

ALAMANCE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Human Services Board
October 21, 2025

The Alamance County Human Services Board met on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at the Alamance County Health Department. The following board members were present: Mr. Richard Blanchard, Ms. Marielena Moreno-Garcia, Dr. Caitlin McArthur, Dr. Roslyn Crisp, Dr. Deanna Tickle, Mr. Dan Paist, Mr. Brian Pierce, and Ms. Cindy Brady. Human services staff present included Dr. Tony Lo Giudice, Dr. George Ackall, Ms. Janna Elliott, Ms. Nicole Alston, Ms. Ariana Lawrence, Ms. Amy Widderich, Ms. Skye Sullivan, Ms. Shannon Taylor, Ms. Tammy Thompson, and Alamance County Manager, Heidi York..

I. Call to order

Ms. Heidi York called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Introductions/establish a quorum

Staff and board members present introduced themselves. A quorum was established, having eight members being present.

III. Swearing in of board members

Board members in attendance were sworn in to the human services board by Ms. Janna Elliott.

IV. Select a Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Marielena Moreno-Garcia made a motion to nominate Mr. Richard Blanchard as Chair of the Human Services Board for the remainder of 2025. Dr. Roslyn Crisp seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.

Ms. Marielena Moreno-Garcia made a motion to nominate Dr. Ann Riley-Caldwell as Vice Chair of the Human Services Board for the remainder of 2025. Dr. Tickle seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.

V. Approval of the agenda

Dr. McArthur made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Tickle seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.

VI. Adoption of a meeting schedule

Ms. Brady made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 board meeting schedule. Dr. Tickle seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.

VII. Closed session

At 6:39pm Mr. Blanchard made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.11(a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Mr. Paist seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.

VIII. Open session appointment of a Human Services Director

At 6:58pm Mr. Blanchard made a motion to come back into open session. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.

Ms. Heidi York announced that in consultation with the human services board, Dr. Tony Lo Giudice has been selected as the human services director.

IX. Adoption of board procedures

Dr. McArthur made a motion to approve the board's operating procedures and appeals procedure.

Dr. Crisp seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.

X. Future meetings and next steps

Dr. Lo Giudice shared that, over the next year, there will be a series of trainings and educational sessions highlighting the various services provided by each department. In November, the board will vote in closed session on the annual employee and community awards, which will then be presented at the awards celebration in December.

Dr. Lo Giudice reported that an application was received for the psychiatrist position on the board from Dr. Ryan. The board members unanimously agreed to forward the application to the county commissioners for their consideration of appointment.

XI. Adjournment

Dr. Crisp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. All board members approved the motion unanimously.


Richard Blanchard, Chair


Tony Lo Giudice, Secretary