

Pittsylvania County Department of Social Services

Board Meeting: Monday, February 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. Jim Searce

#### 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

Mr. Darrell Dunford

Mr. Jim Searce

Mr. Barry Sides

Mr. Robert Storey

Led by the motion of Mr. Searce, second by Mr. Dunford, and a roll call vote with present members saying "yes", Ms. Dawson's absence is excused.

Guest(s): Matt Evans, Gravitt Law

#### Approval of the Agenda

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

#### Approval of the Minutes

Led by the motion of Mr. Dunford and second by Mr. Cameron, the LBSS accepted the minutes of the January 12, 2026, LBSS meeting with a correction to the vote after the initial membership roll call, to change the second by from Mr. Dudley to Mr. Dunford.

#### Approval of the 01/2026 Expenditures

After an inquiry about the Life Push expenses, Ms. Lindsay Malott and Ms. Barger explained the purpose of Family Partnership Meetings (FPM) and how the expense is reimbursed by the State.

Led by the motion of Mr. Cameron and second by Mr. Sides, the LBSS approved the January 2026 expenditures.

#### Public Comment

None

### Old Business

- A. IV-E Quality Assurance – August 2025 – Ms. Barger reported the Director of the Licensed Child Placing Agency (LCPA) has requested documentation in reference to the overpayment. Ms. Barger is currently verifying that all payments have been made with local only funds prior to furnishing the final information to the LCPA.
- B. FY27 Budget – Currently awaiting final guidance from the State. The State budget has a request to fund the additional 25% of administrative costs eff. 10/1/2026.

### New Business

- A. Agency Vehicle Purchase – Ms. Barger reported she has purchased a used 2025 Nissan Pathfinder with less than 300 miles. Ms. Barger spoke with County Administrator, Vincent Shorter, and County Director of Finance, Kim Vanderhyde, to verify the current budget can sustain funding for a new vehicle. Ms. Barger also consulted with Ms. Eanes prior to the purchase, and the vehicle was delivered on 2/6/26. The vehicle will be capitalized over the next six years to receive reimbursement from the State. After the purchase, Ms. Barger transferred the agency's 2015 Dodge Caravan to the County.

Led by the motion of Mr. Cameron, second by Mr. Searce, and a roll call vote with members saying "yes", the vehicle purchase was approved.

- B. Benefit Programs Appreciation Month – Ms. Barger provided the Resolution of Appreciation that is expected to be officially signed by the Virginia State Board of Social Services on 2/18/26. She stated the BP Supervisors will celebrate the Benefit Programs team on Friday, February 27, 2026 by preparing and serving lunch and allowing the team to watch a movie.
- C. Organizational Chart/Vacancies – Ms. Barger reported there are currently 13 vacancies as of this meeting date. Three new hires are expected to begin employment on 2/16/26 and one on 3/1/26. An emergency part-time Benefit Programs Specialist (BPS) is currently working remotely to fill one of the 13 vacancies. The agency is currently advertising for one Office Associate position. A Family Services Specialist (FSS) will retire on 3/31/26, and the position is currently advertised along with one vacant FSS position. The agency will soon screen Human Services Assistant (HSA) applications and begin interviews. A request to post the BPS vacancies has been submitted to the State for approval.

Ms. Barger also reported the State has approved the amended 2026 Compensation Plan, and Lindsay Malott began her role as Assistant Director eff. 2/1/26.

- D. Department Statistics – Ms. Barger provided December 2025 agency statistics for Benefit Programs and Family Services. Additionally, Ms. Barger provided Summary of Quality Control (QC) Reviews by Local Agency for reviews conducted 09/2025, which is the most recent report available.
- E. Agency Updates – Mr. Bowman attended a presentation by Duke Storen, Commissioner, on 2/5/26, and provided notes from the meeting. Ms. Barger read Mr. Bowman's notes, which include Medicaid changes and challenges, SNAP program updates, Earned Income Tax Credit opportunities, and Child Welfare initiatives.

#### Motion to Convene in Closed Meeting

Led by the motion of Mr. Dunford, second by Mr. Cameron, and a roll call with members saying “yes”, the LBSS agreed to convene in closed session at 6:58P.

#### Items for Discussion

- A. Foster Care
- B. Personnel

#### Motion to Vacate Closed Meeting and Reconvene in Open Session

Led by the motion of Mr. Cameron, second by Mr. Storey, and a roll call vote of members saying “yes”, the LBSS agreed to vacate the closed session and reconvene in open session at 7:54P. Certification of the closed meeting was read by Mr. Cameron.

#### Action Following Closed Meeting/Motion

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

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Closed – 21120968

#### Adjournment

Ms. Eanes announced the next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:45P. Following a motion by Mr. Dunford, second by Mr. Searce, and by concurrence that there was no further business to discuss, the LBSS adjourned at 7:56P.

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LBSS Board Chair



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Secretary/Director