

## MINUTES

**Attendees:** Al Whitesides, Martin Moore, Leslie Anderson, Carol Steen, Philip Belcher, Linda McDaniel, Mistie Reising-Cogbill (virtual), Susan Mims (virtual)

**Absent:** Jasmine Beach-Ferrara

**Staff in attendance:** Rachael Nygaard, Sara Joss, Michael Frue

### Welcome

### Minutes

- Approval of minutes from August 1, 2023
  - Motion to approve by Carol Steen. Seconded by Martin Moore. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### Old Business

- Election of Officers
  - The committee chair position is currently held by Jasmine Beach Ferrara. Since she is not in attendance, the committee decided to wait until the October meeting to appoint the chair position to allow the opportunity to find out if Jasmine is willing to continue service as chair.
  - Leslie made a motion to appoint Kit Cramer as Vice Chair and Carol Steen as secretary. Linda McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### New Business

- Site Visits
  - Staff presented the site visit options as requested by the committee.
    - Option 1: Conduct no site visits this fiscal year in order to focus on workforce development and then revisit site visits for future cycles.
    - Option 2: Conduct site visits only for NEW grantees
    - Option 3: Conduct site visits for all funded organizations in September – November
    - Option 4: Host a “gathering event” for all grantees in lieu of site visits.
  - Philip Belcher made a motion to approve option 1. Al Whitesides seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Board of Commissioner presentation
  - Carol Steen and Martin Moore will present on behalf of the committee. The presentation was included in the meeting packet. The Buncombe Partnership for Children will also be reporting on the 1-year annual report for the Pre-K expansion project.

- Session 2 of Workforce Focus
  - Panelist included: Betsie Slockslager, Buncombe County Schools; Tama Reynolds, AB Tech, Marcia Whitney, Verner Center for Early Learning; Tasha Lewis, Buncombe Partnership for Children; Deanna LaMotte, Buncombe Partnership for Children.

### **Announcements**

- Susan Mims provided links to Dogwood Health Trust studies related to Early Childhood studies. There was a new study just completed from the perspective of parents. There will be a webinar on 9/13 at noon to go over the results of that study.

### **Public Comment**

- Pepi Acebo made public comment.
- Amy Barry made public comment.

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting is October 3, 2023, 1:00-2:30 pm, 200 College St, Room 310