Governing Board Minutes

October 6, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Zoom Meeting Recording

PowerPoint Slides

Executive Committee Members Present: Allison Dahle (Chair), Priscilla Ward (Vice-Chair), Angela Wallace (Treasurer), Lynne F. James (Secretary)

Board Members Present: Lori Watts (Region 1)**,** Emily Lowery (Region 2), Chasity Houck (Region 3), Lauren Singleton Pendergraft (Region 4), Erin Gaskin (Region 5), Jai Baker (Region 6), Tonya Gray Young (Region 7), Priscilla Ward (Region 8), Terence Staten (Region 9), Angela Wallace (Region 10), Lakitra "Kit" Claude (Region 11), Lynne F. James (Region 12), Brian Fike (Region 13), Kay Carroll, Melissa Hewitt, Angela Harper King, Jaqueline "Jackie" Lucas, Anelia "Neely" Ward, Erin Joy Crossfield, September Tuttle, Makala Perez, Cassandra "Cassie" Rowe, Rebecca Laton, Charlene Elliot, Allison Dahle, Teena Willis, Benjamin "Benji" Horton, Kerry Bashaw, Maria Bryant

Board Members Absent: Dr. Dia Thomas (Region 8), Anita Lynch (Region 9), Ashley Kornegay (Region 10), Lisa Phillips, Brooks Ann McKinney, Timothy "Tim" Rogers, Charlotte Boyd-Malette

Collaborative Applicant & Lead Agency Staff Present: Dr. Latonya Agard, Joanne Cain, Andrea Carey, Alicia Harvey, Tamara N. Owens, Alicia Price-Blanks, Mary Ann Priester, Natalie Rivera, Teresa Robinson, Natasha Posey, Jenny Simmons, Ashley Von Hatten, Mira Sanderson

Guests/Public Attendees: Approximately 69 additional attendees were present virtually.

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order.

The consent agenda was circulated for review before the meeting and is available at https://ncceh.org/governance-board/.

Lynne James motioned to approve the consent agenda without changes or objections. Angela Harper King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no opposition or abstention.

COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT UPDATES

NC DHHS Back@Home Closeout & Transition

Jackie Lucas provided an overview of the Back@Home program closeout and transition as the three-year program ended on September 30, 2026, and the new NCDHHS–CoC service model began October 1.

Her presentation explained that Back@Home served 3,352 individuals across 1,681 households, with more than 1,225 households placed in housing. The closeout process focused on reviewing each household's housing and service needs, documenting transition plans, completing HMIS/program exits, and connecting households to successor resources where available. The new NCDHHS CoC grants are distinct from Back@Home, and households do not automatically transfer into the new awards.

Going forward, the CoC and regional partners are expected to prioritize households without confirmed housing or service pathways through case conferencing, identify local resources, coordinate referrals, and escalate unresolved barriers to NCDHHS or other appropriate partners

Please send any questions to Jackie Lucas at jacqueline.c.lucas@dhhs.nc.gov.

NCCEH

The Greensboro Field Office completed a Limited Financial Review of NCCEH to assess the organization's internal controls, mitigate fraud risk and ensure sound fraud preventions strategies are in place.

As a result, NCCEH received one Finding. The Finding did not result in reduced or rescinded funding for the NC BoS CoC.

If anyone has any questions, please reach out to Dr. Agard at latonya.agard@ncceh.org.

CoC Program Update

Due to time constraints, this update was postponed. An email containing the update was sent following the Governing Board meeting.

CoC Program Grant Significant Change Request

Lynne James motioned to approve the Significant Change Request approving Vaya Partners as the new grantee for the Partners Consolidated Renewal 2024 CoC Program grant. Jai Baker seconded the motion.

Teena Willis and Erin Gaskin both Vaya Partners abstained.

The motion passed unanimously with no opposition.

Data Quality Plan

A Governing Board member asked how the Data Standard Benchmarks are determined. The Data Team explained that benchmarks are informed by data collection, review, and data quality analysis, and are then taken to the regions for discussion and review.

Erin Gaskin motioned to approve the Data Quality Plan as presented. Tonya Gray Young seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with no opposition or abstention.

HMIS Software Evaluation and Improvement Workgroup

Jana Elliot motioned to recommend an HMIS Software Request Proposal (RFP) to the Membership. Lynne James seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with no opposition or abstention.

2027 PIT Night

Benjamin “Benji” Horton motioned to hold the PIT Night on Wednesday, January 27, 2027. Emily Lowery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no opposition or abstention.

Performance Evaluation

Jenny Simmons presented a recommendation to establish a Performance Evaluation (PE) Review Workgroup. The proposed workgroup would receive training on the Performance Evaluation Review Process and would include at least one person with lived experience. Members would also be required to be staff from agencies that are not currently funded through ESG or CoC Program funds but have prior experience working with these grants. The workgroup would collaborate with NC BoS CoC staff while the Performance Evaluation process is under development.

Some Governing Board members raised concerns about potential duplication in document submission for ESG Program monitoring, noting that the NC ESG Office already requires agencies to submit documentation as part of its monitoring process. Jenny clarified that the NC ESG Office's monitoring would be limited to Level 1 monitoring, including quarterly reports, and noted that conducting Performance Evaluation (PE) Reviews is a requirement of the Collaborative Applicant.

A Governing Board member expressed hesitation regarding the proposed process and suggested that, if the Governing Board moved forward with establishing the workgroup, the workgroup should collaborate with the PE team to identify opportunities to consolidate and streamline the process.

Jenny proposed establishing the workgroup to collaborate with PE staff in reviewing the existing Performance Evaluation process and developing recommendations for a revised process.

Some Governing Board members expressed that NCCEH, and the NC ESG Office should first finalize their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) before bringing the matter back to the Governing Board for consideration.

Allison Dahle clarified that the request was not for the Governing Board to approve the Performance Evaluation Process itself, but rather to establish a workgroup that would collaborate on reviewing and refining the process.

Another Governing Board member expressed support for moving forward with the workgroup and having the group reevaluate the existing Performance Evaluation process.

Lynne James made a motion to establish a Performance Evaluation Review Workgroup to reassess and refine the Performance Evaluation process and return to the Governing Board at a future meeting with recommendations.

Tonya Gray Young stated that she had previously made a motion in the Zoom chat to table the discussion and gather additional information before the next Governing Board meeting. Teena Willis seconded the motion to table.

Lynne James opposed the motion to table.

The motion to table the establishment of the Performance Evaluation Review Workgroup until the next Governing Board meeting passed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND REMINDERS

Upcoming meetings and key dates, along with more detailed content, can be found in the slide deck posted on the NC BoS CoC page at https://ncceh.org/governance-board/.

Erin Joy Crossfield motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kay Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

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Next Governance Board Meeting:

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 10:30 A.M.