

**Kids First Communities Board Meeting
Special Board Meeting
Electronic Meeting Only: VIA Zoom
March 7, 2025 • 5:00 PM**

Mary DeLong, Board Chair called the board meeting to order at 12:00 PM with a declaration of a quorum.

Board Members Present:

Mary DeLong, Clarke (required human services); Marvin McCann, Clarke (required education); Kathy Lerma, Decatur (required health); Ron Schlichte, Clarke (required business)

Board Members Absent: Athena Porter, Decatur (required consumer); Linda Prunty, Wayne (public/elected official);

Director Present: Jenny Robinson

Guests: Holly Rash (Decatur County Public Health); Kristie Vasey (Orchard Place CCRR); Erin Harrison (SCICAP); Jen Mitchel (Headstart); Brenda Fry (SCICAP)

No additions or corrections to agenda.

Motion to approve agenda: Marvin McCann

Second: Kathy Lerma

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- New ECI District Update were discussed regarding HF145 / SF445. If bill is passed and signed, KFC will be in District 5. Head ECI Director has been designated and ECI are working together to move forward to realign.
- Merger of the boards was discussed and will be canceled due to the realignment.

Motion to approve merger cancelation: Ron Schlichte
Second: Kathy Lerma
Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously.
- RFP FY2026 will not be released on March 10, 2025 due to the realignment.

Motion to approve no release of KFC FY2026 RFP: Kathy Lerma
Second: Marvin McCann
Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on current board member interest in volunteering on the new district board. Please consider and let director know if you would be interested in being recommended for the new board.

Meeting dates

Next board meeting will be March 20 at 5:00 PM at The Village in Osceola.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Ron Schlichte seconded by Kathy Lerma, followed by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Submitted Jenny Robinson, KFC Director