



LAWRENCEVILLE

GEORGIA

RECAST ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026
6:00 PM

Third Floor GwMA Conference Room
70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm, recognizing a quorum.

PRESENT

Board Member Taheerah Demby
Board Member Constance Brown
Board Member Marie Lafalaise
Board Member Nancy Martin
Board Member Tawny Waltz
Board Member Michael Davis
Board Member Lovetta Lewis

ABSENT

Board Member Chanda Floyd-Bryant
Board Member Hector Sanchez
Board Member Hope Campbell
Board Member Teonna Dorsey

Approval of Agenda

Aprove meeting agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Board Member Davis, and seconded by Board Member Waltz.

Voting Yea: Board Member Demby, Board Member Brown, Board Member Lafalaise, Board Member Martin, Board Member Waltz, Board Member Davis, Board Member Lewis

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion made to approve the prior meeting minutes by Board Member Waltz, and seconded by Board Member Demby.

Voting Yea: Board Member Demby, Board Member Brown, Board Member Lafalaise, Board Member Waltz, Board Member Davis, Board Member Lewis
Voting Abstaining: Board Member Martin

Announcements

No announcements were offered.

Public Comments

To participate in the Public Comment part of this agenda, you must register with the Advisory Board Secretary before the beginning of the meeting. Presentations will be limited to two (2) minutes per person, and the Board will not respond to comments.

No public comments were offered.

General Discussion

Partner Update: Georgia Center for Opportunity

Better Work Program Manager, Carolina Pachon, shared updates regarding the Georgia Center for Opportunity (GCO), which supports residents facing employment challenges (through its program Better Work Gwinnett). The BETTER WORK Program is an initiative that helps individuals overcome employment barriers by connecting them with local job opportunities, providing one-on-one coaching, and offering job readiness training through the Jobs for Life classes. Through partnerships with employers and community organizations, BETTER WORK supports clients with career exploration, resume building, interview prep, and ongoing support to achieve long-term success in the workforce.

She presented the following linked document: <https://tinyurl.com/260604GCO>

The board followed up with questions regarding another GCO program, Jobs for Life. Questions centered primarily on how the job training, peer support, and faith-based program functioned and how additional groups could support it. Carolina answered questions regarding how outreach is conducted and what it would take for churches and other non-profits to participate.

Carolina was joined by her colleague, Mariah Thomas. Mariah serves as Program Specialist for Better Work Gwinnett and shared an encouraging success story about a recent client. See page two of the linked report above for more story details.

ReCAST Partner Update: Impact46

Katie Inks, Lawrenceville Response Center Director, and Namira Choudry, Students46 Program Lead, shared updates regarding their respective Impact46 programs. Namira shared first, offering updates on the student programming offered through Impact46. The Lawrenceville Response Center (LRC) supports residents facing challenges with housing and utilities. Students46 works with the City for youth initiatives, including Love Lawrenceville Day, Summer of Impact, and Lawrenceville Legacy Leaders (L3). Both the LRC and Students46 are programs of Impact46, a grant subrecipient partner.

View a PDF copy of Namira's presentation here: <https://tinyurl.com/260604S46>
Additionally, Namira provided a handout, which can be found on page 1 of the link below
<https://tinyurl.com/260604LRC>

Katie shared LRC updates. See her handout linked on page 2, above.

The board asked questions regarding participant eligibility, including who meets the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) definition of homelessness. Katie responded to these questions.

ReCAST General Program Update

ReCAST Program Manager, Marcus Thorne, shared updates regarding grant progress, including:

- * Little Caesars Cross Promotion -- Marcus expressed gratitude for the efforts of Linda Schoepf and Alaina Tullis, both of whom played a strategic role in the promotion. Despite the effort, View Point Health reports no significant uptick in behavioral health support requests as a result of the promotion.
- * ReCAST Events & Collateral -- Marcus reminded the board of the 2025 infographic and reported the results of Together 4 Wellness, the mental health fair held in collaboration with GUIDE (<https://guideinc.org/>).
- * Year 5 Documentary Progress

Purpose: create a 5-year cumulative documentary, 1) capturing the work of ReCAST and 2) amplifying an opportunity for sustainability for ReCAST sub-recipient partners.

Progress:

- RFP issued and scoring team assembled
- Vendor selected: Lucie Content
- Coordinating initial conversation between Lucie and ReCAST collaborators
- Interviews and B-roll recording has begun
- Collaborator interviews, inclusive of program participants
- Advisory Board interviews conducted – Chanda, Hector, and Nancy
- Interviewed Program Manager
- City Leadership interviews scheduled – Jasmine Jackson, and Mayor Still

Planned:

- Receive a trailer, to be presented at National Night Out (8/7).
- Final edit completed and screened in October.
- * ReCAST WD2 Training Scheduled: Two, 2-hour virtual sessions scheduled with the Lawrenceville Police Department and facilitated by View Point Health on 8/17

* ReCAST Challenges & Strategies:

--- WD2: PM plans to work with Resilient Gwinnett to collaborate and incentivize their trauma-informed, evidence-based training and count those results toward the WD2 deliverable. Learn more about the WD2 metric here: <https://tinyurl.com/ReCASTWD2>

--- T3: PM plans to contract with additional local behavioral health programs to extend resident reach, program impact, and measured efficacy toward grant goals.

--- Feel free to view the ReCAST 2026.06 Scorecard here: <https://tinyurl.com/260604RSC>

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Final Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Davis, and seconded by Board Member Lafalaise.

Voting Yea: Board Member Demby, Board Member Brown, Board Member Lafalaise, Board Member Martin, Board Member Waltz, Board Member Davis, Board Member Lewis

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes Signature

Nancy Martin, Chair / Date

Marcus D. Thorne, Secretary / Date