



## CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Regular Meeting held November 19, 2025

Governmental Center, Concord NC

### MINUTES

#### **MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:**

Adrian Attaway	Steve Ayers	Megan Baumgardner	Carolyn Carpenter
Holly Edwards	Steve Grossman	Megan Huffman	Henretta Jackson
Jeff Jones	Eshan Korat	Heather Mobley	Aalece Pugh
Malisha Ross	Alvarys Santana-Chisholm	Ashlie Shanley	Eric Young

**MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Gayle Alston, Sonja Bohannon-Thacker, Rosemary Gause, Taylor Holman-White, Meghan Kabat-Newcomer, Rekita McDuffie, Lakesha Steele, Michelle Wilson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Travis Burke, Amy Jewell

**VACANT COUNCIL SEATS:** None

**JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT:** Daniel Sevigny (DPS), Sarimar Miller (DJJ), Joanie Bischer

**GUESTS ATTENDING IN PERSON:** Quanitta Brooks (TYM); Erin Buell (DJJ); Shalaya Green (DJJ); Timothy Gray (Aspire); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Nicole Jenkins (Aspire); Heather Jones (TYM); Larry Jones (Families First); Grace Knight (Families First); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Jeremy McSwain (DJJ); Ingrid Nurse; Kim Olige (YSF); Mary Swayze (CRC); Shemika Wood (DJJ); Parnell Woods (DJJ)

**GUESTS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Brian Brown, Faye Brown, Alexis Parson-Adams, Khasia Vaughan, Tyris Rorie

#### **CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE**

Chairperson Megan Baumgardner welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM. Quorum was established with 24 of 26 members in attendance. Sixteen members were seated in person and eight members joined via MS Teams audio/video connection. The Chair then opened the floor to conduct the following routine business:

- Discussion or a motion regarding the October 15 meeting minutes was requested. When no comments were heard, Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ashlie Shanley seconded. Motion passed without opposition.
- Discussion or a motion regarding the November 5 Risk & Needs Committee meeting minutes was requested. When no comments were heard, Holly Edwards motioned to approve the minutes as written. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion passed without opposition.
- Revisions to the agenda or a motion to approve was requested. When no comments were heard, Vice Chair Heather Mobley motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Adrian Attaway seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

## **UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT**

The Chair next yielded the floor to Daniel Sevigny who referred members to *DPS Talking Points* included in the meeting packet. He advised that 133 youth have been served to date, which is nearly half the youth estimated to be served this FY. DJJ has referred 72 youth. He mentioned that a few programs were a bit behind their estimates. Daniel provided upcoming dates for virtual training. He stated that although training topics are geared toward programs, JCPC members can also attend. Additional information Daniel provided included transitional/residential youth housing occupancy, legislative budget updates, and potential funding challenges.

## **OLD BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair then yielded the floor to Heather Mobley. She introduced three new council members who were formally appointed by Commissioners on October 20 and November 17. Eshan Korat joins as the Person under Age 21. Eric Young and Henretta Jackson join as At Large members. They were welcomed by all attendees.

Megan announced that JCPC's Resolution for Increased Funding was approved by the BOC and signed by BOC Chairman Jeff Jones on October 20. Daniel confirmed the Resolution was submitted to DPS along with board-approved Resolutions from other counties.

## **NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

The Chair reminded JCPC members attending virtually that in order to vote they must engage their audio and video connections during *Action Items* discussions. She then briefly described the Risk & Needs Committee's process in developing a draft of the FY 26-27 RFP for the full council's consideration. Megan explained that last year's funding included programs that were funded for two years, thereby reducing this year's allocation to \$215,008. Discussion followed during which program types and targeted services were modified to avoid duplication of current services. Megan advised that next year's RFP will be posted on county websites beginning January 5 through February 6, 2026. Daniel added that all applicants are required to attend at least one of the RFP information sessions scheduled for January 14 and 21. Megan called for additional discussion. When no further comments were heard, she opened the floor for a motion. Heather Mobley motioned to approve the FY 26-27 RFP as presented. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion carried without opposition.

The next agenda item was the cancellation of JCPC's meeting scheduled for December 17. Megan opened the floor for a discussion or a motion. Gayle Alston motioned to cancel the December meeting. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion carried without opposition.

## **PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORTS / COUNCIL QUESTIONS**

The Chair next opened the floor for program reports. Agency representatives proceeded as follows: Larry Jones and Grace Knight for Families First NC-Strengthening Families; Kristen McEvoy for CRC-Teen Court/Truancy Court Mediation; Kim Olige for YSF-Interpersonal Fitness; Quanitta Brooks for TYM Transforming Futures: Career Exploration/Community Service; and Chef Nicole Jenkins for Aspire-Kids at Work. Information was provided regarding the number of youth served/admitted, referral sources, outreach efforts, DJJ presentations, CRC's Restorative Justice essay winner; volunteer updates, program challenges, successful terminations, and past/future program events. Agency representatives responded to multiple council member comments and questions. Carolyn Carpenter discussed a culinary scholarship thru the Cabarrus County Fair. Daniel spoke on potential solutions for relief to programs whose intake numbers are affected by immigration issues.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Megan opened the floor to the public. Daniel introduced Jeremy McSwain who briefly addressed the council. Mr. McSwain manages staff development at Cabarrus YDC/Regional Detention Center. He can be contacted via Daniel's email if anyone has YDC questions or concerns. Mr. McSwain was invited to join future JCPC meetings.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Heather Mobley recognized Assistant County Manager Aalece Pugh. As part of Cabarrus County's response to the Federal Government shutdown, Dr. Pugh led the efforts by working with local non-profits to determine community needs. (Crisis Response Proposal: [cabarrus-county-crisis-response-proposal-final.pdf](https://www.cabarruscounty.org/-/media/assets/cabarrus-county/crisis-response-proposal-final.pdf).) Heather added that Dr. Pugh's office is a good resource for information regarding donations or volunteer opportunities should members become aware of an unmet need in the community. Malisha Ross announced that Partners will renew its Cabarrus Crisis Plan in 2026 and provided details for an upcoming meeting. She added that Partners' December calendar of virtual trainings will be distributed soon. Carolyn Carpenter spoke about the Salvation Army's food pantry and its free food giveaway held on Thursdays. Sonja Bohannon-Thacker provided details of a Thanksgiving Day meal being served to the public by Memorial Baptist Church in Kannapolis.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair reminded everyone that JCPC's December meeting is cancelled. She then called for further comments or a motion. Michelle Wilson mentioned that the By Laws Committee will meet virtually on December 17. Megan noted that upcoming events or important dates can be included in the *Need to Know* section of each agenda by providing them to the admin. Megan called for a motion. Hearing nothing further, Holly Edwards motioned to adjourn the meeting. Several members seconded simultaneously. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 AM.

*-Submitted by Joanie Bischer*

### **Acronyms**

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
2. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
3. DJJ = Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
4. DPS = Department of Public Safety
5. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
6. RFP = Request for Proposals (a public document that solicits proposals for DPS-funded youth programs)
7. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
8. YDC = Youth Development Center
9. YSF = Youth Style Fitness-Holistic Fitness