

Call to Order, Welcome, and Declaration of Quorum

Chairman Michael Johnson, City of Statesville, called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, City of Albemarle, gave the invocation.

Chairman Johnson asked the meeting attendees to introduce themselves.

Kelly Weston, Clerk to the Board, confirmed that a quorum was present.

Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Charles Guignard, Town of Huntersville, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Johnson read the following consent agenda items:

- 1. **Approval of the October 12, 2016 Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes**
- 2. **Audit Firm Selection**

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice Chair Patsy Kinsey, City of Charlotte, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. CCOG Nominating Committee Report and Election of 2017 Officers

Commissioner Bobby Compton, Town of Mooresville, read the 2017 Slate of Officers as follows:

Chair	Patsy Kinsey, City of Charlotte
Vice Chair	Bill Feather, Town of Granite Quarry
Secretary	Jarvis Woodburn, Anson County
Treasurer	Bill Deter, Town of Weddington

Commissioner Compton opened the floor for nominations. Hearing none, he closed the nominations.

Commissioner Susan Neely, Town of Cramerton, made a motion to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and elect the slate of candidates by acclamation. Commissioner Frank Aikmus, Union County, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Installation of New CCOG Officers

Ms. Weston administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers.

5. Election by County Caucuses of Municipal Executive Board Members

In accordance with the CCOG bylaws, the municipalities of Anson, Gaston, Mecklenburg, and Stanly Counties were required to caucus to select a representative to serve on the Executive Board.

Delegates from these county areas gathered to discuss their selections during the meeting.

Chairman Johnson reported the results of the caucuses:

Gaston County Towns:	Jay McCosh, Town of McAdenville
Mecklenburg County Towns:	Thurman Ross, Town of Cornelius

The Delegates representing the Stanly County municipalities chose to defer their caucus until February 28th. There were no Delegates from the Anson County municipalities present, so those members will caucus at a later date.

6. Proposed CCOG Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Vice Chair-Elect Feather presented an overview of the proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. He noted that the proposal is a placeholder because CCOG has not received any funding estimates from state and federal agencies for the upcoming fiscal year. The organization continues to experience a reduction in federal allocations for Aging and Workforce funding, two major funding areas in intergovernmental revenue. Planning and Community and Economic Development continue to reflect a gradual increase in contracts with member governments.

Vice-Chair-Elect Feather opened the public hearing on the proposed budget ordinance. Hearing no one, he closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Centralina COG operating placeholder budget ordinance in the amount of \$6,221,000, the Pass Through Placeholder Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$13,653,000 and set the assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 at \$0.24 per capita with a minimum assessment amount of \$750 per member. Commissioner Guignard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. CEDS Kick-Off

Mike Manis, Community and Economic Development Director, presented an overview of the five-year update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). He noted that the update process includes a survey intended to gather insights from anyone who lives or works in the Centralina region.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall suggested sharing the survey link via social media.

Commissioner Aikmus made a motion to endorse the Centralina Economic Development Commission plan for the 2017-2022 CEDS Five-Year Update and commit CCOG Board Members' assistance in communication to their local boards, industries, economic development organizations, and community with survey and engagement activities in support of the eight-month process to a September 30, 2017 completion date. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

8. CCOG 2015-2016 Annual Report

Chairman Johnson presented highlights from CCOG's 2015-2016 annual report. He acknowledged Venecia White, Human Resources Officer, for her work in preparing the report.

9. CCOG Regional Conference Update

Commissioner Compton reported that online conference registration is now open, with early registration ending on March 20th. Staff has received a commitment from Peter Kageyama of the Alliance for Innovation, who will give the morning keynote address. Staff continues to work with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond to secure a contract with a speaker from the Brookings Institute who will give the luncheon keynote address. Board members can assist conference sponsorship efforts by encouraging their jurisdictions to reserve a VIP table for \$2,000 or by providing staff with suggestions for sponsorship prospects. Fifteen sponsors who have committed a total of \$26,000.

10. CCOG Building Update

Mr. Prosser noted that CCOG moved into its new location at 9815 David Taylor Drive in the University Research Park area on January 27th. CCOG will be able to hold meetings such as the Board of Delegates meeting in the new space.

Comments from the Board of Delegates

Chair-elect Kinsey presented Chairman Johnson with a blown glass ornament in appreciation of his leadership and service to the CCOG Board.

Comments from the Chair

Chairman Johnson reported that the Centralina Workforce Development Board was among the winners of the 2016 Davey Awards for its interactive partner map housed on its recently revamped website.

He also reported that the North Carolina Chamber Foundation presented Iredell County Board of Commissioners Chairman James Mallory with the NC Works Certified Work Ready Community certificate on January 26th.

He noted that members of the American Planning Association selected the March 2016 edition of Planning Magazine as the best issue of the year. This edition featured articles on the CONNECT Our Future project.

Chairman Johnson also reported that Centralina has received \$50,000 from the American Planning Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to continue its work on building healthy communities.

He further noted that the Town of Troutman recently expressed kudos to Emily Parker, Senior Planner, for her work with a public engagement project in the town.

Chairman Johnson also noted that the strength of CCOG’s members is as a region and not necessarily as individual communities. He thanked Chair-elect Kinsey, Mayor Pro Tem Hall, Mayor Jennifer Roberts of Charlotte, and others who participated in the CONNECT process. He added that he looks forward to working with this organization for years to come.

Comments from the Executive Director

Mr. Prosser recognized Michelle Nance, Planning Director, who noted that CCOG is coordinating with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), comprised of mayors from Mecklenburg and adjoining counties, to hold discussions with local communities about values, interests, and concerns related to regional transit. At the end of the year, CCOG and MTC will host a transportation summit to unveil the findings.

Mr. Prosser added that this dialog will involve local, state, and federal elected officials.

He thanked Chairman Johnson for his leadership and expressed appreciation to all of the Delegates for the direction they provide to CCOG.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting.