

**Wake County Smart Start
NC Pre-K Committee Meeting
December 2, 2020**

A meeting of the Wake County Smart Start (WCSS) NC Pre-K Committee was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 with WCSS Board Chair, Barbara Morales Burke presiding. The meeting was held via Zoom conference

Committee members present: Dale Cousins, Veronica Creech, L'Teisha Curtis, Heather Drennan, Matthew Glova, Liz Hamner, Sherry Heuser, Leslie Ann Jackson, Tonya Kangkolo, Katie King, Catherine Lassiter, Sharon Loza, Cathy Moore, Barbara Morales Burke, Antonia Pedroza, Kristi Tally, Charlotte Turpin, Michael Wasilick, Angie Welsh, Joe White and Katherine Williams

Committee members absent: Christine Alvarado and Kimberly Shaw

Staff members present: Gary Carr, Gayle E. Headen, Joan Crutchfield, Bryce McClamroch, Carol Orji, Phyllis Barbour, Nancy Peck and Anna Troutman

Call to Order/Announcements/Adoption of Agenda

At 8:40 AM, Vice Chair, Sherry Heuser recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order. Dale Cousins moved to adopt the agenda. Liz Hamner seconded the motion. Calling for a vote and hearing none opposed, the vote was unanimous. (12-20-35)

NC Pre-K Committee members reviewed minutes from previous meetings. Liz Hamner moved to adopt the minutes from the NC Pre-K Committee meetings on April 22, 2020 and August 26, 2020. Katherine Williams seconded the motion. Calling for a vote and hearing no objection, the motion carried. (12-20-36)

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Gayle E. Headen provided background context for two staff recommendations based on the Division of Child Development and Early Education's (DCDEE) recent response to WCSS regarding the submitted response to the monitoring summary report.

Ms. Headen presented a staff recommendation and supporting information related to NC Pre-K Committee membership representation. Following questions, Dale Cousins made a motion to approve WCSS NC Pre-K Committee membership inclusion of Liz Hamner as Parent Representative, Angie Welsh as Child Care Agency Representative and Dawn Dawson as the Wake County Public School Exceptional Children's Preschool Program Representative. L'Teisha Curtis seconded the motion. Calling for a committee vote and hearing none opposed, the vote was unanimous. (12-20-37)

Ms. Headen also presented a staff recommendation to give decision making authority to WCSS staff for moving children across NC Pre-K sites. She remarked that approval of the recommendation would ensure that language for the practice is precise and matching the NC Pre-K requirements as well as expediting the movement of children as necessary without requiring approval of the NC Pre-K Committee Co-Chairs and Committee members each time. Katherine Williams moved to approve transfer of the decision-making authority to move children across NC Pre-K sites to WCSS as the contractor, for FYs 2020-23. Joe White seconded the motion. Calling for a vote, and hearing none opposed, the motion passed. (12-20-38)

With no further committee business to address, Charlotte Turpin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 am. Dale Cousins seconded the motion. Calling for a vote and hearing no objections, the vote passed. (12-20-39)

Kimberly Shaw

Secretary

02/25/2021

Date