



## 2026 Wake CoC Governing Board Slate

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### Overview

Per the CoC Charter, the Nominations Committee conducted the 2026 Wake CoC Governing Board selection process.

The Governing Board shall consist of at least 15, but no more than 23 members. There are 10 seats, three (3) that are currently vacant and seven (7) with a term expiring in December 2025. This includes one new Governing Board seat for “Community Member” as approved by the CoC Membership through the 2025 CoC Charter <sup>1</sup>Review process.

The application form for CoC Board candidates was open September 23 through October 24, 2025, via online form distributed through the CoC newsletter, CoC Membership meeting announcements, and the CoC website.

### Board Seats

The following table lists the incumbent and Committee recommendation of each of the available Board seats.

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Category	Incumbent (Organization)	Nominations Committee Recommendation
City of Raleigh	Emila Sutton (City of Raleigh)	Erika Brandt (City of Raleigh)
Housing Authority of Wake County	Vacant	Felts Lewis (HAWC)
Lived Experience	Derwin Willoughby	Onia Royster (Triangle Family Services)
Population-specific lived experience	Onia Royster (Triangle Family Services)	KC Buchanan (HOST)
Non-Raleigh Wake County locale	Vacant (previously Rebekah Shamberger, Town of Apex)	Mary Lederle (Town of Cary)
Non-Raleigh Wake County locale	Quentin Miles (Town of Zebulon)	Quentin Miles (Town of Zebulon)
Philanthropic	Nicole Stewart (AJ Fletcher Foundation)	Zach Ward (Triangle Community Foundation)
Healthcare Provider	Ann Oshel (Alliance Health)	Ann Oshel (Alliance Health)
Business Representative	Chad Essick (Poyner Spruill LLP)	Bonner Gaylord
Veterans or Domestic Violence	Nicole Wilson (Durham VA Health Care)	Nicole Wilson (Durham VA Health Care)
Community Member	Vacant – new seat	Nicole Stewart (AJ Fletcher Foundation)

### Timeline & Next Steps

The Wake CoC Membership body approves the final selection of new Board members through a formal vote.

- **November 24:** Nominees presented to the Wake CoC Membership to vote on Governing Board slate.
- **November 25 – December 5:** Membership voting period (7 business days) facilitated by CoC Staff.
- **December 9:** Voting results will be shared with Nominations Committee and announced via CoC Newsletter.

<sup>1</sup> The CoC Charter was updated in August 2025 and is available on the Wake CoC Website [here](#).