



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Regular Meeting held June 17, 2026

Governmental Center, Concord NC

MINUTES

MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:

Gayle Alston	Steve Ayers	Megan Baumgardner	Sonja Bohannon Thacker
Steve Grossman	Taylor Holman White	Megan Huffman	Amy Jewell
Jeff Jones	Rekita McDuffie	Heather Mobley	Meghan Kabat Newcomer
Aalece Pugh	Alvays Santana Chisholm	Eric Young	

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Adrian Attaway, Carolyn Carpenter, Rosemary Gause, Henrietta Jackson, Malisha Ross, Michelle Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Travis Burke, Holly Edwards Thrift, Eshan Korat, Ashlie Shanley, Lakesha Steele

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: None

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Seigny, Stephen Horton, Joanie Bischer

GUESTS ATTENDING IN PERSON: Rob Allison (DJJ), Natalie Atwell, Quanitta Brooks (TYM), Erin Buell (DJJ), Amy Caudill (CRC), A.J. Clark (Logan Comm Assoc), April Clark, Rebecca Efird (DJJ), Timothy Gray (Aspire), Shalaya Green (DJJ), Tracy Irish (DPS), Nicole Jenkins (Aspire), Bryan Johnson (CRC), Heather Jones (TYM), Gracie Knight (Families First), Kristen McEvoy (CRC), Sarimar Miller (DJJ), Ingrid Nurse, Kim Olige (YSF), Ian Patrick, Larry Pittman, Mary Swayze (CRC), Sandy Ward (CCS), and youths whose identities are protected.

GUEST ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Karen South Jones (RCYSB)

At 7:33 AM, Chair Megan Baumgardner suggested that guests enjoy the breakfast provided by Aspire Kids at Work while audio issues with virtual attendees were resolved.

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:41 AM and welcomed members and guests. Quorum was confirmed with 21 of 26 members in attendance. Fifteen members were seated in person and six members joined virtually. The Chair then opened the floor to conduct the following routine business:

- Discussion or a motion was requested regarding JCPC's May 20 meeting minutes. When no comments were heard, Amy Jewell motioned to approve the minutes as written. Sonja Bohannon Thacker seconded. Motion passed without opposition.
- Discussion or a motion was requested regarding the May 27 Membership Committee meeting minutes. When no comments were heard, Gayle Alston motioned to approve the minutes as written. Heather Mobley seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

- A motion to approve or amend the agenda was requested. When no comments were heard, Sonja Bohannon Thacker motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Megan Huffman seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

The Chair yielded the floor to Daniel Seigny. He advised that 278 of the 296 youth estimated to be served this FY have been served as of June 11. He noted that five programs will meet or exceed their goals. Other information provided included deadlines for final accounting, virtual training dates, NC S.A.F.E. events, and transitional living/housing vacancies. Daniel encouraged everyone to review the updated *JCPC Policy Revisions at a Glance* and *2026 Juvenile Justice Services Overview Directory* included in the meeting packet.

Daniel next announced that the DPS Piedmont Area Office is fully staffed following three retirements last Fall. The new Piedmont Area Manager reorganized the assignments of area consultants. Daniel's assigned counties no longer include Cabarrus. He introduced Stephen Horton as the new Cabarrus County Area Consultant. Stephen then briefly addressed the group. Appreciation for Daniel's hard work on behalf of the JCPC was expressed by multiple council members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Megan advised that JCPC's FY 26-27 Funding Plan and Annual Certification were formally approved by the BOC at its June 15 meeting.

PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBER AT-LARGE CANDIDATES

The Chair yielded the floor to Heather Mobley who chairs the Membership & Nominations Committee. Heather described the vetting process for 23 eligible applicants for the At Large vacancy following Rosemary Gause's resignation. The Membership Committee selected candidates to meet the council. Heather then introduced Natalie Atwell and April Clark, the two candidates in attendance. Each provided information about their backgrounds and desire to serve the JCPC.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Following additional information provided about JCPC's member vetting process, the floor was opened for recommendations for the member At Large vacancy. Malisha Ross motioned to recommend both candidates for the BOC's consideration. Heather noted that Commissioners Jeff Jones, Ian Patrick, and Larry Pittman were in attendance. After determining that neither Ms. Atwell nor Ms. Clark had intentions to apply for JCPC funding for their programs, Gayle Alston seconded the motion on the floor. The Chair called for further discussion. When no comments were heard, the motion passed without opposition.

During JCPC's May 20 meeting, it was confirmed that members whose terms expire June 30 wanted to remain on council. Those members are: Megan Huffman (Substance Abuse Professional), Eshan Korat (Youth under Age 21), Ashlie Shanley (District Attorney), Lakesha Steele (Member of the Public representing the Interests of Families of At-Risk Youth), and Michelle Wilson (At Large). The Chair suggested the recommendations for their renewals be considered in a slate. Hearing no opposition to this suggestion, Sonja Bohannon Thacker motioned to recommend all five renewals to the BOC. Gayle Alston seconded. Motion carried without opposition.

The next agenda item was cancellation of the July meeting. Megan noted this meeting is usually cancelled because it is the first month of the FY and unlikely to have new business before the council. The Chair opened the floor for a motion or discussion. Hearing no comments, Heather Mobley motioned to cancel the July 15, 2026 meeting. Gayle Alston seconded. Motion carried without opposition. Megan next opened the floor for

approval of JCPC's FY 26-27 meeting schedule which excludes the July meeting. Gayle Alston motioned to approve the schedule as presented. Eric Young seconded. Motion carried without opposition.

The Chair then yielded the floor to CRC Executive Director Kristen McEvoy who announced the upcoming departure of Teen Court Coordinator Mary Swayze. Amy Caudill will assume Mary's position.

PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORTS and YOUTH PRESENTATIONS

The Chair opened the floor for program reports and youth presentations. Accompanied by program participants, agency managers proceeded in the following order: Heather Jones and Quanitta Brooks for TYM Transforming Futures-Community Service/Career Exploration; Chef Nicole Jenkins and Chef Timothy Gray for Aspire-Kids at Work; Gracie Knight for Families First-Strengthening Families; Mary Swayze and Amy Caudill for CRC-Teen Court/Truancy Court Mediation; and Kim Olige for YSF-Holistic Fitness. Due to audio issues, Karen South Jones of RCYSB-SOSE was unable to report. Multiple youths shared their experiences and described the impact the program had on them personally. Managers provided information regarding youth served, referral sources, summer camps, community partnerships and volunteers, staff updates, fundraising efforts, and the challenges from rising operational costs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chair called for comments from the public. Sarimar Miller thanked Daniel and the JCPC for their dedication to Cabarrus youth. Ingrid Nurse provided details for multiple Juneteenth celebrations.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

The Chair opened the floor for member comments. Alvarys Santana Chisholm spoke on the importance of JCPC programs and called for Commissioners' support. Gayle Alston advised that DPS Piedmont Area Administrator Emily Coltrane retired June 1. She also spoke on the work of various Cabarrus youth programs. Sonja Bohannon Thacker spoke on the elimination of CHA's Triple P services. Heather Mobley recognized the youth speakers and thanked them for attending. Megan Baumgardner expressed gratitude to agency representatives for their ongoing dedication to youth programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair advised that JCPC's next meeting is August 19 and mentioned other upcoming dates. With no further comments being heard, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 AM.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Acronyms

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
2. CHA = Cabarrus Health Alliance
3. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center Inc. of Cabarrus County
4. DJJDP = Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
5. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
6. NC S.A.F.E. = Governor's statewide **Secure All Firearms Effectively** campaign
7. RCYSB = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau
8. SOSE = Sex Offense Specific Evaluations
9. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement Inc.
10. YSF = Youth Style Fitness Inc.