

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
OF GUILFORD COUNTY**

Greensboro, North Carolina
September 18, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on September 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston, presiding; Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, Commissioners Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, and Alan Perdue.

ABSENT: Commissioner Carly Cooke.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Victor Isler; County Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite; Clerk to Board Robin Keller; Deputy Clerk to Board Ariane Webb; Deputy Clerk to Board T'ebony Rosa; Assistant County Manager Erris Dunston; Assistant County Manager Natalie Craver; Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President of Economic Development Marvin Price; members of staff, media, and the public. Virtual participation was made available to members of the public and media partners.

Chairman Alston introduced Jennifer Pell, United States Air Force Veteran, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance following the invocation.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Pell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Beth McKee-Huger of Browns Summit spoke to the efficiencies gained by being a solar farm operator. She noted her system was installed sixteen (16) years ago.

2. Elizabeth Chartrand, Greensboro resident, spoke in support of a Clean Energy resolution and spoke to solar power.
3. Steve Tate spoke in support of the Clean Power Now resolution supporting renewable energy.
4. Rod Swonguer echoed his support of Guilford County adopting a resolution to support clean energy and transitioning to Clean Energy by 2045. He spoke to the economic benefits of solar panels.
5. Marcia Foutch spoke in support of the Clean Power Now resolution and invited the Commissioners to an event on September 21, 2025 to celebrate clean energy.
6. Tim Lindeman, Greensboro resident, urged the Commissioners to support clean energy efforts.
7. Gail Dunham, Summerfield resident, spoke to resource conservation. She shared that she believes that the Town of Summerfield does not have funding to complete the projects.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2025-371 PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2025 AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim September 2025 as National Preparedness Month in Guilford County.

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Commissioner Perdue welcomed Emergency Management Special Response Coordinator Tommy Sluder and his team. He noted the value of preparation for an emergency so as a community we are ready when the time comes.

Coordinator Sluder thanked the Board for helping raise awareness. He shared the efforts of Guilford County to help support the Western North Carolina Communities.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alston introduced the consent agenda and noted the addendum agenda. He opened the floor for any items to be pulled for separate consideration. Hearing none, he entertained a motion.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to adopt the consent and addendum agendas.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill
NOES: None

Note: Approval of the Addendum Agenda amended and added the following:

- *Amended Public Hearing Item 2025-383 PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT*
- *Added New Business Item 2025-340 ESTABLISH THE GUILFORD COUNTY INFANT MORTALITY TASKFORCE*

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2025-393 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH EVERY BABY GUILFORD INC. GRANT ADOPT-A-MOM PROGRAM \$171,176

Authorize receipt of FY26 Every Baby Guilford Adopt-A-Mom Grant in the amount \$171,176 and adopt the grant project ordinance FY26 Every Baby Guilford Adopt A Mom Grant in the amount of \$171,176 with \$171,176 in Other Revenue.

[Legislation Text](#)

[PE FINAL CONTRACT - 90007436 EVERY BABY GUILFORD](#)

[FY26 Every Baby Guilford Adopt a Mom Grant- ADOPT 25.09.18](#)

2. 2025-399 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH: GUILFORD COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN (SMART START) FUNDING FOR ADOPT-A-MOM PROGRAM (\$77,475)

Approve receipt of FY26 Guilford County Partnership for Children Smart Start Adopt a Mom Grant in the amount of \$77,475. Authorize staff to execute the grant agreement for FY26 and adopt a grant project ordinance for FY26 Guilford County Partnership for Children Smart Start Adopt-a-Mom Grant in the amount of \$77,475 in Federal State Funds.

[Legislation Text](#)

[PE FINAL CONTRACT - 90007465 GC PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN \(SMART START EBG ADOPT-A-MOM\) 9.18.25](#)

[FY26 GC Partnership for Children Grant \(Smart Start\) - ADOPT 10.18-25.pdf](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2025-394 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH FORSYTH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR IMPROVING COMMUNITY OUTCOMES FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (ICO4MCH) - \$201,808

Approve the Interlocal Agreement with Forsyth County Department of Public Health for the Improving Community Outcomes for Maternal and Child Health (ICO4MCH) initiative for the period of June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, in the amount of \$201,808.

[Legislation Text](#)

[PE FINAL CONTRACT - 90006629 FORSYTH COUNTY 9.18.25](#)

2. 2025-397 DHHS - DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOSTER CARE CONTRACT ADDENDUM FOR FY 2025-26 REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Approve the contract amendment, in substantial form, with Hope Inside, Inc. and authorize staff to take all necessary actions to execute the agency services contract amendment.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Hope Inside Inc 90006872 \(BOC\) amendment 3 FINAL draft](#)

3. 2025-391 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION PURCHASE OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND VACCINES

1) Approve purchase of pharmaceuticals and vaccines without competitive bidding, as authorized by the state contract exemption of G.S. 143-129(e) (9) from Cardinal Health off NC State Contract 269A for an annual not to exceed amount of for a total cost of \$300,000; and,
2) Approve purchase of pharmaceuticals, as authorized by the cooperative purchasing exemption of G.S. 143-129(e)(3) from Merck through the Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy's Association Contract for public health agencies for an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000 for a total of five (5) years with a five-year total of \$750,000.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Bid Waiver Request # 05832008 Cardinal Pharm](#)

[Bid Waiver Request # 05832011 Merck 150k](#)

4. 2025-392 DHHS - DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT VENDORS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Approve these contracts in substantial form and authorize staff to take all necessary actions to execute these agency services contracts for a period of October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

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[American Children's Home 90007589 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Baptist Children's Homes of NC 90007594 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Carolina Therapeutic Services 90007595 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Children's Home Society of NC 90007596 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Crossnore Communities for Children 90007597 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Free Will Baptist Children's Home Inc. 90007598 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Seven Homes Inc. 90007600 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[The Alpha Management Community Services Inc. 90007601 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Thompson Child Family Focus 90007602 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Unique Caring Foundation 90007603 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Youth Focus Inc 90007604 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Youth Unlimited 90007605 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Adult Center for Enrichment 90007611 BOC FINAL draft](#)

[ARO Community Services 90007607 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Caring Hands Home Health Inc 90007608 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Emmanuel Senior Enrichment Ctr 90007612 BOC FINAL draft](#)

[Lyfes New Direction L.L.C. 90007599 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Quality Home Staffing Inc 90007610 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

[Shipman Family Home Care Inc 90007609 \(BOC\) FINAL draft](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2025-385 APPROVE THREE (3) VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (VAD) APPLICATION

Approve three (3) Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) applications.

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2. 2025-398 REALIGNMENT OF FY25 JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDING

Approve the attached revision to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding plan for FY 2025-2026.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Commander and Peace Academy 8-20-25](#)

[Guilford County Funding Plan FY25-26 8.27.25](#)

[Nehemiah's Tech & Robotic Academy 8.14.25](#)

3. 2025-395 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025

Accept and approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending August 31, 2025.

[Legislation Text](#)

[401C All Guilford 8-31-2025.pdf](#)

[Bev 8-31-2025 Detail.pdf](#)

4. 2025-396 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending August 31, 2025.

[Legislation Text](#)

[August 2025 NCVTS Pending Refund Report.pdf](#)

[August 2025 Rebates and Releases.pdf](#)

5. 2025-226 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

06/12/2025 Special Meeting

07/17/2025 Regular Meeting

08/07/2025 Work Session

08/07/2025 Regular Meeting

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[dmx080725](#)

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2025-383 PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 158-7.1, hold a public hearing and consider approval of an economic development incentive grant to Lenovo Global Technology (United States), Inc. in the amount of \$1,164,760; and upon approval, authorize staff to execute grant agreements, in accordance with terms and conditions of the proposal, consistent with the County's economic development incentive policy and subject to all legal requirements.

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Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Marvin Price introduced the agenda item. He noted that we have created a community where companies not only succeed but thrive. He announced that the company is Lenovo Global Technology USA, Inc. He noted that they specialize in design, manufacturing, and marketing of technology, including computers, servers, and strategic artificial intelligence (AI) devices. He spoke to Lenovo's commitment to innovation and manufacturing in the United States.

Executive VP Price spoke to the investment of \$77M that will create at least 420 new jobs with an average wage of \$66K. He explained that this project exceeds the minimum criteria in accordance with the County's Incentive policy. He reviewed the alternate locations in Dallas, Texas, Canton, Ohio, and Memphis, Tennessee that Guilford County is competing with.

Ben Massie, VP of Lenovo's Global Supply Chain and Infrastructure Solutions Group, thanked the Board for the opportunity to apply for the economic incentive grants. He noted that they have had a presence in North Carolina for over twenty (20) years, one in Morrisville and one in Whitsett. He highlighted that they are working on expanding manufacturing in the US.

Chairman Alston opened the public hearing. He opened the floor for Proponents.

Hearing none, Chairman Alston opened the floor for Opponents.

Hearing none, Chairman Alston closed the public hearing to entertain a motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to adopt pursuant to N.C.G.S. §158-7.1, hold a public hearing and consider approval of an economic development incentive grant to Lenovo Global Technology (United States), Inc. in the amount of \$1,164,760; and upon approval, authorize staff to execute grant agreements, in accordance with terms and conditions of the proposal, consistent with the County's economic development incentive policy and subject to all legal requirements.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill

NOES: None

Commissioner Murphy appreciated Lenovo's partnership opportunity and global corporate reach.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025-340 ESTABLISH THE GUILFORD COUNTY INFANT MORTALITY TASKFORCE

Adopt resolution establishing the Guilford County Infant Mortality Taskforce.

Legislation Text

Chairman Alston noted that at our last Board meeting, we received an update on our infant mortality rates, and we are trending once again in a negative direction. He noted that as Chairman of the Board, he feels that one of our greatest responsibilities is to protect our most vulnerable, which is our children. He noted that too many infants are not reaching their first birthday. He shared that as Chairman, he is committed to bringing together stakeholders to create a taskforce to address infant mortality.

Chairman Alston read the Resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to adopt the resolution establishing the Guilford County Infant Mortality Taskforce.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill

NOES: None

IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2025-263 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Consider and approve the following appointments & reappointments to various boards & commissions:

Fire District Commission - Mt. Hope

Appoint Edgar D. Belvin to 1st term (September 18, 2025 - September 17, 2027)

Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Appoint Sharon Barlow to 1st term in Social Services Director position (November 6, 2025 - November 5, 2027)

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[08.20.25_App_SBarlow](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to adopt the following appointments & reappointments to various boards & commissions:

Fire District Commission - Mt. Hope

Appoint Edgar D. Belvin to 1st term (September 18, 2025 - September 17, 2027)

Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Appoint Sharon Barlow to 1st term in Social Services Director position (November 6, 2025 - November 5, 2027)

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill
NOES: None

X. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Commissioner liaison reports for this agenda.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

There were no comments from the County Manager.

There were no comments from the County Attorney.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gray-Hill shared his participation in the North Carolina Folk Fest along with Commissioner Jones. He shared his attendance at the Greensboro Grow initiative hosted by the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Cashion shared her attendance at the Greensboro Sports Hall of Fame. She highlighted the library's summer reading program.

Commissioner Tillman spoke to his recent meeting with key leaders as to what is happening regionally and locally. He announced September 27th as the annual Oak Ridge Heritage Day. He noted that September 28th is the second annual Suicide Prevention Forum for veterans at the High Point Elks.

Commissioner Jones noted that today was the official kick-off for early voting for municipal elections.

Vice Chairwoman Foster shared that she was the keynote speaker at the High Point Housing Authority. She noted that this Saturday, she will be bringing greetings in High Point for the Las Amigas, Incorporated regional meeting and breakfast at New Bethel Baptist Church. She thanked everyone who came out to High Point to voice concerns and potential proposals for the Old Evergreen Property on Jamestown Parkway.

Chairman Alston expressed appreciation to the staff for their assistance at the High Point community meeting.

XIII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

The closed session was held at the conclusion of the previous work session.

XIV. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to adjourn the regular meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0

**AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman,
Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill**

NOES: None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:38 p.m.

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk