

Greenville First Steps board meeting minutes

April 11, 2025

Board members present: deeDee Washington, Kelly Byers, Cynthia Langley, Emily Pettigrew, Corey McDowell, Jennifer Pinkerman, Samantha Tucker, Ned Moore, Travis Wharton, Susan Stevens, LaVonda Paul, Steve Hudson, Lauren Luneckas

Staff present: Derek Lewis, Beth Jamieson

Welcome: Dr. Washington called meeting to order. Declared a quorum was met

Consent Agenda:

The Executive Committee met and presents the following items for approval by Greenville First Steps Board:

- **FY26 Budget** and Scope of Work
- **Exec Committee and officers:** To approve DeeDee Washington, Travis Wharton, Kelly Byers, Carrie Silver, Emily Pettigrew and LaVonda Paul as Exec Committee
- **Board Officers for 25-26:**

Deedee Washington, Chair

Carrie Silver, Vice Chair

Kelly Byers, Secretary/Treasurer

- **Fiscal Signatories:** DeeDee Washington to approve invoices and payroll
To approve Derek Lewis to approve invoices of less than \$5,000 without board approval (no change from previous years)
- **Wells Fargo:** Deedee Washington and Derek Lewis to be approved as co-signors of Wells Fargo Endowed Fund
- **Childcare Loan Fund:** To authorize Executive Director to transfer \$50,000 in Private Funds to Abundance Capital to launch Childcare Loan Fund including up \$25,000 from the Endowed Fund and \$25,000 from currently available unrestricted private funds.

Motion comes from Executive Committee, doesn't require a second. Board chair accepted a formal motion to approve (Vonda Paul) and second (Steve Hudson).

Mr Hudson requested update on how officers are elected. Derek explained that Executive Committee accepted nominations, considered those nominated, and

brought forward a slate of officers and Executive Committee members as part of the recommended actions for board approval.

Motion carried.

Please note upcoming FY26 Meeting dates:

September 12 1pm at our office

December 12 noon, location TBA

February 13 1pm at our office

Dr Washington entertained a motion to adjourn (Steve Hudson) and second (Ned Moore).
Board voted. Meeting adjourned.