

POWHATAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Minutes
7/17/2025

Attendance:

Meghan Carroll, Director
Lindia Cox
Lynne LaPierre
Connie Thompson
Sean Campbell
Vernell Straughter

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am.

Invocation

Lindia Cox provided the invocation.

Public Comment Period

No public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes for 6/24/25 meeting was postponed to August meeting.

Announcements/Additions to Agenda

No announcements or additions were discussed.

Current Business:

Meghan Carroll had distributed the Community Action Agency's Community Needs Assessment prior to the meeting. The board discussed the findings in relation to DSS while identifying the most prominent needs of the community.

Lack of affordable housing. Connie Thompson mentioned there was a decrease in school enrollment by approximately 200 children and whether this could be due to families being unable to purchase affordable housing in the county.

Lack of community awareness/education- residents are not being represented proportionately to the demographics in the county. There is a perceived mistrust between the community and local leadership due to past decisions made "under the radar" that went against County policies.

Transportation issues were discussed and the Board was updated of the GRTC Link bus's expansion.

The Board divided themselves into smaller groups for the purpose of meeting with Department heads prior to the budget season for FY 27. One day will be set aside for each smaller group to meet with management and then rotate.

Meghan discussed some of the existing needs for the upcoming FY (such as possible expansion of Community Matters/staff) but wants the board to have candid conversations with each unit.

Next meeting

8/26/2025

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am

M. S. Gu
Chairperson

8/26/25
Date

Meghan Carroll
Director

8/26/25
Date