



Called Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
April 18, 2018

Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc. Board of Directors met on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The location of the meeting was 405 N. Elm St., Lumberton NC.

Bernest L. Hewett, Board Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m. William Ballard gave the invocation. The Mission Statement was recited by all in attendance.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established based on eleven (11) members in attendance.

**Bladen**

Arthur Bullock  
Cynthia Demery

**Brunswick**

Bernest Hewett  
William Ballard

**Columbus**

Carolyn Crocker  
Dorene Evans

**Hoke**

Brittany Ware

**Scotland**

John Alford  
Linda McLaughlin  
Walter Brown  
Scott Witten

**Excused Absences:**

Sanford Locklear; Josephine Smith; Wanda Killens; Melissa Oxendine; Mark Coleman, Phyllis Clark; Darlene Adams; Sandy Mallory; Felicia Watkins

**Approval of Agenda:** *Carolyn Crocker offered a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Walter Brown. Motion approved.*

**Agency Bylaws Amendment Article V Tenure of Board Members Section A:**

The Nominations Committee recommended to the Board the following amendment to Article V, Section A for clarification in regards to unexpired terms: Individuals appointed or elected to complete an unexpired term has the ability to be reappointed or reelected to serve three (3) more years. After serving these three (3) years this individual must not serve on the board again for a total of three (3) years.

All individuals appointed or elected to serve must first meet with the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee will review the Board Member Profile and after meeting with the newly appointed or elected individual, they will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors to officially seat the individual. All newly appointed or reappointed, elected or reelected members must complete this process and be approved by the Governance Committee and the full Board of Directors prior to participating in a meeting.

*John Alford offered a motion to accept the recommended amendment to the Bylaws Article V, Section A on unexpired terms, seconded by William Ballard. Motion approved.*

**Nominations & Election of Officers 2018-19 PY:** Linda McLaughlin, Chairperson



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Ericka J. Whitaker, CEO addressed the Board in regards to the discussion from the April 3, 2018 Board meeting about extending the terms for those rotating off in 2018 for another year. The Nominating/Governance Committee met again about this concern. They have decided unanimously to withdraw the recommendation and leave the terms as is. Those who will rotate off June 30, 2018 will rotate off. We will begin to solicit those counties that they represents to fill these seats. The Committee agreed, that it had to be the intent of the Board and Nominating Committee for those individuals to rotate off. During this time were downsizing the board to 21 members. Therefore the Nominating/Governance Committee is withdrawing their recommendation to extend the 5 year term to one additional year and to leave the Article as is based on the recommendation of the Nominating/Governance Committee of last year 2016-17.

Linda McLaughlin, Chairperson of the Nominating/Governance Committee presented to the Board a recommended slate of officers to serve on the Executive Committee for the 2018-19 PY.  
Arthur Bullock, Chairperson  
William Ballard, Vice Chairperson  
Carolyn Crocker, Secretary  
Scott Witten, Treasurer

The opportunity for nominations from the floor were offered. There were no nominations from the floor. John Alford offered a motion to accept the recommendations from the Nominating/Governance Committee for the slate of officers for the 2018-19 program year, seconded by Walter Brown. The Board members were asked for a show hands of those voting to approve: Arthur Bullock Chairperson  
William Ballard, Vice Chair  
Carolyn Crocker, Secretary  
Scott Witten, Treasurer  
***Ten (10) members voted to approve, no hands were raised to vote no. Motion approved.***

Ericka J. Whitaker, CEO informed the new members of the Executive Committee that training will be held in July, 2018.

The next regular scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be held June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. the location is to be determined.

John Alford led grace and meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Submitted by

Dorene Evans, Board Secretary