

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
PRE-MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 4, 2019, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Ground Floor Conference room in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 12:00 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Brownie Newman, Chairman  
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Vice Chair  
Joe Belcher, Commissioner  
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner  
Robert Pressley, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Mike Fryar, Commissioner, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Jim Holland, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director; Tim Love, Business Officer; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Curt Euler, Employee Benefits & Risk Management Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:02p.m.

During the meeting, the Board and staff will review and discuss agenda items and receive staff updates with discussions as noted:

**Staff Updates:**

**Affordable Housing Update.** Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director, stated that the sub-committee for Affordable Housing was created to lead the strategic priority. Investments to this priority include the Affordable Housing Services program, Home Investment Partnership, Special Projects, and Supportive Grants & Contracts.

Matt Cable, Planning Department, explained the Home Program Match and stated that the committee recommended a total investment of \$1,311,845.

**Public Schools Achievement Gap.** Rusty Mau and Brad Watt, Performance Management Analysts, explained that their presentation derived from questions and data that was requested during the school system budget requests meeting. The data provided information related to the achievement gap of student sub-groups: Black, White, Economically Disadvantaged Students (EDS), non-EDS and non-Black Minority. Both Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools have considerable achievement gaps and they are focusing on increasing student proficiency and growth.

**LCG Letter & Response.** Don Warn, Finance Director, presented the letter and its contents that were in response to the most recent audit. Mr. Warn explained each of the audit findings and the corresponding solutions. He stated that some of the issues were due to staff turnover and the installation of a new software system.

**Media Broadcasting Policy.** Cataldo Perrone, Communications Director, briefly explained and recommended the updated policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS