

Oconee County First Steps Meeting Minutes  
 October 6, 2025 | 10:00 AM | Online Zoom and Face to Face  
 Type of Meeting: Board Meeting

Executive Board Members Present: Vanessa Earle, Bre Alexander, Ashley Robertson, Blair Hinson, Sarah Tate

Absent: Nivia Miranda, Alice Lee, and Sharon Jenkins

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Agenda Item	Lead Presenter	Summarize Each Agenda Item or Discussion	Votes/Decisions
Welcome and Call to Order	Board Chair	The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Vanessa Earle. The meeting began at 10:05 AM.	
Quorum Confirmation	Board Chair	Introductions were made and Ashley Robertson confirmed that we had a quorum to begin the meeting.	
Approval of Agenda	Board Chair	Board members reviewed the agenda as outlined and approved to move forward with the items on the agenda. Bre Alexander made a motion to approve the agenda, and Blair Hinson seconded the motion. All in favor.	Approved 5-0
Executive Director and Finance Report	Executive Director	The Executive Director's report and Finance Report were provided and reviewed with the Board.	
Vote to Accept Reports	Board Chair	Bre Alexander made a motion to approve the executive and finance report, and Blair Hinson seconded the motion. All in favor.	Approved 5-0
New Business	Executive Director	<b>Upcoming Events</b> - Refer to Executive Report. Anyone is welcome to attend and help at any event.	

		<p><b>Dolly Parton Imagination Library Discussion</b> - After a thorough review of state programs and literature to support the programs, Dolly Parton Imagination Library is considered evidence informed rather than evidence based. Therefore, we cannot have the amount of funding going toward this program that we currently do. Options to offset this concern: 1) we can fundraise the money for this program, 2) we can restrict area codes within Oconee County that would be able to receive the books, or 3) not allow any new signees, and over time as children graduate from the program, the program will end. Further discussion will take place as we work on the new budget. Kaylee Osbon stated that Pickens and Greenville Counties restrict area codes for use of the program. Sarah Tate asked that we remember our friends in the poverty areas and not just the highly populated areas.</p> <p><b>Possible Programs to Add</b> - Three programs were spotlighted to possible add. Others are available, but these were high possibilities shared with the group today. Options included: Parent Child +, Positive Parent - Triple P, and Child Care Training.</p> <p><b>Additional Discussion</b> - On December 11, we have our next board meeting at the Depot along with an appreciation lunch. In addition, the group will help to decorate for the Christmas party. The event will be December 11 from 5-8 PM. While invites will be sent to family participants and other groups, the party is open to the public.</p>	
Approval of Reappointment of Vanessa Earle as Board Chair		Ashley Robertson made a motion to approve the reappointment of Vanessa Earle as Board Chair for a second term, and Bre Alexander seconded the motion. All in favor.	Approved 5-0
Approval of Reappointment of Bre Alexander as Vice Board Chair		Blair Hinson made a motion to approve the reappointment of Bre Alexander as Vice Board Chair for a second term, and Sarah Tate seconded the motion. All in favor.	Approved 5-0
Approval of Reappointment of Ashley Robertson as Secretary		Bre Alexander made a motion to approve the reappointment of Ashley Robertson as Secretary for a second term, and Blair Hinson seconded the motion. All in favor.	Approved 5-0
Adjournment	Board Chair	Meeting was adjourned.	

This meeting was held within FOIA and ADA Compliance. Board meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are kept in the office of Oconee County First Steps and are available for public view.

Signature: Board Secretary, Ashley Robertson

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley S. Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'R'.