



**Board of Directors Annual Meeting
October 15, 2015**

Board members present:

Bob Ashley	Linzie Atkins	Diamond Bethea	Deric Boston (elected)	Ilene Britt
Linda Chappel	Cathy Collie	Drew Cummings	Karen O'Mansky	Michael Page
Rhonda Parker	Joanne Pierce	David Reese	James Spencer	Ashley Taylor

Board members absent/excused:

LaDonna Allison	Michael Becketts	Brenda Berlin	Danielle Caldwell	Terry David
Jenn Kadel (non-voting)		John McCain	Ann Oshel	Delphine Sellars
Victoria Smith (non-voting)		Joy Sotolongo	Kara Turner	

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Motion	Action
Call to order	The meeting was called to order by Linzie Atkins with a quorum at 3:18 pm following the enjoyment of refreshments and conversation in a reception format.		
Introductions and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rhonda Parker announced that Durham Parks & Recreation was recently awarded a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield and the NC Recreation and Parks Association for the installation of "play prints" to encourage children and teens' physical activity. They will have a Kick-off press conference on October 27 at Holton Career and Resource Center. - Laura extended the invitation again for The Leading for Equity retreat. The two-day commitment will be October 29-30 at Lyon Park. Approximately 25 people are registered, and a few more seats are available. -Linzie Atkins announced that he has a new position with Durham County as a Veteran Services Officer. 		
Opening Question	-Board members shared what connects them to early childhood education and why it is meaningful to them. It was agreed that it is both "head work and heart work."		
Consent Agenda - 8/20/2015 board minutes -Executive Committee Motions	-Regarding the motions from Executive Committee that reflect action on Early Head Start applications, it was confirmed that the items do not represent any deviation from prior approved funding levels. All Early Head Start grants submissions are for renewed funding at the current award levels.	It was moved to accept the consent agenda Motion: Drew Cummings Second: Bob Ashley Not voting due to conflict of interest: None	Motion carried
Agenda Modifications	There were no agenda modifications.		
Public Comment Period	There was no public comment.		

<p>Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>-Karen O'Mansky stated that the FY 14-15 audit is underway, with the Cohn Reznick team completing its field work today. No issues have been brought to our attention to date.</p> <p>-It was reported that the Smart Start allocation was officially approved by NCPC and announced on October 12. NCPC received the same allocation in this year's state budget as it had in FY 14-15, and the funding formulas to local partnership remained the same. Therefore, Durham's Smart Start allocation for services (\$5,341,202) and administration (\$319,799) did not change, for a total of \$5,661,001. The 70% requirement to be invested in child care related activities is \$3,738,841. Of the funds invested in Smart Start Scholarship, \$2,650,000 must be spent on TANF/CCDF eligible children. This is to ensure that NCPC meets its \$59M TANF/CCDF requirement statewide. The only change is a required 17% cash and in-kind match, up from 15% last year. The legislature plans to increase the match by 2% every year up to 25%. This will continue to be increasingly burdensome and it will have to be monitored closely. Smart Start funded partners have a match requirement as part of their contracts so that they participate in helping us meet this level. We will now amend contracts with our Direct Service Providers (DSP's) to bring them to a full 100% funding level.</p>		
<p>Pre-K Expansion</p>	<p>Laura introduced the Pre-K expansion discussion that has been gaining traction throughout the community. There has been a long history of conversation among Durham's Board of County Commissioners, Board of Education (School Board), and the Durham City Council around this issue of Pre-K expansion and early investment in early childhood. A resolution is now circulating with the intent that each elected body formally announces its support for the creation of a Pre-K task force. The task force of stakeholders and early childhood leaders would establish a timeline for its work, culminating in a recommendation for the implementation of a Pre-K expansion plan that is built on the foundation of the current NC Pre-K system in Durham. The long range vision is to establish universal access to Pre-K. The School Board has made such a resolution, charging Laura Benson and Linda Chappel to lead this task force effort.</p> <p><u>Board Members and staff responded to the following questions in small groups:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In a pilot expansion effort, who is most important to serve? - Who are the greatest champions for this effort that could ensure success? - What are the obstacles or detractors that could thwart an effort? - How should people be identified to serve on the task force? - What quality standards would be optimum for providers to achieve in this effort? - What do you see as your board role in this process? <p>(Collated responses are attached to the minutes.)</p>		
<p>Election to the Board</p>	<p>-Deric Boston's nomination was submitted for the mandated position as the designee for Durham Head Start director, Terry David.</p> <p>Re-election to a second three year term, Linzie Atkins and Karen O'Mansky.</p> <p>Re-election to a third three year term, Bob Ashley.</p> <p><u>2015-2016 Slate of Officers</u> Board Chair- Karen O'Mansky Vice Chair- Cathy Collie Treasurer- TBD Secretary- Ilene Britt</p>	<p>It was moved that Deric Boston be elected to the Board Motion: Michael Page Second: Ilene Britt</p> <p>It was moved that Linzie Atkins and Karen O'Mansky be re-elected for a second 3-year term. Motion: Rhonda Parker Second: David Reese</p> <p>It was moved that Bob Ashley be re-elected for a third 3-year term. Motion: Karen O'Mansky Second: Linda Chappel</p> <p>It was moved to accept the slate of officers.</p>	<p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion carried</p>

	<p>Linzie Atkins was recognized for his service as Board Chair for the past two years. We will present him with a gift certificate to Bull City Running in appreciation of this leadership.</p>	<p>Motion: Linda Chappel Second: Drew Cummings Not voting due to conflict of interest on any of the election motions: None</p>	
<p>Board Engagement</p>	<p>Board members were invited to share highlights, achievements and bright spots over the past year. They were also invited to consider what their board legacy would be. Several people shared that their legacy as a DPfC Board member will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A system to spot and support kids who have potential who would otherwise be lost -To make a difference -All kids in Durham will have the opportunity to have high quality care - Ensure equity of access to high quality childcare -To continue to be a valued resource -To help Durham be more collaborative in its efforts to address the needs of young children 		
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Racial Equity Retreat will be held at Lyon Park on Oct. 29-30, 8:30-4:30 The next full Board meeting will be November 19, 3:00-5:00 p.m. -The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on December 17, 3-5 p.m. 		

In a pilot expansion effort, who is most important to serve?

All underserved or not-yet served children
Children on waiting lists for other programs
Do you start with the wait list for the NC Pre-K program?
Aim for creating mixed classrooms that include low-income children who are subsidized
Those with limited access to Pre-K, with economic, societal, developmental, emotional needs

Who are the greatest champions for this effort that could ensure success?

This board – it represents most of the key players
School Board and other elected officials
Providers
Parents
Faith-based community
Business Leaders - these are the champions we don't already have!
Universities: Duke, NCCU

What are the obstacles or detractors that could thwart an effort?

Money, cost and funding (on each group's list)
Fear about intrusiveness
Perception that this is competing with other initiatives
Competition between Durham Public Schools and private child care sites
Potential negative perspective of private providers
Lack of coordination

How should people be identified to serve on the task force?

Make sure to include representatives from the community: Providers, Parents
Use a makeup that is similar to the DPFC board?
Parents of pre-k children
Business leaders to invest
Private sector

What quality standards would be optimum for pre-k providers to achieve in this effort?

Good question! What is the capacity in the community?
Definitely do not have standards that are lower than the current NC Pre-K requirements
How to incentivize new providers to raise quality? (This is a 'business problem' that Fuqua could be engaged in addressing)
Use an evaluation framework
Create a high sense of accountability

What do you see as your board role in this process?

Raising awareness
Advocacy (especially to the private sector)
Evaluation and support of pilot programs