



Board of Commissioners Education Committee Agenda

Monday, March 23, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Meeting Held Remotely

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Committee Chair Susan Evans

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting of October 6, 2025

2. Smart Start Update

Gayle Headon, Executive Director, Wake County Smart Start

Carol Orji, Director of Early Childhood Initiatives, Wake County Smart Start

Gary Carr, Director of Finance, Wake County Smart Start

Lindsey Davis, Senior Budget & Management Analyst, Wake County

Smart Start and County staff will provide an update on the trends, challenges and opportunities associated with both the County's support of the NC Pre-K program (4-year-olds) and ThreeSchool. This will include enrollment data and projections. Staff requests feedback in advance of continued development of the County Manager's recommended budget.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

3. WTCC Workforce Education Programs

Scott Ralls, President, WTCC

Jenipher Cornelius, Associate Dean, Business & Development Services, WTCC

Caleb Gilley, Senior Director of Apprenticeships, WTCC

Wake Tech leadership and staff will provide an update on workforce education programs. This includes Wake Works, Wake Launch, and other partnerships with companies for specific training programs. Additionally, Wake Tech will cover workforce training for early childhood education programs and facilities. No action by the Committee is requested.

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1. Presentations

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