



LAWRENCEVILLE

GEORGIA

RECAST ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, October 22, 2025
6:00 PM

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01, recognizing a quorum.

PRESENT

Board Member Taheerah Freeman
Board Member Constance Brown
Board Member Hector Sanchez, arriving at 6:03 pm
Board Member Marie Lafalaise
Board Member Tracy Joseph
Board Member Nancy Martin
Board Member Tawny Waltz
Board Member Teonna Dorsey

Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the meeting agenda by Board Member Waltz, Seconded by Board Member Dorsey.

Voting Yea: Board Member Freeman, Board Member Brown, Board Member Lafalaise, Board Member Joseph, Board Member Martin, Board Member Waltz, Board Member Dorsey

Voting Abstaining: Board Member Sanchez

The meeting agenda was approved.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve the prior meeting minutes by Board Member Joseph, Seconded by Board Member Dorsey.

Voting Yea: Board Member Freeman, Board Member Brown, Board Member Lafalaise, Board Member Joseph, Board Member Martin, Board Member Waltz, Board Member Dorsey

Voting Abstaining: Board Member Sanchez

The prior meeting minutes were approved, and Member Sanchez arrived.

Announcements

Members had a brief time of connection before proceeding with meeting minutes.

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

ReCAST General Program Update

ReCAST Program Manager Marcus Thorne offered updates regarding program progress.

1. WD2 Training Update -- ReCAST has committed to its grantor, SAMHSA, that we would train 75 persons using "How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Justice System Responses." View Point Health worked to achieve 71 this year (94.6% of the goal). As we enter Year 5, members suggested two things: a) that we start achieving this deliverable earlier this year; b) look beyond our normal spheres of influence and be creative when seeking potential trainees.
2. ReCAST Yr4 Data Presentation -- the presentation is linked below.
<https://tinyurl.com/20251022ReCAST>
3. ReCAST Photovoice Project Update -- both intro sessions have gone well, with 16 students joining, representing three Lawrenceville schools: Central Gwinnett, Discovery, and Phoenix. Marcus invited the board to join the Photovoice Showcase on November 7, 6-8 pm, at the Lawrenceville Arts Center. Additionally, one member encouraged the program to seek impact data related to both mini-documentary and the QR code banners posted at the local high schools. Marcus said he'd look into both items.
4. Marcus asked for guidance for the pending Year 5 recap video. His question: "If the video project is approved, what do we want to see featured?" Members responded with the following comments and suggestions.
 - * Feature our partners
 - * Share a vision for how we want the work of ReCAST to continue (beyond the grant)
 - * Emphasize student stories, perhaps including longitudinal feedback (through Students46) about how the work of civic engagement and belonging has impacted students as they have entered college and career
 - * Interview more leaders with comments from the Mayor, City Manager, and more
 - * Include more voices from the advisory board itself
 - * Emphasize one or two didactic themes, helping viewers know they aren't alone and that seeking support helps bring strength and resilience
 - * Include some brief teaching on healing, how to heal

5. Phoenix Youth Engagement Summit -- the summit was a success. Find student survey feedback linked below.

<https://tinyurl.com/20251016YES>

6. Phoenix College & Career Fair -- Marcus engaged and shared ReCAST resources with 40+ students at the fair.

7. Board Term Update -- Six members have terms that end in December. Marcus asked members to consider whether they can seek reappointment and finish the grant's final year. He also shared that he wants everyone to return. The City Clerk indicated that she believes reappointment was likely, but also shared that this could change due to it being an election year. Please email Marcus directly letting him know your interest to continue.

Partner Update: Impact46 (Lawrenceville Response Center & Students46)

Lawrenceville Response Center (LRC) Director Katie Inks shared Q4 results in an infographic. The infographic is linked below. Katie also introduced Community Development Manager Nick Rawls.

<https://tinyurl.com/20251022I46>

Students46 Program Manager Kim Parson shared Q4 results, including the following:

- * Continued monthly meetings with the Lawrenceville Legacy Leaders; during a recent mental health-focused session, Amira Abdulhafid (from GUIDE) and Jennifer Wilds (from View Point Health) led an engaging session, providing students with mental health pointers. Students left the session with gratitude journals. During October's L3 session, students heard from City leadership, local law enforcement, and City Council Members. Dad's Garage improv group is anticipated during next month's session. Kim also offered special thanks to Glenn Martin for taking professional headshots, which students will be able to use now and in the future.

- * Summer of Impact Updates -- this year is ending. Students46 is working to gather 30 paid internships for next summer.

- * Love Lawrenceville Day Updates -- S46 has a new school relationship, Brookwood HS. Brookwood students will come to Lawrenceville, visit businesses, walk the square, and learn more about how to connect with the City.

2026 Meeting Calendar Review & Approval

Marcus presented a proposed meeting schedule for 2026. It reduces meetings from 9 to 6. The ReCAST commitment to SAMHSA is to meet four times, so having six meetings prepares to exceed the committed deliverable. Marcus also shared that things are running smoothly as we enter the final year of ReCAST, and that nine meetings aren't needed.

Motion to approve the 2026 calendar as presented was made by Board Member Sanchez, Seconded by Board Member Brown.

Voting Yea: Board Member Freeman, Board Member Brown, Board Member Sanchez, Board Member Lafalaise, Board Member Joseph, Board Member Martin, Board Member Waltz, Board Member Dorsey

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Final Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Waltz, Seconded by Board Member Joseph.
Voting Yea: Board Member Freeman, Board Member Brown, Board Member Sanchez, Board Member Lafalaise, Board Member Joseph, Board Member Martin, Board Member Waltz, Board Member Dorsey

The meeting adjourned at 6:58.

Minutes Signature

Nancy Martin, Board Chair / Date

Marcus D. Thorne, Secretary / Date