

# ALAMANCE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Human Services Board January 20, 2026

The Alamance County Human Services Board met on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the Alamance County Health Department. The following board members were present: Dr. Ann Riley-Caldwell, Dr. Caitlin McArthur, Commissioner Kelly Allen, Dr. Deanna Tickle, Dr. Roslyn Crisp, Mr. Dan Paist, Dr. Ariam Diaz-Mathusek, Ms. Marielena Moreno-Garcia, Ms. Cindy Brady, Mr. Brian Pierce, Dr. Jim Ryan. Human services staff present included Dr. Tony Lo Giudice, Ms. Janna Elliott, Ms. Ariana Lawrence, Ms. Becky Rosso, Ms. Amy Widderich, Ms. Ashley Barber, Ms. Nicole Alston, and Dr. George Ackall. Guests present included Elon University students and a member of the public.

**1. Call to order**

Dr. Riley-Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of the agenda**

*Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Moreno-Garcia seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.*

**3. Approval of December 16, 2025 minutes**

*Ms. Brady made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 16, 2025. Dr. McArthur seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.*

**4. Strategic Plan update**

Dr. Wesley Rich of Evident Analytics presented an overview of the strategic planning process for the health, family justice, and veterans services departments. He outlined the progress made during the departmental planning sessions held on January 15th and shared the proposed timeline and objectives for upcoming sessions. Dr. Rich facilitated a discussion with the board, during which members shared their goals for the departments, identified areas of strength, and discussed opportunities for improvement.

**5. Open meeting law training**

Dr. Lo Giudice presented on the North Carolina Open Meetings Law, which is designed to protect the public's right to observe government decision-making and requires transparency in meetings, notice, and access. It was explained that the law applies to the human services board and any committees or subcommittees it creates. The presentation reviewed what constitutes a "meeting," noting that a meeting generally occurs when a majority of members are present, in person or electronically, and conduct, deliberate, or act on public business. Examples included in-person gatherings, virtual meetings, and electronic communications that involve deliberation, while purely social gatherings and one-way information sharing were noted as typically not qualifying as meetings.

Dr. Lo Giudice discussed the requirements related to public notice, access, and recordkeeping, including providing timely notice of meetings, ensuring meetings are open and accessible to the public, and maintaining minutes that reflect actions taken and key votes. The presentation concluded with an overview of closed sessions, including the limited circumstances under which they are allowed, the requirement to cite the statutory basis when entering a closed session, and the importance of not making final decisions in closed session that must be voted on in open session.

**6. Veterans' Services update**

Dr. Lo Giudice shared that the veteran services director position has been posted for recruitment of a new director.

7. **Family Justice Center update**

Dr. Lo Giudice shared that in the spring staff will receive strangulation training.

Dr. Lo Giudice also shared that in December the children who are a part of Camp Hope and the mentors went ice skating.

8. **Health and Human Services Director report**

Dr. Lo Giudice reported that the capital improvement project (CIP) budget for the three departments will be presented at the February meeting. At the February meeting the board will also hear a presentation about the Family Justice Center from Skye Sullivan.

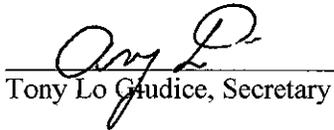
9. **Adjournment**

*Commissioner Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. All board members approved the motion unanimously.*



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Ann Riley-Caldwell, Chair



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Tony Lo Giudice, Secretary