

MINUTES

Committee Members in attendance: Brandy Bowman, Carol Steed, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Kit Cramer, Linda McDaniel, Mark Taft, Marsha Davis (virtual), Martin Moore, Mistie Reising-Cogbill, Philip Belcher (virtual), Rich Johnston, Susan Mims (virtual), Wendy Wieber

Absent: Al Whitesides, Leslie Anderson

County staff in attendance: Rachael Nygaard, Sara Joss (virtual), Angelica Tyler, Angelyn Johnson, Michael Frue

Welcome and agenda review by Jasmine Beach-Ferrara.

Minutes

Kit Cramer made a motion to approve the minutes from September 6. Rich Johnston seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Site visits
 - Site visits are going well so far. There are three remaining site visits. Staff reminded committee members to complete the post-site feedback form.
- Grant guidelines, application and scoring criteria
 - Scoring rubric includes a narrative description of 1-5 points for each scoring category.
 - The application was updated to include committee feedback
 - The committee had a brief discussion about expulsions and tracking data
 - The committee had a discussion about the focus on 3-4 year olds, and if we are missing the mark with infants and toddlers. This conversation will be continued at a future meeting.

New Business

- Buncombe Partnership for Children presentation
 - Presentation included State of Childcare and an update on the NC Pre-K expansion project. The presentation slides were included in the meeting materials.

Announcements

- The FY2024 grant applications will open December 19. The deadline for applications is February 10, 2023.

Public Comment

- Pepi Acebo and Brian Repass participated in public comment.

Next Meeting: There is no meeting in January. Next meeting is February 7, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Ground Floor Conference Room at 200 College St.