

GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: 8/7/25

Started: 9:08 AM

Facilitator: Nicole Stewart

Location: NCWorks Career Center

In Attendance

Wayne Beatty; Amanda Blue; Eric Braun; Chad Essick; Stephen Gruver; Ashley Lommers-Johnson; Quentin Miles; Ann Oshel; Kayla Rosenberg Strampe; Onia Royster; Rebekah Shamberger; Nicole Stewart; Emila Sutton; Johnnie Thomas; Nicole Wilson; Michele Woodson

Absent

Doris Bullock (excused); Imogen Rhodenhiser (excused); Pat Sturdivant (excused); Derwin Willoughby (unexcused); Meredith Yuckman (excused)

July Meeting Minutes – Vote

Johnnie Thomas motioned to approve the July Governance Board meeting minutes.

Ashley Lommers-Johnson seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty; Amanda Blue; Eric Braun; Chad Essick; Ashley Lommers-Johnson; Ann Oshel; Kayla Rosenberg Strampe; Onia Royster; Rebekah Shamberger; Nicole Stewart; Johnnie Thomas; Nicole Wilson; Michele Woodson

Disapproved: None

Abstain: None

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding Recommendation – Vote

Eileen Rosa reviewed the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) brief provided to the Governance Board. The brief summarized the ESG timeline, the recommendations made by the Funding Review Committee (FRC), and the next steps. Eileen also reviewed the ESG Scorecard and explained the review process. Board members requested more applicant required trainings for future ESG funding opportunities.

Recusal Vote:

Nicole Stewart motioned to recuse the three Governance Board members Amanda Blue, Johnnie Thomas, and Onia Royster from voting due to conflicts of interest.

Wayne Beatty seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty; Eric Braun; Chad Essick; Ashley Lommers-Johnson; Quentin Miles; Ann Oshel; Kayla Rosenberg Strampe; Rebekah Shamberger; Nicole Stewart; Emila Sutton; Nicole Wilson; Michele Woodson

Disapproved: None

Abstain: Amanda Blue, Johnnie Thomas, Onia Royster

ESG Recommendation Vote:

Wayne Beatty motioned to approve the Funding Review Committee's ESG funding recommendation.

Quentin Miles seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty; Eric Braun; Chad Essick; Ashley Lommers-Johnson; Quentin Miles; Ann Oshel; Kayla Rosenberg Strampe; Rebekah Shamberger; Nicole Stewart; Emila Sutton; Nicole Wilson; Michele Woodson

Disapproved: None

Abstain: Amanda Blue, Johnnie Thomas, Onia Royster

Role of CoC Collaborative Applicant

Eileen Rosa provided an overview of the HUD definition for the role of the Collaborative Applicant. Eileen also reviewed the annual timeline for the Collaborative Applicant, the roles and responsibilities, and the current federal landscape. She also included an update on the FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and that the Lead Agency is expecting a NOFO, though there are currently no details on HUD's priorities for the funding competition. Eileen also shared a summary of the Executive Order titled, "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Street" and the bipartisan housing package, "Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act of 2025".

Eileen reviewed CoC resource priorities based on the most recent by-name-list pull, which covers 90 days of homelessness services. Stephen Gruver asked about the timeline for the strategic plan. Eileen Rosa stated there is hope to get the strategic planning process started later this year and launch a strategic plan early next spring or summer. Johnnie Thomas asked how municipalities are being approached about these priorities. Quentin Miles stated that Wendell, Rolesville and Zebulon are meeting quarterly with Wake County to discuss this topic. Stephen Gruver called for the Governance Board to make a proposal to developers to build the units that can house the 2000+ people who are recorded as experiencing unsheltered or sheltered homeless. Eric Braun stated that the housing authorities, City of Raleigh and Wake County could coordinate better, though there have been improvements.

Lead Agency and System Updates

Charter Review: Currently undergoing the voting process with the CoC Membership.

Funding: Signed HUD CoC FY23 Planning Grant Agreement.

Staffing & Hiring: Offer made to 1 of 5 positions.

Transitional TA: Contract initiated, pending execution.

HMIS: RFP pending Wake County IT and Procurement review.

Lead Agency Performance Monitoring & Strategic Planning Process:

- **Purpose:** Define areas of support and oversight for CoC Lead Agency.
- **Proposed Approach:** Leverage Governing Board meetings to discuss Lead Agency core services and inform Strategic Planning Process.

Board Updates

Rebekah Shamberger announced her resignation from the Board as she is moving jobs and does not live in a Wake County locale outside of Raleigh. The seat will be filled during the next Governance Board recruitment process.

Adjourned: 10:29 AM

Next Meeting

Date and Time: September 4, 2025; 9:00-10:30am

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