

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
REGULAR SESSION**

July 11, 2023

The Pitt County Board of Social Services met in Regular Session at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct the official business of the Pitt County Board of Social Services. Board members and Management Team staff present:

Board Members

Members Participating
Darone Dancy, Chair
Catherine Nelson, Vice Chair
Kylene Dibble
Mary Perkins-Williams

Agency Staff

Members Present
Sharon Rochelle, Director
Bryan Averette, EES Admin
Sonya Scott, Family Admin

County Manager Rep.

Sam Croom, Deputy County Manager

Call to Order

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Chair Nelson offered a moment of silent prayer or meditation before the meeting began.

Public Comments

There were no public comments to be made during this meeting.

Adopt or Revise the Agenda

Item presented by: Chair Nelson
Discussion: The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed by the Board.
Motion Made: To approve the agenda
Motion Made by: Mary Perkins-Williams
Motion Seconded By: Darone Dancy
Motion Passed: The motion was passed unanimously.

Action on minutes of previous meeting

Item presented by: Chair Nelson
Item Description: Minutes of the July Board Meetings
Discussion: Chair Nelson asked if there were any revisions to be made to the minutes.
Motion Made: To approve the minutes
Motion Made by: Mary Perkins-Williams
Motion Seconded By: Kylene Dibble
Motion Passed: The motion was passed unanimously.

Swear in of Board Member

Ms. Perkins-Williams was sworn in for her 3rd term as Board Member by Ashley Clark, Clerk to the Social Services Board.

Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair

The floor was opened for nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions

Motion Made: To elect Darone Dancy as Chair
Motion Made By: Kylene Dibble
Motion Seconded By: Mary Perkins-Williams
Vote Record:
Kylene Dibble: Yes Mary Perkins-Williams: Yes
Catherine Nelson: Yes

Motion Made: To elect Catherine Nelson as Vice-Chair
Motion Made By: Kylene Dibble
Motion Seconded By: Mary Perkins-Williams
Vote Record:
Kylene Dibble: Yes Mary Perkins-Williams: Yes
Darone Dancy: Yes

Recognition of New Hires and Retirees

New Hires: Cierra Jones, Yassena Johnson, Kenya Edwards, Martha Turner and Glenda Furlough-Hickman

Items for Decisions:

Item Presented: Energy Out Reach Plan
Item Presented By: Bryan Averette, EES Admin

Mr. Averette reviewed proposed plan to submit to the state. Briefly went over the two-energy program and the various ways clients can apply.

Motion Made: To approve place as presented
Motion Made By: Mary Perkins-Williams
Motion Seconded By: Catherine Nelson
Motion Passed: The motion was passed unanimously.

Item Presented: LINKS Trip
Item Presented By: Shante Carson, Social Worker – Links Coordinator

Ms. Carson reviewed the information regarding the proposed trip. Noted it provided the participating youth an opportunity to network with other foster children (current and aged out) and will offer additional trainings for the social workers attending the trip. Ms. Carson requesting permission for four of the youth in the LINKS Program attend the conference with two social workers, in Denver, CO.

Motion Made: To approve plan as presented
Motion Made By: Darone Dancy
Motion Seconded By: Mary Perkins-Williams
Motion Passed: The motion was passed unanimously.

Items to Report

Item Presented: Economic Services Update
Item Presented by: Bryan Averette, EES Admin

Mr. Averette reported 91% on the Medicaid Report Card on all Medicaid applications. LIHWAP applications period ended on May 31, 2023, 1544 applications were approved in FY 22-23 for a total of \$477,076.05.

Director’s Report – Sharon Rochelle, Director

Ms. Rochelle reported interviews have been conducted for Adult Services Program and Deputy Director interviews. Kandice Franklin was selected for the Adult Services Program. Candidate will be selected for the Deputy Director position soon. Ms. Rochelle was asked by Allied 4 Outcomes to be on a committee at the Social Services Institute in August, the name of the team is Ignite Passion and Performance during Challenging Times. Ms. Rochelle thanked Ms. Perkins-Williams for being re-appointment to the DSS Board.

Board Member Comments

Mary Perkins-Williams welcomed all new employees and she looks forward to a new year and blessing and sunshine you will bring to Social Services of Pitt County.

Kylene Dibble – Thank you Ms. Carson, for your enthusiasm, it is an absolute joy to take students and young people of their comfort zone and expose them to the world

Catherine Nelson – Thanked everyone for allowing Ms. Nelson to be the Chair for the last year. And she looks forward to supporting Mr. Dancy as his Vice-Chair

Darone Dancy – We are continuing to hear about the new hires from surrounding counties. We are hearing more people migrating to Greenville. He is appreciative of hearing that and that we are doing some thing right. Thank you and thank you to Catherine for her leadership over the last year.

Closed Session

Motion Made: For closed session to begin.
Motion Made by: Darone Dancy
Motion Seconded by: Kylene Dibble
Motion Passed: The motion was passed unanimously.

Motion Made: For closed session to end
Motion Made By: Darone Dancy
Motion Seconded: Catherine Nelson
Meeting Adjournment: The motion was passed unanimously.

After returning from Closed Session, a motion was then made to adjourn.

Motion Made: To end the June board meeting
Motion Made by: Mary Perkins-Williams
Motion Seconded By: Catherine Nelson
Motion Passed: The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Rochelle
Director

Darone Dancy
Chair

Ashley Clark

Ashley Clark
Clerk to the Board