

Pittsylvania County Department of Social Services

Board Meeting: Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:45P

Location: Arlene Creasy Annex, 220 H. G. McGhee Dr., Chatham, Virginia 24531

Call to Order

Ms. Nancy Eanes called the meeting of the Pittsylvania County Local Board of Social Services (herein referred to as LBSS) to order at 5:46P.

Invocation

Led by Mr. Charles Cameron

Membership Roll Call

Regina Barger, Secretary/Director, called the roll. In attendance were:

Ms. Nancy Eanes, Chair

Mr. Charles Cameron, Vice Chair

Mr. Kenneth Bowman, BOS Liaison

Ms. Lynn Dawson

Mr. Darrell Dunford

Mr. Jim Searce

Mr. Barry Sides

Mr. Robert Storey

Guest(s): Matt Evans, Gravitt Law

Approval of the Agenda

Led by the motion of Mr. Searce and second by Mr. Cameron, the agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes

Led by the motion of Mr. Cameron and second by Mr. Searce, the LBSS accepted the minutes of the February 9, 2026, LBSS meeting.

Approval of the 02/2026 Expenditures

After an inquiry about the Fines & Penalties expense, Ms. Barger explained this account is mainly used to pay expenses for Crisis, Cooling, or Fuel for recipients, after the State system has closed for processing. These payments are reimbursed back to the Agency from the State within 1-2 months.

Led by the motion of Mr. Dunford and second by Mr. Sides, with all members saying "yes", the LBSS approved the February 2026 expenditures.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

- A. TANF Erroneous Payment – Ms. Barger provided and read an email received from State Consultant, Keith Kauhane in reference to the erroneous payments issued by the State and the recipients’ rights to appeal repayment of the funds. Ms. Barger reported PCDSS was impacted by issuance of four direct deposits and fifteen payments issued to Way2Go cards.

New Business

- A. Organizational Chart/Vacancies – Ms. Barger reported there are currently 10 vacancies as of March 9, 2026. The agency plans to offer FSS position to three applicants with expected hire dates as 4/1/26. The agency is preparing to interview for two Office Associate positions. The Benefit Programs Specialist posting has ended and the agency is in the process of screening applications to offer interviews.
- B. Department Statistics – Ms. Barger provided January 2026 statistics for Benefit, Fraud, Self-Sufficiency and Family Services programs. Additionally, Ms. Barger provided Summary of Quality Control (QC) Reviews by Local Agency for reviews conducted 10/2025, which is the most recent report available.
- C. Agency Updates – No agency updates reported.

Motion to Convene in Closed Meeting

Led by the motion of Mr. Cameron, second by Mr. Scarce, and a roll call with members saying “yes”, the LBSS agreed to convene in closed session at 6:24P.

Items for Discussion

- A. Foster Care
- B. Personnel

Motion to Vacate Closed Meeting and Reconvene in Open Session

Led by the motion of Mr. Sides, second by Mr. Scarce, and a roll call vote of members saying “yes”, the LBSS agreed to vacate the closed session and reconvene in open session at 7:12P. Certification of the closed meeting was read by Mr. Cameron.

Action Following Closed Meeting/Motion

Led by the motion of Mr. Dunford, second by Mr. Cameron, and a roll call vote of members saying “yes”, the LBSS approved the following Foster Care actions:

Closed – 21216567

Adjournment

Ms. Eanes announced the next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5:45P. Following a motion by Mr. Scarce, second by Mr. Dunford, and by concurrence that there was no further business to discuss, the LBSS adjourned at 7:14P.

LBSS Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Regina Barger", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Secretary/Director