

**CABARRUS PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, December 5, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus Partnership for Children held its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 12 pm at McGill Baptist Church. District County Judge Beth Street presided over the meeting.

The following board members were present:

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| 1. Beth Street | District Court Judge/Attorney/Government |
| 2. Gil Small | Community/Faith Community |
| 3. Marcella Beam | CHA/Community/Services |
| 4. Pam Smith | CCM/Community/Services |
| 5. Steve Morris | County Commissioner/Government/Business Owner |
| 6. Amos McClorey | Services/NAACP |
| 7. Danielle Mauldin | Services/Kids Korner |
| 8. Dr. Kevin Garay | Services/Superintendent Kannapolis City Schools |
| 9. Melanie Holles | Director of Cabarrus County Library/Government |
| 10. Lora Lipe | Cabarrus County Department of Human Services Economic Services/Government |
| 11. Malisha Ross | Partners Behavioral Health/Services |

These board members were absent:

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| 1. Patrick Graham | We Build CEO/Community Services |
| 2. Dr. John Kopecki | Services/Superintendent of Cabarrus County Schools |
| 3. Jacqueline Whitfield | Retired Educator/Community |

Quorum was established

The following staff members were present: Ann Benfield, Tu'Nicquia Bradley, Melissa Jones, Starla Hatley, Patricia Sehorn, Lauren Westin, Ariel Ayers, and Debra Pless.

District Court Judge Beth Street welcomed everyone and recognized the elected officials.

Dr. E. Steven Ayers, Pastor of McGill Baptist Church presented the Invocation.

Dr. Valerie Sakash, the second board chair, shared 25 Years in Lifting Children to a Brighter Beginning and introduced all the former leaders and executive director that started the Partnership in 1998.

Ann Benfield thanked all the elected officials, the Cabarrus County Board of Directors, Staff and all the partners listed below:

Atrium Health Cabarrus

Buzz City Games

Cabarrus County

Commissioners

Cabarrus County DHS

Cabarrus County District

Attorney's Office

Cabarrus County Government

Cabarrus County Manager's

Office

Cabarrus County NAACP

Cabarrus County Public Library

Cabarrus County Schools

Cabarrus County School Board

Cabarrus Health Alliance

Child Care Resources, Inc.

Concord City Council

Concord City Government

Child Developmental Services

Agency (CDSA)

Cooperative Christian

Ministries

Country Law Shack

District Attorney's Office

Endless Opportunities

Esther's Heart

First Kids

F&M Bank

Kannapolis City Council

Kannapolis City Schools –

Superintendent Kevin Garay

Kannapolis City School Board

Kids Interactive Developmental

Services

Kids Korner

Loss 101

McGill Baptist Church

NC Works Career Center

NC House of Representative –

Kristin Baker

NC House of Representative

Kevin Crutchfield

NC House Office of

Representative Diamond

Staton-Williams

***North Carolina Partnership for
Children***

US Office of Senator Thom Tillis

US Office of Senator Ted Budd

Partners Behavioral Health

Perry Productions

RHC Workforce Solutions

Rowan Cabarrus Community

College

Safe Kids Cabarrus

Stanly County Community

College

St. James Lutheran Church

SUN Project

Truist Bank

Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children Award

Ann Benfield introduced Cabarrus County District Attorney Ashlie Shanley to present the Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children award. The recipient was April Samples, from the Cabarrus County District Attorney's Office.

Ann Benfield presented the Special 25th Anniversary Video Presentation

District County Judge Beth Street share about Taking a Chance on a Child and thanked the community for 25 years of support.

Without any other business Beth Street wished everyone a happy holiday season and the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Ann Benfield, Executive Director