



Fulton County Continuum of Care

**Board Meeting
May 21, 2026, Minutes
Virtual Zoom**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Tanya Morris, Sheila Louder, Kelvin Thompson, Lucy Hall, Glenn Couper, Manfred Michel, Chris Portis, Kareemah Hanifa

Amanda Vandalen, Arthur Murray, Dr. Christian Paige, Kelli Tolbert, Kyle Jenkins, William Matson

Facilitator:

Tanya Morris

Fulton County Department of Community Development Staff:

Mia Redd, Joyce Buehner, Stanley Wilson, Dawn Butler, Kashara Morring

I.	OPENING: The meeting was called to order by Sheila Louder, Secretary, due to technical difficulties experienced by Tanya Morris.
II.	Board Roll Call: Secretary Shelia Louder Note: Attendance fluctuated throughout the meeting due to technical difficulties and member availability. Quorum concerns were discussed during the meeting, resulting in several action items being deferred for virtual/electronic voting following the meeting.
III.	BOARD MOTION 1. ACTION: Approval – March 19, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes Motion - Lucy Hall made a motion to approve the March 19, 2026, meeting minutes - Tanya Morris seconded the motion Quorum - Due to quorum concerns identified during the meeting, confirmation of approval will be finalized through virtual/electronic voting procedures. 2. ACTION: Approval – Election of 2026- 2028 Board Officers Discussion - Discussion was held regarding the election process for Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions. Members interested in serving in leadership roles were instructed to submit nominations electronically. Quorum - Due to inconsistent quorum throughout the meeting, the election process and final voting were deferred to a virtual/electronic vote. 3. ACTION: Approval – 2027 Point in Time Count Dates

Discussion

- The proposed 2027 Point in Time Count schedule was presented, including recommended unsheltered count dates and contingency dates for inclement weather. Discussion included coordination efforts, logistics planning, and board participation.
- Recommended Dates Approved:
- North Fulton Unsheltered Count: January 26, 2027
- South Fulton Unsheltered Count: January 28, 2027
- Inclement Weather Backups: January 27th (north), January 29th (south)
- PIT Count Period: January 26-31, 2027

Quorum

- Final approval of the proposed dates will occur through virtual/electronic voting due to quorum concerns.

4. ACTION: Approval of Gateway as the Coordinated Entry Lead**Discussion**

- Discussion was held regarding approval of Gateway as the Coordinated Entry Lead, including delegated authority to finalize and execute the contract. Board members discussed operational continuity and Coordinated Entry system management needs.
- Final action on this item will proceed through virtual/electronic voting.

5. ACTION: Approval – CoC 2026 Governance Charter Updates**Discussion**

Stanley Wilson presented proposed updates to the CoC Governance Charter. Updates included:

- Board term clarification language
- Committee restructuring and consolidation
- Addition of Coordinated Entry responsibilities within committee duties
- Annual language corrections and compliance-related updates
 - Extensive discussion occurred regarding the removal of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee language from the charter due to federal compliance concerns and potential funding risks associated with HUD requirements and executive directives.
 - Members expressed concern regarding the removal of formal DEI language while reaffirming the CoC's commitment to equitable practices and service delivery.
 - Kelvin Thompson and Sheila Louder requested their "yay" votes be clearly recorded as procedural rather than supportive of the principle.

	Motion Chris Portis and Kareemah Hanifa joined the meeting late and participated in the vote, allowing the Board to reach a quorum. • Glen Couper motioned to approve the CoC 2026 Governance Charter. • Sheila Louder seconded. • There were no Nays, oppositions, or abstentions.
IV.	Civitas Updates 2026 Point in Time Count Results Civitas presented preliminary 2026 Point in Time Count results and discussed data trends related to sheltered and unsheltered homelessness throughout Fulton County. Board members discussed the importance of data accuracy, reporting transparency, and continued system improvements. A full analytical report is expected to be released following final review. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Updates were provided regarding the anticipated FY2026 HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Discussion included: • anticipated federal funding priorities, • potential programmatic changes, • housing and treatment-related requirements, • and the local application timeline. Board members were informed that multiple Letters of Intent (LOIs) had been submitted for new and renewal projects. Rank and Review timelines and upcoming funding processes were also discussed. • 23 LOIs submitted; 19 for new projects (also many new organizations). • All current renewal projects submitted LOIs. • Rank & Review Committee to evaluate LOIs and approve scoring tool in early June. • Local competition timeline based on May 29 NOFO release; application window to run until late August. CoC Training Work Session Civitas announced the upcoming CoC Training Work Session scheduled for June 19, 2026, focused on CoC program foundations, governance, and core processes.

IX. V.	CoC 2026 Meeting Schedules CoC Committee Updates Ranking and Review Committee Updates were provided regarding upcoming NOFO review processes, funding prioritization planning, and anticipated committee meeting schedules. - Meeting to prioritize/finalize funding slate scheduled for early August (date to be polled via Doodle). System Performance and HMIS Committee William Matson provided updates regarding system performance measures, HMIS data quality efforts, training needs, and ongoing system improvement strategies. - Ending of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) as direct entitlement and conclusion of COVID-era funding, significantly reducing shelter/voucher availability. - Planned improvements: expanded training, particularly related to income data, and continued development of audit tools/role-based training. Youth Advisory Board Joyce Boehner provided updates regarding youth engagement efforts and prioritization, outreach activities, and upcoming collaborative events focused on youth homelessness initiatives. Point in Time Count Committee Kelvin Thompson and Yolanda Johnson provided operational updates regarding Point in Time Count planning, volunteer coordination, municipal engagement, and training efforts. Coordinated Entry Committee Amanda Van Dalen, Chair, shared updates regarding the relaunch of the Coordinated Entry Committee, policy updates, and planned transition efforts related to assessment and intake tools. - Staff training on MAP in next weeks, full switch targeted by July 1.
VI.	2026 Point in Time Count Volunteer Debrief Results A summary of volunteer debrief findings and operational feedback from the 2026 Point in Time Count was presented. Discussion included opportunities for future logistical improvements, volunteer support, and training enhancements. - Total people counted: 323 (146 unsheltered, 177 sheltered) - Infographic and summary report circulated; full analytic report draft to be delivered to the County by May 22, final publication expected early June.
VII.	Permanent Supportive Housing Update Updates were provided regarding FY2023 project closeouts and FY2024 project implementation activities. Providers were reminded of required closeout timelines and reporting responsibilities.

VIII.	Good News and Updates Board members shared organizational updates, funding concerns, housing stability challenges, and discussions regarding homelessness initiatives throughout the region. Additional discussion occurred regarding potential future funding opportunities and statewide homelessness response efforts.
IX.	Action Items: Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) • Board/Election Committee • To be conducted virtually due to quorum issues Virtual Voting for Remaining Action Items • Admin/Chair • Circulate ballots for any other outstanding approvals Board Meeting Time Survey • Admin/Leadership • Survey to determine best future board meeting times (consider evenings) Rank & Review Board Meeting – Approval of Funding Priority List • Chair/All Non-Applicant Members • Doodle poll to schedule for first week of August Civitas – PIT Count Comprehensive Report • Civitas • Deliver draft to County by May 22; anticipated public release in early summer System Performance & HMIS Training Recommendations • Bill/Committee • Present recommendations at June 11 committee meeting Coordinated Entry – Transition to MAP Tool • Amanda/CE • Committee Staff training in late May; goal to complete transition by July 1 Committee Reports/Updates

	• All Chairs Continue written updates for board packets. Quorum Check and Outreach • Admin Proactively confirm/ensure attendance for future meetings.
X.	Meeting adjourned. Upcoming Meetings: • June 8, 2026 – Ranking and Review Committee • June 10, 2026 – System Performance and HMIS Committee • June 11, 2026 – PITC Committee • June 19, 2026 – CoC Membership Meeting • June 24, 2026 – Youth Advisory Committee • July 15, 2026 – CoC Board Meeting • Next General Membership Meeting: June 18, 2026, at 10 a.m. • The meeting time: 10:03 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Minutes taken by: Kashara Morring