 2025; 9:00-10:30am

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