GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WAKE COUNTY
Continuum of Care - NC 507

Date: 8/6/2026
Started: 9:05 AM
Facilitators: Meredith Yuckman, Eileen Rosa
Location: NCWorks Career Center

In Attendance

Wayne Beatty, Amanda Blue, Erika Brandt, Eric Braun, KC Buchanan, Quentin Miles, Mary Lederle, Felts Lewis, Ashley Lommers-Johnson, Ann Oshel, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Kayla Rosenberg Strampe, Onia Royster, Zach Ward, Meredith Yuckman

Absent

Doris Bullock (excused), Bonner Gaylord (unexcused), Nicole Stewart (excused), Pat Sturdivant (excused), Johnnie Thomas (unexcused), Nicole Wilson (excused), Michele Woodson (excused)

July Board Minutes

Eric Braun motioned to approve the July Governance Board meeting minutes.

Wayne Beatty seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty, Amanda Blue, Erika Brandt, Eric Braun, KC Buchanan, Quentin Miles, Mary Lederle, Ashley Lommers-Johnson, Ann Oshel, Kayla Rosenberg Strampe, Onia Royster, Zach Ward, Meredith Yuckman

Disapproved: None

Abstained: None

Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Recommendation

Eileen Rosa gave an overview of the Emergency Solutions (ESG) Grant, including the fair share, eligible project types and the required 40% Housing Stability/60% Emergency Services split.

Eileen Rosa reviewed the funding recommendation for Emergency Services and Housing Stability, highlighting percentages of recommended funding for each applicant and the move of funds from Emergency Services to Housing Stability.

Ann Oshel asked about the decision to decrease funding requests for all projects, rather than funding less projects at full. Eileen Rosa stated that there was an effort to lower the total impact to each agency and that based on score, the decision was to partially fund high scoring projects.

Eileen Rosa added that there was one appeal submitted for ESG and their score was reevaluated, but no impact to rank was made.

Vote:

Wayne Beatty motioned to approve the Funding Review Committee's (FRC) Emergency Solutions Grant funding recommendation.

Onia Royster seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty, Erika Brandt, Eric Braun, KC Buchanan, Quentin Miles, Mary Lederle, Ashley Lommers-Johnson, Ann Oshel, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Kayla Rosenberg Strampe, Onia Royster, Zach Ward

Disapproved: None

Recused: Amanda Blue, Meredith Yuckman

Youth Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity Priority Listing

Eileen Rosa gave an overview of the Youth Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) including the amount HUD expects to select for funding approximately, community award range, eligible project types and that the Wake CoC partnered with Durham, Orange and Chatham Counties to create a regional application.

Eileen Rosa presented the FRC's funding recommendation and the overall Priority Listing. Eileen added that LIFE Skills Foundation out of Durham will be reducing the amount they are requesting.

Vote:

KC Buchanan motioned to approve the FRC's Youth Homelessness NOFO Priority Listing as recommended.

Kayla Rosenberg Strampe seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty, Amanda Blue, Erika Brandt, Eric Braun, KC Buchanan, Quentin Miles, Mary Lederle, Felts Lewis, Ashley Lommers-Johnson, Ann Oshel, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Kayla Rosenberg Strampe, Onia Royster, Zach Ward

Disapproved: None

Recused: Meredith Yuckman

Continuum of Care (CoC) Program NOFO

Eileen Rosa gave an overview of the CoC Program NOFO, including the amount for the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), Tier 1 percentage limit and HUD priorities.

Eileen Rosa presented the FRC's recommended CoC Program NOFO Priority Listing. Eileen stated that two appeals were submitted. One appeal was denied for not meeting any of the appeal requirements. The score for the second appeal was reevaluated but the change in score did not affect rank.

Vote:

Wayne Beatty motioned to approve the FRC's CoC Program NOFO Priority Listing recommendation.

Zach Ward seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty, Amanda Blue, Erika Brandt, Eric Braun, Quentin Miles, Mary Lederle, Felts Lewis, Ashley Lommers-Johnson, Ann Oshel, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Kayla Rosenberg Strampe, Zach Ward, Meredith Yuckman

Disapproved: None

Recused: KC Buchanan, Onia Royster

HMIS Request for Proposals (RFP)

Eileen Rosa gave an overview of the events in the RFP process that have happened up to current day. Meredith Yuckman gave an overview of the RFP scoring results and summary of feedback from the Wake CoC Membership.

Discussions around timeline, staff capacity to transition and a regional collaboration over working with the same system. Eric Braun added that the regional collaboration could be 3-5 years out for consideration.

Wayne Beatty asked about the disadvantages of going with Bitfocus rather than Green River. Eileen Rosa stated that the cost would increase a bit, that Bitfocus is a larger company than Green River, and Green River is currently developing a client facing portal but that is not a feature that is available at this time.

The Board further discussed negotiations of the contract and the procurement process, including that significant justification needs to be made to Wake County procurement for not choosing the highest scoring software vendor.

Vote:

Imogen Rhodenhiser motioned to move forward with negotiating details and pricing with Bitfocus even though it was not the highest scoring provider based on material and information presented during the Board Meeting.

Ann Oshel seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty, Amanda Blue, Erika Brandt, Eric Braun, Quentin Miles, Mary Lederle, Felts Lewis, Ann Oshel, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Kayla Rosenberg Strampe, Onia Royster, Zach Ward, Meredith Yuckman

Disapproved: KC Buchanan, Ashley Lommers-Johnson

Abstained: None

Wake at Home Establishing a 501(c)3

Meredith Yuckman introduced an overview of the Wake at Home needs, both short-term and long-term. Meredith gave details about a Wake at Home steering committee that would oversee the disbursement of County and City funds, and Wake at Home Flex Fund Foundation (private funds).

Meredith Yuckman proposed a direction/approach to establish a flex fund foundation, as well as a structure where the Wake CoC Governance Board serves as the Board of Wake at Home Flex Fund. Meredith gave additional details about fundraising responsibilities, CFO and auditor hiring, executive authority, steering committee to make the expenses/contract decisions, contracts reviewed by a lawyer and funds distributed by CFO based on contracts.

Eric Braun stated that this 501(c)3 would not be established to take over the CoC but to only fundraise for the Wake at Home Flex Fund Foundation. Meredith Yuckman clarified that this would not be a nonprofit organization but a 501(c)3 to control a checking account and will not provide any services.

Vote:

Wayne Beatty motioned to move forward allowing the Wake CoC Lead Agency Director and Wake CoC Governance Board Chair creating a 501(c)3 Flex Fund to support the Wake at Home strategy to end and prevent homelessness and request that the Raleigh Chamber to create an interim designated fundraising account.

KC Buchanan seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty, Amanda Blue, Erika Brandt, Eric Braun, KC Buchanan, Mary Lederle, Felts Lewis, Kayla Rosenberg Strampe, Onia Royster, Zach Ward, Meredith Yuckman

Disapproved: None

Abstained: None

Adjourn: 11:02 AM

Next Meeting

Date and Time: September 3, 2026, from 9-10:30 AM

Location: NCWorks Career Center – 1830 Tillery Pl Suite B Raleigh, NC 27604