



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Regular Meeting held August 20, 2025

Governmental Center, Concord NC

MINUTES

MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:

Adrian Attaway	Megan Baumgardner	Sonja Bohannon-Thacker	Travis Burke
Carolyn Carpenter	Holly Edwards	Steve Grossman	Megan Huffman
Amy Jewell	Megan Kabat Newcomer	Heather Mobley	Malisha Ross
Lakesha Steele			

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIA MS TEAMS: Gayle Alston, Rosemary Gause, Rekita McDuffie, Aalece Pugh, Alvarys Santa Chisholm, Ashlie Shanley, and Michelle Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Ayers, Matthew Greer, Jeff Jones, and Marta Meares

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: Two Members At Large and Person under Age 21

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Seigny and Joanie Bischer

GUESTS ATTENDING IN PERSON: Teisha Blue (DAC); Quanitta Brooks (TYM); Chef Timothy Gray (Aspire); Deidra Howard; Eshan Korat; Chef Nicole Jenkins (Aspire); Heather Jones (TYM); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Grace Knight (Families First); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Ingrid Nurse; Kim Olige (YSF); and Mary Swayze (CRC)

GUESTS ATTENDING VIA MS TEAMS: Timeria Barber (CHA); Sgt Taylor Holman-White (CPD); Kristen Pearce (CHA); Khasia Vaughn; Henrietta; and Eric

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chair Megan Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:44 AM. She welcomed guests, new members, and returning members to the first meeting of FY 25-26. Quorum was established with 20 of 24 members present. Thirteen members were seated in person and seven members joined via MS Teams audio/video connection. The Chair opened the floor for the following routine business:

- Regarding the June 18 meeting minutes, the Chair called for discussion or a motion. With no comments heard, Vice Chair Heather Mobley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Carolyn Carpenter seconded. Hearing no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.
- Regarding today's agenda, the Chair called for corrections or a motion. Heather Mobley motioned to approve the agenda as proposed. Amy Jewell seconded. Hearing no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

Megan yielded the floor to Daniel Sevigny who discussed information included in his *DPS Talking Points*. He advised that most programs exceeded their FY 24-25 estimate of youth to be served. He thanked all programs for their efforts. Daniel added that 33 youth have been admitted this FY with a total of 86 youth served. He next provided dates for upcoming program training, accounting deadlines, NCJSA's Fall Conference, and a DPS legislative budget update. He announced the launch of a new virtual youth counseling program called *Talk Space*. More information will follow. Daniel also encouraged members to contact council leadership if they know of presentations, programs, or topics that would benefit council. Lastly, Daniel asked members to review Cabarrus County's violence profile data compiled by DPS Office of Violence Prevention.

MS Teams audio issues were discovered at this point. While technical assistance was underway, the Chair suggested an agenda modification to proceed with New Business/Action Items and return to CHA's virtual TASK presentation when audio issues are resolved. There was no opposition to this suggestion. Members attending virtually were asked to chat their votes in MS Teams.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

The Chair opened the floor to discuss JCPC's resolution for DJJDP Funding Increases. Daniel advised the resolution was requested last year when DPS budget planning was underway. It requests NC County Commissioners' support for the State to increase recurring funding for JCPCs, community programs, juvenile crisis centers, youth residential facilities, and the NC SAFE campaign. Teams audio was restored by this time and no further comments were heard. Sonja Bohannon-Thacker motioned to support JCPC's presentation of the resolution to the BOC. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Megan next advised that four members voluntarily submitted resignations for various personal reasons. Council agreed to accept the resignations as presented and to thank Ashley Fitch, Roshini Selvakumar, Marta Meares, and Sgt Matthew Greer for their service. Megan added that the Membership Committee will meet virtually prior to JCPC's September meeting to review applications for three vacancies. Committee nominations will be presented to the full Council at that time. It was noted there are 18 applications at this time for two *At Large* vacancies. There are two applicants for the *Person under Age 21* vacancy. Several candidates in attendance introduced themselves. Heather Mobley encouraged interested members to join the Membership Committee.

The Chair opened the floor to consider renewals for the following member terms expiring September 30: (1) KPD School Resource Officer Adrian Attaway fills the *At Large* seat reserved for a Representative of Kannapolis City Schools; (2) Former Senior Pastor Dr. Steven Ayers fills the *Member of the Faith Community* seat; (3) Sonja Bohannon-Thacker fills the *Local Health Director* seat as Designee; (4) Holly Edwards fills the *Member of the Business Community* seat; (5) Rekita McDuffie fills the *Director of DSS* seat as Designee; (6) Dr. Aalece Pugh fills the *County Manager* seat as Designee. It was confirmed that these members wish to remain on Council and no other applications from qualified candidate were on file. Hearing no further comments, the Chair called for a motion. Heather Mobley motioned to recommend the renewals as a slate. Judge Grossman seconded. Discussion ensued in response to member questions regarding BOC's appointment policy. The Vice Chair advised that BOC advisory board liaisons recently met with Chairman Jeff Jones and Deputy Clerks. The BOC anticipates relying upon advisory boards' recommendations with the understanding that term limit policies should be considered with all positions. In cases where the only applicant for a statutorily designated seat is the member who currently fills it, exceptions to BOC's term limit policy may be granted if appropriate explanations are provided. It was noted that the majority of JCPC's 26 seats are statutorily designated. With no further discussion, the motion on the floor passed unanimously.

Megan next opened the floor to discuss the appointment of Sgt Taylor Holman-White as the Concord Police Chief's Designee replacing Sgt Matthew Greer who has resigned. Sgt Holman-White submitted an application, and she joined the meeting virtually. Sgt Holman-White serves CPD's Community Outreach and Education unit and supervises School Resource Officers. Hearing no further discussion, Heather Mobley motioned to recommend Sgt Taylor Holman-White's appointment. Officer Attaway and Gayle Alston seconded simultaneously. Motion passed unanimously.

Megan encouraged all members to consider joining at least one JCPC committee this year. Daniel suggested that members review the descriptions of Cabarrus JCPC committees that were included in the meeting packet. He briefly described the duties associated with monitoring committees and added they are an opportunity for members to get acquainted with JCPC programs.

Lastly, Megan advised that members are required each fiscal year to read and sign a COI disclosure. Megan and Daniel discussed actual and perceived conflicts. Members with questions about the COI were directed to contact Megan or Daniel. Members were asked to return their signed COI to the admin as soon as possible.

CHA TASK Presentation

The Chair returned to the scheduled TASK presentation. She opened the floor for virtual attendees Kristen Pearce Lovelace and Timeria Barber with CHA to introduce themselves. They described the program's content and goals, and how to make referrals. Ms. Barber responded to council member comments and questions.

PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORTS / COUNCIL QUESTIONS

The Chair next opened the floor for program reports. Agency representatives proceeded as follows: Kim Olige for YSF Interpersonal Fitness; Quanitta Brooks for TYM Restitution & Community Service/Get Hired; Chef Nichole Jenkins and Chef Timothy Gray for Aspire Kids at Work; Grace Knight for Families First Strengthening Families; Kristen McEvoy for CRC Teen Court/Truancy Court Mediation; and Karen South Jones for RCYSB SOSE. Information provided included youth served/admitted, referral sources, program collaborations, personnel and facility updates, summer program updates, youth success stories, and fundraising events.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Daniel Seigny mentioned that DPS monitorings occurred with Kids at Work, Strengthening Families, and Truancy Court. Each monitoring went well, and reports will be distributed. Daniel also introduced Taisha Blue with the NC Department of Adult Corrections. She is an advocate/facilitator for the prevention of human trafficking and for anti-bullying. Ms. Blue briefly addressed the group.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Amy Jewell provided information about transportation rate reductions through Lyft. Aalece Pugh provided information about a community event at the Afton Ridge Active Living Center to celebrate the launch of *Cabarrus CORE (Collaborative Opioid Recovery and Education)*.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments being heard, the Chair called for a motion. Amy Jewell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 AM.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Acronyms

1. ALPS = Active Living and Parks Services
2. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
3. CHA = Childrens Hope Alliance
4. COI = Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form for JCPC Members (DPS13.001c)

5. CPD = City of Concord Police Department
6. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
7. DAC = NC Department of Adult Correction
8. DJJDP = Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
9. DSS = Department of Social Services (aka Department of Human Services)
10. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
11. HB = NC Legislative House Bill
12. KPD = Kannapolis Police Department
13. NC SAFE = NC Governor's campaign to Secure All Firearms Effectively
14. RCYSB = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau
15. RFP = Request for Proposals (a public document that solicits proposals for DPS-funded youth programs)
16. SOSE = Sex Offense Specific Evaluations
17. TASK = Treatment Alternatives for Sexualized Kids (a CHA program)
18. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
19. YSF = Youth Style Fitness-Holistic Fitness