



# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## Governance Board Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

[Zoom Meeting Recording](#)

**Board Members Present:** Lori Watts (Region 1), Emily Lowery (Region 2), Carolyn Proctor (Region 3), Lauren Singleton Pendergraft (Region 4), Erin Gaskin (Region 5), Jai Baker (Region 6), Susana Rodriguez (Region 7), Dr. Dia Thomas (Region 8), Terence Staten (Region 9), Angela Wallace (Region 10), LaKitra “Kit” Claude (Region 11), Lynne F. James (Region 12), Brian Fike (Region 13), Melissa Hewitt, Angela Harper King, Jackie Lucas, , Erin Joy Crossfield, Brooks Ann McKinney, September Tuttle, Makala Perez, Beth Chartrand, Rebecca Laton, Tara Peele, Allison Dahle

**Board Members Absent:** Chasity Houck (Region 3), Tonya Gray Young (Region 7), Anita Lynch (Region 9), Ashley Kornegay (Region 10), Karen Carroll, Cynthia Figueora

**Collaborative Applicant & Lead Agency Staff Present:** Joanne Cain, Natalie Rivera, Tamara N. Owens, Ashley Von Hatten, Alicia Price-Blanks, Mary Ann Priester, Natasha Posey, Mira Sanderson

**Guests/Public Attendees:** Approximately 65 additional attendees were present virtually.

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### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Quorum was reached 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/>.

Allison Dahle motioned to approve the consent agenda without changes or objections. Lynne F. James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT UPDATES

Beginning in June 2026, Governance Board attendance will be monitored and addressed in accordance with the [Governance Charter](#) (page 19). If you are unable to attend a Board meeting, please notify the Balance of State staff in advance whenever possible.

All Regional Leads, Regional Lead Alternates, and At-Large Members are required to complete a [Governance Board Member Application](#). In addition, all Board members must have an active [CoC Membership Application](#) on file. If you are unsure of your membership status, please review the current [CoC Membership Roster](#).

The Governance Board will be establishing an Executive Committee, which will consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers will be elected from the Governance Board membership and will support Board leadership, assist with meeting agenda development, and help guide implementation of the [Governance Charter](#) (page 16).

During the July Governance Board meeting, we will review the responsibilities of each officer's position and open nominations. Officer elections will be held during the August meeting, at which time the Executive Committee will be formally established.

Natasha Posey, North Carolina's SOAR Captain, provided an update on the SOAR Program. Members interested in learning more about SOAR or participating in SOAR Plus! Training opportunities are encouraged to contact NCCEH at [soar@ncceh.org](mailto:soar@ncceh.org) or Natasha Posey at [natasha.posey@ncceh.org](mailto:natasha.posey@ncceh.org).

### **CO C PROGRAM COMPETITION**

The FY2026 CoC Program Competition officially began with HUD's release of the [FY2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) on June 1. In preparation, the Funding & Performance Subcommittee updated the [NC BoS CoC Funding Priorities](#) to align with [HUD's focus](#) on maintaining essential infrastructure (HMIS and Coordinated Entry), reducing unsheltered homelessness, promoting trauma-informed care, supporting diverse project types, and ensuring effective use of CoC funding. The CoC also streamlined its project scorecards by reducing administrative components and aligning performance measures with current funding priorities.

The NOFO introduces several important opportunities and changes, including CoC Bonus and DV Bonus funding for new projects, expanded eligibility for certain project types, and continued support for project consolidations and expansions. NCCEH will provide extensive technical assistance through [webinars, office hours, application resources, and guidance materials](#).

#### **Key CoC Program deadlines include:**

<a href="#">Intent to Apply/Intent to Renew</a> Form <b>DUE</b>	<b>June 17 by 5 PM</b>
Local Competition Applications due to NCCEH through ZoomGrants	<b>July 24 by 5 PM</b>

Applicants are encouraged to review the NOFO, ensure SAM.gov and e-snaps registrations are current, and begin preparing applications immediately.

## **ESG PROGRAM COMPETITION**

The CY2027 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Competition is underway, with the NC ESG Office expected to release the annual Request for Applications (RFA) on June 9. ESG funding supports Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Homelessness Prevention, and HMIS/Comparable Database activities. NCCEH launched the [local competition process](#) on May 21 and has provided [webinars, office hours, and technical assistance](#) to support applicants throughout the competition.

The competition consists of three phases:

1. Submission of a mandatory [Intent to Apply/Intent to Renew](#) form **by Monday, June 15 by 5 PM.**
2. Completion of the NC BoS CoC application through ZoomGrants – *Agencies will receive a ZoomGrants application link if found eligible.*
3. Submission of approved applications to the NC ESG Office.

The NC BoS CoC has been allocated \$2,526,210 in ESG funding, distributed among the 13 regions through a Fair Share model to ensure equitable geographic distribution of funds. Regional leadership is encouraged to coordinate project applications strategically to maximize available funding and maintain a balance of emergency response and housing stabilization activities throughout their communities.

## **AGENCY SPOTLIGHTS: REGIONS 4, 5, AND 6**

Regional Leadership from Regions 4, 5, and 6 provided an overview of their respective agencies and the services they offer. Along with highlighting key programs, regional initiatives, and their roles in supporting local leadership and homelessness response efforts within their communities. You can find all the contact information for all Regional Leadership on our [website](#).

### **Organization Contact Information from Region 4:**

- [The ARK](#) – (336) 527 – 1637 – Located in Elkin, NC
- [The Shepherd’s House](#) – (336) 786 – 1420 – Located in Mount Airy, NC
- [Helpings Hands of Surry County](#) – (336) 673 – 0215 – Drop-in Center Located in Mount Airy, NC

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND REMINDERS**

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

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**Next Governance Board Meeting:**

**Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 10:30 A.M.**