

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
November 24, 2025 Regular Meeting**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in closed session on Monday, November 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Early Childhood Learning Center and was available via livestream at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us

1. Meeting Call to Order by Chair

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Cobb.

2. Closed Session

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Pam Pureza, and carried unanimously by those present (Angelique Boylan was not present), as confirmed by a show of hands for the board to go into closed session as allowed by N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of considering one or more personnel matters that are confidential under N.C. General Statute 115C-320; and as allowed by N.C. Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the Board Attorney regarding matters protected by the attorney/client privilege and to preserve that privilege.

Closed session began at 5:03 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Chair Angela Cobb, Vice Chair Pam Pureza, Valerie Bogues, Tommy Old, Sharon Warden, and Dr. Shelia Williams. (Angelique Boylan was not present)

The following staff members were present: Dr. Keith Parker, Rachael Haines, and John Leidy, School Board Attorney. The Board and staff discussed confidential matters during the closed session.

3. Return to Open Session

A welcome was extended to all attendees and the meeting was officially opened at 6:09 p.m.

The following Board Members were present and constituted a quorum:

Chair Angela Cobb	Tommy Old
Vice Chair Pam Pureza	Sharon Warden
Valerie Bogues	Dr. Shelia Williams
Angelique Boylan (not present)	

Student board members in attendance were Natalie Gallop and Kathryn Hutto. (Chaiyanne Barrett not present)

Others present were John Leidy, School Board Attorney, Dr. Keith Parker, Superintendent, Rachael Haines, Meredith Collins, Kelly Cowell, Heather Edmisten, Nina Griffin, Amanada Hill, Wilma Jordan, Tammy Rinehart, Dr. Debbie Stukes, Candy Tilley, Simona White, and Kim Whitehurst.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Cobb and followed by a moment of silence.

5. Roll Call

Amy Bundy called the roll and recorded members in attendance for the meeting.

6. Ethics Awareness and Identification of Conflicts of Potential Conflicts of Interest

Dr. Shelia Williams read the ethics statement and allowed members the opportunity to identify any conflicts or potential conflicts. The record reflects that no conflicts exist.

7. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pam Pureza to approve the agenda for November 24, 2025 as presented seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams and passed unanimously by a show of hands by those present. (Angelique Boylan not present)

8. Recognitions & Instructional Highlights

Dr. Parker welcomed attendees and highlighted the district's strong student talent and staff dedication.

Northside Elementary Orchestra & Choir - performed under the direction of Mr. Danny Tate.

Elementary Soccer Recognition - presented by Dr. Katina Waples. 2025 marked the first year for elementary soccer. The Weeksville Elementary Bulldogs were recognized as undefeated champions of the inaugural district tournament. The coaches, principal, and team members were honored.

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Update - Interim CTE Director Dr. Debbie Hunley-Stukes provided an update on program review, improvements in communication, counseling, instructional coaching, work-based learning, and upcoming events like the Winter Fest.

- Recognition of CTE Staff: Shenita Moore, Helga Brown, Mary Grace Luton, Cortney Simpson, and Morgan Murray.
- Career Development Coordinators Recognition: Mary Grace Luton and Cortney Simpson we recognized for Career Development Month
- Agriculture Program Recognition: Morgan Murray recognized Community Partner Mr. AJ Moore, representing Carolina Farm Credit for sponsoring and revitalizing a greenhouse, the Forestry Team from Northeastern High School placing first in the Northeast region and advancing to the state competition: Cali Billingsley, Donovan Portillo, Evangeline Alasin, Aubrey Brickhouse, Ethan Alasin, and Adalynn Barbeau.

ECPPS Micro School - Administrator Colina Bartlett recognized sixth-grade students M'Kayla Staton, Corbin Perkins, Raffi Rhodes, Lashanti McCullen, and Joy Billups for winning first place in the North Carolina School Boards Association 2025 Middle School Student Video Contest, "What's Super About Public Schools?" Additional students acknowledged were Zhavier Brite, Messiah Mansfield, Ki'tana Gellock-Spence, Zoe Lee, Elijah Wilson, Quinncy Lewis, and Kaycee Ferebee.

Elementary Media Centers Instructional Work - Heather Edmisten, joined by Jill Turner, Sharnna Edmonson, and Monica Razor-Billups spotlighted work on information literacy, reading promotion (including a podcast), and digital tools like Bluebots, Indie Cars, and Merge Cubes.

Elizabeth City Middle School Recognitions - Principal Sharron Bell recognized staff: Erica Cooper, Sharla Riddick, Roshanna Mullen-Grace, and Global teachers Shenica Seymore, and Kordel Edmondson; students: SAVE Club members Denzel Johnson, Wenderson Jimenez-Acosta, and Jameson Poole, IB Design Competition Winners Carlos Riddick, Reign Williams, Lonnie Hinton, and Timothy Bedon Cardenas; Student Office Interns from Pasquotank County High School Aryana Toxey, Casey Miller, Deajah Hinton, Makayla Herring and Savanna Morales; and ECSU Volunteers Tamaya Roberts, Jordan Barrett, and Kydra Brown.

Pasquotank County High School Recognitions - Principal Delishia Moore recognized the following: Community Support - Miss Eidie Rice, Athletic Boosters Club President; Basketball Coach Lakendrick Lee; the Football Team for achieving the best record in program history, led by Coach Marcus White.

School Highlight Videos were then shared showcasing ECMS and celebrating the 25th Anniversary of PCHS.

10. Public Comment (Citizen Comments to the Board)

Chair Cobb introduced the Public Comments portion of the meeting and reviewed Policy Code 2310: Public Participation at Board Meetings, reminding attendees of the procedures and expectations for public comment.

Mr. Tony Sawyer requested reinstatement to coaching at Northeastern High School, stating multiple denied attempts to be added to the agenda. He also stated reasons for his initial removal were untrue and requested the board take a vote on reinstatement.

Chair Cobb inquired about the procedure to open the floor for a motion to add a business item (Mr. Sawyer's request) to the agenda. Legal counsel clarified that for such a vote to occur, the agenda would need to be amended. Public comment concluded with no board action.

10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Parker deferred the majority of his report to the Recognitions and Highlights, specifically mentioning the effort to increase access to fine arts schools and announcing musical performances at the December 1st and December 15th meetings.

11. Student Board Members Report

Vice Chair Pam Pureza introduced the district's student representatives, each of whom shared updates from their respective schools.

Natalie Gallop from Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Early College, reported on the approaching end of the semester, COA and final exams collecting over 300 pounds of food for the food bank, SAVE Club and NATIONAL Honor Society activities, and student achievements for Eva Taylor, May Outlaw, Chariss Jordan, and Victoria Stafford.

Kathryn Hutto from Northeastern High School reported on DECA competition success for Kristen Faraby, Carson McKeuen, Able Sutton, Tanishai Tillet, and Kai Henry; the spring musical Alice by Heart, SGAA and Miss Randle's food drives; field trips, sports and the cafeteria's Thanksgiving lunch.

Vice Chair Pureza acknowledged the student board members for their participation on the ECSU podcast.

12. Approval of Consent Agenda

The items listed on the consent agenda for approval include the October 27, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes; Budget Amendments 103, 203, 303, 402, and 803; the October Purchasing Report; the November Rental Report; the November Fundraiser Report; and the Superintendent's Recommendations for Personnel. A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Pam Pureza, and passed unanimously by a show of hands by those present. (Angelique Boylan not present)

13. Unfinished Business

Second Read Policy 3420 Student Promotion and Accountability was presented by Rachael Haines. A motion to approve the revisions to Policy 3420 was made by Vice Chair Pureza, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and passed unanimously by those present.

14. New Business

Chair Angela Cobb sought a motion to add a new business item - a vote on Mr. Sawyer's request. Having no members offer a motion, the agenda remains approved.

First Read of Policies was presented by Chair Cobb. Proposed revisions to the policies include: Policy 2230 Board Committees - content changes to align committee names and duties with the district strategic plan.

Policy 9300 Naming Facilities - additions to address criteria for naming a facility or portion of a facility after an individual.

Wilma Jordan introduced Ann Collier of Oakley Collier to present the Architect's Bid for Pre-K at Early Childhood Learning Center. Ms. Oakley shared the following:

Sussex Development Corporation provided the lowest bid at \$1,597,000; a recommendation to award the base bid and continue value engineering to reduce costs.

A motion was made by Tommy old to approve Oakley Collier's recommendation for the ECLC Architect Bid by awarding it to Sussex Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Pam Púreza, and carried unanimously by those present.

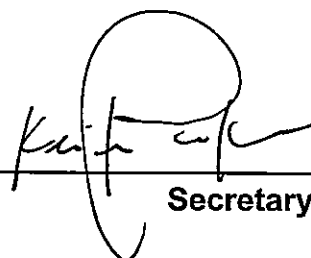
16. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Cobb requested a motion to adjourn.

Pam Pureza motioned to adjourn the November 24, 2025 meeting of the board, was seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams and passed unanimously by those present (Angelique Boylan was not present). The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Chair



Secretary