



American Association of University Women North Carolina (AAUW NC)
Board Meeting – Minutes

Meeting Date: June 24, 2026

Meeting Time: 5:30 PM

Meeting Location: ZOOM

Board Members Present: Lena Murril-Chapman, Millie Hoffler-Foushee, Mary Ann Bents, Laura Tew, Pat Ashe, Millie Hoffler-Foushee, Da'Tarvia Parrish

Board Members Absent: Tiffany Jacobs, Kathy Pearre

Guests Present: None

Subject	Discussion/Progress/Decisions
TOPIC Facilitator or Speaker Name, Role	Notes
I. Meeting Opening , AAUW NC President, Lena Murril-Chapman	Appendix A - Agenda Agenda presented - Millie moved to accept and Mary Ann seconded.
II. Meeting Minutes , AAUW NC Secretary or Note-taker	Drafted May Board Meeting Minutes were distributed to board members for review prior to the board meeting. A motion was made by Laura to approve these minutes; Mary Ann seconded.
III. Treasurer's Report/YTD , Millie Hoffler-Foushee	Appendix B - Treasurer Report Millie presented and the board accepted the report. Pat asked how many NCCWSL reimbursements had been submitted. Laura answered Brevard and Greensboro, one student each. Da'Tarvia added that both of the Salisbury students were awarded national scholarships. Pat will speak with the Asheville branch. Millie clarified the report submitted for June which represents data through 6/22/2026. The only things missing are the May membership dues that are posted in June and the second insurance invoice which I have

	not received. A final report will be provided prior to the next meeting. Laura distributed a Conference committee revenue/expense report to board members. This report was archived on the AAUW NC Google Drive.
IV. Committee Chair Reports (Including Upcoming Events for the Year)	
a. Regional Conference, AAUW NC President, Lena Murrill-Chapman	Pat provided some info about the regional conference. Early registration ends July 7th. Pat encouraged North Carolina members to attend. A special Connect issue for July was discussed as the next scheduled issue is for August.
b. Public Policy, Pat Ashe	Appendix C – Public Policy Report Report submitted. The Federal Department of Education continues to separate out programs to other departments. NC HB 958 continues to take away access to voting and voter registration. Pat has resigned from the AAUW NC public policy chair position and shared that Janna Deitz of Western Carolina University and branch is expected to be appointed by the AAUW NC President.
c. Branch Advocacy and STEM Ed, Laura Tew	Appendix D – Branch Advocate and STEM Reports Laura has assisted Raleigh and Charlotte with their efforts for their financial report which must be uploaded with the annual affiliate reports. Lena states that two branches have not submitted their report; the specific branches still pending was not provided. Laura mentioned that she was surprised that some branches do not carry board insurance. Da'Tarvia pointed out that all branches are not required to carry insurance. Laura shared a photo of the Greensboro Branch Intersection UNCG camp for girls in grades rising 4th through rising 6th grades. Lena attended the Find Your STEM, Shape Your Future camp for rising 7th through 9th grades.
d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), Tiffany Jacobs	NA
E. Communications - Connect newsletter, Website update, AAUW NC Facebook Account, DreamHost and Get You Found support, Mary Ann Bents	Appendix E – Communications Chair Report June Connect issue, 36% opening rate. Note: The Hendersonville branch Community Action Grant award was reported in the June Connect incorrectly as \$10,000; the actual amount was \$5,200. Highest level links were the memorial summary and National election. Next newsletter is scheduled for August with a due date July 24th for submitting information. The AAUW NC conference meeting minutes were posted to the website and Google Drive. The conference financial audit report that Laura submitted was archived to the state Google Drive. The new Charlotte Area branch logo is now included in the national posting of state and branch logos. An updated logo for the Asheville branch is in progress. Facebook Social media – Facebook posted from other organization resources continue to be posted.

	Guidelines and procedures - Mary Ann requested possible Treasurer updates before current fiscal year end to capture any needed updates for the new Treasurer. Mary Ann will be updating the AAUW NC DreamHost email address aliases - for changes on the board. Mary Ann will also need to know the dates of treasurer bank card transitions so that services like MailChimp and DreamHost that will need to be updated. It is also very important to carefully transition the domain name contact for aauwnc.org with DreamHost.
f. Programs , Programs Chair, Kathy Pearre	NA
g. Membership , Da'Tarvia Parrish	Appendix F – Membership Report: American Association of University Women NC - February 1 Count for Fiscal Year 2026 Da'Tarvia shared the data for the AAUW NC membership report for AAUW NC Branch and state members for February 1, 2026. The February 1 Count is a count of current members under the categories of national, lifetime, honorary lifetime, dual and students as of January 31st of the current fiscal year. Disbursement reports for February, March, April 2026 were also shared.
VII. Upcoming Events Lena Murrill-Chapman	Leadership Retreat - looking at Winston Salem as a potential location. Please send recommendations to Lena.
VIII. Other business	Laura questioned how to serve on a national committee. Throughout the year, a member may make an application to a committee. Da'Tarvia said that applications were open from April 8th to May 6th for committee positions starting July 1st.
Next Meeting	DATE/TIME/LOCATION: Leadership Retreat TBA and the monthly meeting schedule starting in August will be issued.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 Laura made the motion and Millie seconded.
Notetaker	The minutes were prepared and submitted by Laura Tew, Note-Taker, AAUW NC.

Appendix A – Agenda



AAUW NC Board Meeting AGENDA Wednesday, June 24, 2026 5:30 PM/Zoom

AAUW Mission: Advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy

Strategic Goal of AAUW NC: To develop program planning, communication, and advocacy to advance the climate for women's equity in North Carolina

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| I. Meeting Opening | Lena Murrill-Chapman |
| II. Meeting Minutes | Laura Tew |
| III. Treasurer's Report | Millie Hoffler-Foushee |
| IV. 2026 Atlantic Regional Conference Update | |
| V. Committee Chair Reports | |
| a. Branch Advocate | Laura Tew |
| b. STEM Ed | Laura Tew |
| c. Public Policy | Pat Ashe |
| d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion | Tiffany Jacobs |
| e. Communications
(newsletter and special issues, website, Facebook,
Dream Host (email aliases and email accounts) and
Communications notes for our Guidelines and
Procedures documentation) | Mary Ann Bents |
| f. EmpowerHER and Programs | Kathy Pearre |
| g. Membership | Da'Tarvia Parrish |
| h. NCCWSL | |
| i. Leadership Retreat | |
| VI. Other Business | |
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Note: Please send your reports in advance and share necessary items.

Appendix B – Treasurer Report

AAUWNC Revised Budget Fiscal Yr 25-26 6/22/26

CODE	NAME	Year Budget	Year To Date
INCOME			
44810	Donations	\$100.00	\$15.00
45030	Interest on CDs	none	\$1,067.82
47230	Dues	\$4,800.00	\$3,486.00
46430	Reserves	\$4,696.00	
47240	Annual Meeting-Conference Registration	\$5,000.00	\$6,015.03
	Total Income	\$14,596.00	\$10,583.85
EXPENSES			
60300	Awards and Grants	\$2,900.00	\$2,598.79
	Young People Literature Trophy,, Postage, Bks,etc	\$400.00	\$544.37
	Branch Mini Community Grants (4@ \$500)	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
	Branch Outreach Initiatives	\$500.00	\$165.00
	Other Awards		\$890.03
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$2,900.00</i>	<i>\$2,598.79</i>
65000	Administrative & Communications	\$2,198.00	\$2,592.19
	Printing, Postage, Mailings	\$25.00	\$313.11
	Add'l Tech Suport	\$500.00	\$562.50
	Dream Host	\$275.00	\$261.87
	Get You Found (Tech Support)	\$510.00	\$385.00
	Google	\$260.00	\$279.56
	Mail Chimp	\$318.00	\$450.50
	Pay-Pal Fees	\$150.00	\$169.75
	Zoom	\$160.00	\$169.90
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$2,198.00</i>	<i>\$2,592.19</i>
65100	Advocacy and Collaboration	\$3,225.00	\$1,520.00
	ERA Alliance	\$100.00	\$100.00
	NCCWSL	\$3,000.00	\$1,420.00
	Donation in Memory & Honor	\$100.00	
	Miscellaneous	\$25.00	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$3,225.00</i>	<i>\$1,520.00</i>
65120	Insurance	\$723.00	\$385.00
	Liability- General	\$348.00	
	Liability-D&O	\$375.00	\$385.00
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$723.00</i>	<i>\$385.00</i>

68300	Travel and Meetings	\$5,550.00	\$8,874.65
	NC Annual Meeting-Conference	\$5,000.00	\$8,200.00
	Hotel	\$250.00	\$542.05
	Mileage & Miscellaneous Mtgs	\$300.00	\$132.60
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$5,550.00</i>	<i>\$8,874.65</i>
	Total Expenses	\$14,596.00	\$15,970.63
	Total Income	\$14,596.00	\$10,583.85
	Net Income	Zero	\$5,381.78

Appendix C – Public Policy Report

AAUW NC Public Policy Committee Report

June 24, 2026

In the education arena, nationally the Department of Education plans to move the Civil Rights division to the Department of Justice and the division of Disabilities/special education to the Department of Health and Human Services. The funds allocated by Congress will follow, but the lack of coordination and focus on the education of students is very concerning. The new regulations for graduate student loans goes into effect on July 1st with most health care professions, except doctors, being in the lower category of loans, \$100,000 total loan capability versus the “professional” category receiving up to \$200,000. Many of the students affected in both categories will need to get other loans as these amounts do not cover the cost of their education.

In NC the state remains without a budget, leaving schools without knowing what their funding will be this next school year. As far as is known, salaries are still slated for teachers and other school personnel at an average of 8% and 3% respectively. The ERA-NC Alliance has sent out surveys to all federal and state legislative candidates to assess their support for the ERA. Individual results will be posted on the ERA-NC website.

Voting rights are under assault in NC with the Board of Election and HB958 to make several changes in the voting system, all of which are detrimental to voters. The BOE proposals are in a comment period until July 14th. HB958 has moved out of committee, but has yet to be voted on by the House—contact your NCGA representative to urge them to vote “no.” Nationally, the SAVE Act remains a threat as the Senate has voted twice to defeat it, but Mr. Trump has stated that his Interim NSA head, Mr. Pulte, will remain in place until the SAVE Act is passed. This bill requires proof of citizenship, which has deleterious consequences for people, mostly women, who have had their names changed as well as people in rural areas and/or disadvantaged circumstances to get the required birth certificate or passport to prove citizenship.

There will not be a Public Policy Committee meeting in July. Pat Ashe has resigned as AAUW NC Board Public Policy Chair due to her increased responsibilities with the AAUW Board of Directors. She has recruited Janna Deitz from WCU branch to fill the position starting July 1st when appointed by our President.

Submitted by Pat Ashe, AAUW NC Board Public Policy Chair

Appendix D – Branch Advocate and STEM Reports

BRANCH ADVOCATE June Report

- Support for branch 2026 affiliate annual report and June 30, 2025 financial reports for Raleigh and Charlotte
- Website support for Greensboro and Charlotte
- NCCWSL - received reimbursement requests from Greensboro and Brevard. Recommended approval of one registration \$710 attendee for each. Both Greensboro and Brevard sent two students to NCCWSL.

STEM June Report

- AAUW NC was not selected for a State Community Action Grant. The application was interpreted to be co-granting rather than sponsorship for emerging STEM programs in underserved institutions and initiatives in North Carolina. The team will review and resubmit for Round 1 in the fall
- Hendersonville was selected for a CAG award giving North Carolina 3 awards (Greensboro, Asheville, Hendersonville)
- STEM Education Newsletter sent on June 5th (354 opens, 4 clicks of 553 recipients) - automatic resend to active readers on June 8th (52 opens, 8 clicks of 121 recipients))
 - The newsletter strategy of including/emphasizing AAUW mission topics continues. The June newsletter topics included Title IX and “ the pay gap and why it matters for women and minorities to have stacked credentials supporting their path in competitive and highly compensated careers.”

Appendix E – Communications Chair Report

Communications Notes for June 2026 AAUW NC Board Meeting

AAUW NC Connect Newsletter

Stats for June Connect Newsletter

Email performance

June 1, 2026 - June 18, 2026

 Open rate
36.2%
434 opened

 Click rate
2.0%
24 clicked

 Bounce rate
1.3%
16 bounced

 Unsubscribe rate
0.25%
3 unsubscribed

Links from June Newsletter

URL	Total clicks	% of Total clicks	Unique clicks	% of Unique clicks
https://mcusercontent.com/20cf727cb43cc711ba495431...	7	16.7%	4	12.5%
https://www.commoncause.org/north-carolina/article...	6	14.3%	3	9.4%
https://polo.feathr.co/view_email?cpn_id=6a05de4c2...	5	11.9%	4	12.5%
https://www.aauwatlanticregionalconference.net/spe...	4	9.5%	3	9.4%
https://mcusercontent.com/20cf727cb43cc711ba495431...	4	9.5%	3	9.4%
https://www.aauwnc.org/events/#Calendar-of-Events	4	9.5%	3	9.4%
https://mcusercontent.com/20cf727cb43cc711ba495431...	2	4.8%	2	6.3%
https://www.blackmountaincollege.org/	2	4.8%	2	6.3%
https://www.bizjournals.com/triad/event/172815/202...	2	4.8%	2	6.3%
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/40hASp86S...	1	2.4%	1	3.1%
https://greensboro-nc.aauw.net/techevents/find-you...	1	2.4%	1	3.1%
https://go.unca.edu/steamstudio/	1	2.4%	1	3.1%
https://www.pbs.org/video/suffs-efgkiq/	1	2.4%	1	3.1%
https://www.amightygirl.com/catalogsearch/result?q...	1	2.4%	1	3.1%
https://www.facebook.com/aauwnc	1	2.4%	1	3.1%

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These accessed links represent the following content:

- FY26 Memoriam Summary
- Common Cause Article - The NC State Board of Elections is proposing harmful new voting rules: Here's what you can do

- AAUW 2026 National Election Results
- AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference Speakers
- AAUW Asheville/GEM Branch STEAM Studio Announcement Text
- Black Mountain College – Museum + Arts Center
- Zoom Registration - AAUW Learning Session: Data Collection for Program Impact
- Greensboro branch website - Find Your STEM, Shape Your Future June 22 to 26, 2026
- University of NC – Asheville – STEAM Studio
- PBS Recording of Suffs Broadway Show
- A Mighty Girl website – STEM books
- AAUW NC Facebook site

Next newsletter – article due date

- **August 2026 Connect issue: July 24th**

AAUW NC Website and Google Drive Updates

- **Content updates**
 - Posted the STEMEd June 2026 newsletter to the NEWS and STEM webpages
 - Posted the Connect newsletter to the NEWS webpage
 - Updated the Calendar of Events to remove items for May
 - Added link to the Mini-Grants page for the FY26 AAUW NC webpage to provide basic information about the 3 approved state mini-grants
 - Updated the National Webinars list for June
 - Posted 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes to website and to Google Docs
 - Posted the 2026 Conference committee financial audit document to Google Drive
 - Saved 16 FY26 AAUW NC Connect newsletters to PDF format; archived to Google Drive

Branch Websites

- Completed logo update for the Charlotte Area branch – posted to the National logo repository
- Initiated updated logo request for Asheville/GEM branch

AAUW NC Facebook Account; please visit and browse posts:

<https://www.facebook.com/aauwnc>

The June AAUW NC Connect and STEMEd newsletters were posted to the FB account.

The June Connect issue included 4 organizations that have had FB posts to the AAUW NC account with emojis, shares of comments. Links to their websites, FB sites and About information were provided. It does not appear that any Connect readers access this information. Should this be tried again or discontinued?

- **Facebook Posts to date in 2025: 403 total**
- **Facebook Posts to date in 2026:**

- **June 2026 thru June 19: 16**
- **May 2026: 65**
- April 2026: 54
- March 2026: 60
- February 2026: 42
- January 2026: 45
- **Content Sources – (Topics that map to AAUW Mission and Goals; mostly shared FB posts; * means likes, shares and comments)**
 - AAUW National FB Posts *
 - A Mighty Girl *
 - AAUW – Texas *
 - AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference *
 - AAUW Greensboro Branch *
 - AAUW NC Connect Newsletter *
 - AAUW NC STEMEd Newsletter *
 - AAUW NC Read About 2025/2026 AAUW North Carolina Fellows & Grantees!
* (1 Post)
 - AAUW NC EmpowerHer Tuesday Series * (2 Posts)
 - AAUW NC Website *
 - AAUW-PA *
 - ACLU of North Carolina *
 - African and Black History *
 - All That's Interesting *
 - Amazing Stories *
 - American Council of the Blind
 - American Experience - PBS
 - Association for Women in Science *
 - Association of Space Explorers
 - Barbie
 - Ben Carpenter
 - BPW Triangle *
 - Bruce Antone *
 - Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, PhD
 - Dante Lee *
 - Daughters of Time *
 - Democracy North Carolina
 - DoD STEM
 - Education North Carolina
 - ERA Coalition *
 - ERA NC Alliance
 - Eric Stanley
 - Evolution Time *
 - Facts That will Blow Your Mind *
 - Forgotten Stories *
 - Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media
 - Henry Fields *

- Her Archives *
- Hidden History of America *
- Historic Bytes
- Historical facts
- History Nerds HQ *
- History Vault
- Human Rights Campaign *
- Humans of Club
- KDVR (Fox31 Denver)
- League of Women Voters of the US
- Lean In *
- LILLY *
- Ms. Magazine *
- NAACP *
- National Girls Collaborative Project *
- National Organization for Women (NOW) *
- National Women's History Museum *
- NC Budget and Tax Center *
- NC Department of Administration is with Institute for Women's Policy Research
- NC Justice Center *
- NC Public Schools
- No Cap Archives *
- NOMAS - National Organization for Men Against Sexism
- North Carolina Association of Educators
- North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Northern Guilford High School
- Old American History *
- PBS and PBS News Hour *
- PBS Books *
- PBS Teachers *
- PowWows.com *
- Public Schools First NC *
- Reading Rainbow *
- Reshma Saujani *
- She's So Cool *
- Smithsonian Books
- Smithsonian American Women's History Museum *
- Space.com
- Space for Humanity *
- Spacewoman Film *
- STEM *
- STEM-apalooza *
- The Curiosity Curator *
- The Female Quotient *
- The History Archives – The History Book *

- The Inspireist *
- The Two Pennies *
- The Way We Were *
- This Day in History *
- This Will Knock Your Socks Off *
- True Stories
- United Nations
- UN Women *
- Unsolved Mysteries & Natural Wonder Facts *
- Unwaste the Planet *
- ZERO TO THREE *
- Vintage and Iconic African American Everything *
- Vintage Starlight
- WISN 12 News
- WomenAstory
- Women Hold Up Half The Sky *
- Women In History *
- Women in World History Group *
- Women's March Foundation
- Women's Resource Center *
- Women's Rights National Historical Park *
- WomenNC *

Other Communications Activities

- Communications Notes from Meeting earlier this fiscal year
 - Still working, as time allows, to update these notes so that they can be included in the AAUW NC Guidelines and Procedures documentation.
- Added Let's Encrypt Secure Certificates to Active websites to support HTTPS:
- Consulted with Get You Found about Subversion changes in DreamHost services; response from Get You Found:
 - Subversion (SVN) is simply a back-end tool that developers sometimes use to track changes to website code.
 - DreamHost is just retiring the visual dashboard for this tool. The good news is that this will not affect your website's functionality or delete any of your data.
 - From the Get YOU Found side, this also shouldn't impact the support we provide you, but our dev team will take a look and we'll let you know if any actions are needed.

Questions and Comments for Other Board Members

- Important that the state and branches update the Committee data in Community Hub for FY27 by the end of June; suggest overlap for AAUW NC Treasurer for

current and new Treasurer; this information needed so that the website content for branch presidents can be updated

- The DreamHost email aliases will be updated by the Communications Chair; again, recommend that the current and new Treasurer be included for the near-term
- Important to let the Communications Chair know of any Treasurer related changes needed for the MailChimp, Google Workspace and DreamHost services
- Suggest that the current Treasurer review the Guidelines and Procedures and identify any updates needed for the new Treasurer

Appendix F – Membership Report

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**February 1 Count for Fiscal Year 2026
(Sorted by Branch Code)
Branch Name Affiliation / Count**

NC3002-Asheville 104
NC3005-Brevard 120
NC3008-Charlotte Area 22
NC3014-Greensboro 71
NC3024-Raleigh-Wake County 21
NC3025-Salisbury 39
NC3030-Winston-Salem 8
NC3041-Hendersonville 38
NC3057-Jacksonville Regional 6
NC3060-Tar Heel Branch 58
NC3061-AAUW WCU (Western Carolina Univ) 10

Total Affiliations: 497

Note: The February 1 Count is a count of current members under the categories of national, lifetime, honorary lifetime, dual and students as of January 31st of the current fiscal year.

Questions should be directed to Connect2AAUW at .connect@aauw.org