



Smart Start of Forsyth County
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, June 13th, 2022, 12:00
p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Members Present: (Board Chair) **Reggie McCaskill**, (Chief Executive Officer of Smart Start of Forsyth County) **Louis Finney Jr.**, (Board Secretary) **Sabrina Hinton**, (MALea Committee Chair) **Jessica McCrory**, (HR Committee Chair) **Linda Jackson Barnes**, (NC Pre K Committee Chair) **Sheryll Strode (Vice Board Chair)** **Tembila Covington**

Members Absent: (Committee Member) **Dorothy Pearce Brady (Monique)**

Staff Present: (Human Resources Manager) Christa Gilbreath, (Director of Advancement and Community Education) Marvin Fulwood (CEO of Smart Start of Forsyth County) Louis Finney Jr.

(Board Chair) Reggie McCaskill called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Review and Adopt the agenda

A motion was made to review and adopt the agenda by **Jessica McCrory**. The motion to review and adopt the agenda was seconded by **Linda Jackson Barnes**. All members present voted unanimously to adopt the agenda. Motion carries.

Intro of Visitors and opportunity for the public:

Public Visitors: No Visitors

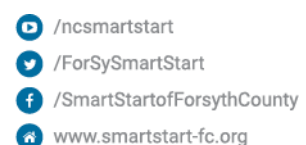
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April 11th, 2022, Minutes:

Jessica McCrory made a motion to approve the minutes. The motioned was seconded by Sheryll Strode pending a revision of the minutes to reflect the correct number of children the NC Pre K program is serving. The change is being noted to correct the previous minutes to change (**we are serving 730+ to reflect 725**) All members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Motion Carries.

Committee Approval/Receipt:

- **For Consent:**

1. April 11th, 2022, Meeting Minutes – *attached*
2. 2022-2023 Fiscal Budget-*attached*
3. Family Child Care Scholarship Amendment Recommendation-*attached*

For Action, Discussion & Engagement:

The Executive committee reviewed the APPA Pre-K Priority Grant 2022 presentation. **Dr. Finney** informed the committee about a grant that SSFC has been working on for the past two years. This grant will be in partnership with Family Services (Family Engagement/Specialist Support, Pre-K Priority Coordination/Management, Child Care Resource Center (Professional Development), Latino Community Services (Translation Services), Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools (Pre-K Equity Manager/Consultant), and Forsyth Futures (Evaluation facilitation and data systems integration). If the ARPA grant is funded; SSFC will administer the county-wide Pre-K Priority Program. SSFC is looking for equitable solutions around designated centers (public schools, private childcare centers, and some within Family Services) SSFC is also looking to provide direct support, i.e., retention bonuses, equitable compensation to offer salary increases, ongoing coaching support, and a scholarship opportunity program. SSFC will also be responsible for the evaluations for the program. SSFC applied for **\$3,819,236** to support the entire initiative. (**NC Pre-K Committee Chair**) **Sheryll Strode**, was curious if the NC Pre-K Committee was going to have any involvement in the ARPA Grant process as they have knowledge and

understanding of the need within NC Pre-K classrooms. **Dr. Finney** mentioned that that concern was brought up by the Pre-K Priority Committee and we wanted to

ensure we were not duplicating work already done in the community.

Jessica McCrory made a motion to approve the proposed ARPA Pre-K Priority Grant. The motion was seconded by Sheryll Strode. **Sabrina Hinton** abstained from voting. The remaining voting members voted in favor of the ARPA Pre-K Priority Grant. Motion carries.

Finance, Development, and the NC Pre-K Committees had no reports at this time because they have not met between meetings.

(HR Committee Chair) Linda Barnes Jackson noted that the HR Committee approved and reviewed the CEO Evaluation tool approved by the previous Board and are glad to have completed the CEO evaluation with the support of the Board.

(MALea Committee Chair) **Jessica McCrory** noted that they have an upcoming Malea meeting this Thursday (June 16th, 2022). Malea is still working to compile the feedback they received from Committee Members and Providers. She stated that she anticipates some turnover on her committee due to term limits and the recent bylaws amendment. (Board Chair) **Reggie McCaskill** thanked Jessica **McCrory** for all her hard work and her time serving MALea.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by (Board Chair) **Reggie McCaskill**. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (HR Committee Chair) **Linda Jackson Barnes**. The motion was seconded by (Board Secretary) **Sabrina Hinton**. The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.