



**Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2016**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Represented By</b>	<b>Jurisdictions Not Represented</b>
Albemarle	Chris Whitley	Ansonville
Badin	Deloris Chambers	Anson County
Belmont	Richard Turner	Cherryville
Bessemer City	Kay McCathen	China Grove
Charlotte	Patsy Kinsey	Cleveland
Cramerton	Susan Neeley	Cornelius
East Spencer	Phronice Johnson	Dallas
Gaston County	Joe Carpenter	Davidson
Granite Quarry	Bill Feather	Faith
Huntersville	Charles Guignard	Gastonia
Lincolnton	Devin Rhyne	Hemby Bridge
Lowell	Sandy Railey	High Shoals
Matthews	Jeff Miller	Indian Trail
Midland	Darren Hartsell	Iredell County
Mint Hill	Dale Dalton	Kings Mountain
Mecklenburg County	George Dunlap	Landis
New London	Dan Phillips	Lincoln County
Salisbury	Karen Alexander	Locust
Mooresville	Bobby Compton	Marshville
Statesville	Michael Johnson	Marvin
Pineville	Christopher McDonough	McAdenville
Weddington	Bill Deter	Mineral Springs
Wesley Chapel	Paul Kaperonis	Misenheimer
Waxhaw	Steve Maher	Monroe
		Morven
		Mount Holly
		Mount Pleasant
		Norwood
		Oakboro
		Ranlo
		Richfield
		Spencer
		Spencer Mountain
		Stallings
		Stanley
		Stanly County
		Troutman
		Union County
		Unionville
		Wadesboro
		Wingate

**Call to Order**

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

**Amendments to the Agenda**

Chairman Johnson noted that Katherine Hebert would give the presentation on Item 6.

A motion was made to adopt the amended agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Invocation**

Commissioner Joe Carpenter, Gaston County, gave the invocation.

**Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of the February 10, 2016 Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the February 10, 2016 Board of Delegates meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**2. Region of Excellence Awards Ceremony**

Chairman Johnson introduced the Region of Excellence Awards judges: former Town of Huntersville Commissioner Sarah McAulay, former Town of Spencer Manager Larry Smith, and private sector consultant Jennifer Nichols, who was unable to attend.

The judges presented awards to the following recipients:

Controlling the Cost of Government:	Iredell County – Online Septic Record Search Engine
Growing the Economy:	Gaston County – Social Services Self-Help Resource Center
Improving Quality of Life:	Gaston County – Teen Wellness Center
	City of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County – Cross Charlotte Trail
	City of Salisbury – Salisbury Sculpture Show

Chairman Johnson introduced Chris Facente, Vice Chairman of the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition, who presented the Clean Cities Award to the Town of Matthews for Excellence in Clean Transportation and Clean Fuel Activities.

**3. Centralina Workforce Development Spotlight Presentation**

David Hollars, Workforce Development Director, presented an overview of Centralina Workforce Development services. He explained that local Workforce Development Boards oversee the NCWorks Career Centers, formerly Employment Security Commission offices. The Career Centers are customer-centric and focus on assessments, using resources such as Career Headlight, an online tool that helps career-seekers and students determine their career path. He added that the needs of businesses and workers drive workforce compliance. Other services include NexGen, which uses resources geared toward 16 to 24 year olds to help develop the next generation of talent, and incumbent worker programs that help local businesses by enhancing the skills of current employees.

**4. Southeast Alternative Fuels Demo Initiative Presentation**

Jason Wager, Planning Program Supervisor – Sustainability, presented an overview of the Southeast Alternative Fuels Demo Initiative (SADI), noting that it is a low-risk, no cost opportunity to test drive vehicles. He requested the Delegates’ assistance in spreading the word about the program among fleet services in their communities.

A motion was made committing the members of the Board of Delegates to discussing this initiative with their fleet manager and town/city/county manager, and contacting CCOG staff to sign up to test drive a vehicle. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**5. Greater Charlotte Regional Freight Mobility Plan**

Michelle Nance, Planning Director, presented an update on the Regional Freight Mobility Plan. She explained that the Plan is about economic development and land use and will examine freight bottlenecks and suggest improvements. The project will end in December 2016. She noted that one of the roles of the Delegates will be to help shepherd the Plan’s freight recommendations through to the Rural and Metropolitan Planning Organizations’ for inclusion in their long-range plans. She asked Delegates to talk to staff in these organizations about freight issues they or their constituents have seen.

**6. Centralina Health Solutions – Plan4Health Report**

Ms. Nance began the presentation and explained that because of the extreme interest in health during the CONNECT Our Future project, CCOG decided to create a Center for Healthy Communities with the goal of helping cities and counties think about how to develop healthy, lifelong communities. CCOG received the Plan4Health grant through the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association to help communities implement some of the CONNECT tools. She added that the CONNECT toolkit can be used as a strong foundation by communities applying for grants.

Katherine Hebert, Healthy Community Design Specialist, continued the presentation with an overview of the Plan4Health grant. She noted that the focus of the grant is to increase physical activity opportunities in at-risk areas of Mecklenburg County. The work will involve six strategies: community needs assessment; bicycle and pedestrian audits; shared use agreements; park access audits; communications campaign; and replication. She asked the Delegates to save the date for the Planning for Healthy Communities Conference on August 31 in Mooresville.

In response to a question from Council Member Richard Turner, City of Belmont, Ms. Hebert explained that the \$3.00 return on a \$1.00 invest in trails is based on health rates related to reduction in obesity levels, increases in physical activity levels, and decreases in disease rates.

**7. CCOG Regional Conference Update**

Vice Chair Patsy Kinsey, City of Charlotte, presented a report on planning activities underway for the Creative Solutions for Thriving Communities Conference. She noted that a group comprised of several Delegates has been providing input to CCOG staff during the early stages of the planning phase. Based on the group’s recommendation, the Executive Board approved Thursday, April 6, 2017 as the date for the next Conference and the Charles Mack Citizen Center in Mooresville as the location. She noted that the Conference is a great opportunity for vendors to have access to 100 or more potential consumers. She asked the Delegates to send prospective sponsor suggestions to CCOG staff.

Chairman Johnson asked the Board of Delegates to commit to saving the date of April 6, 2017 for the Conference and to encouraging other elected officials and staff in the communities to save the date.

**Comments from the Board of Delegates**

There were no comments from the Board of Delegates.

**Comments from the Chair**

Chairman Johnson reported that on April 5<sup>th</sup>, CCOG was named a Medicare-certified agency and will now be able to bill eligible Medicare clients who participate in the Evidence-Based Diabetes Self-Management Program qualified workshops. He noted that the certification is a monumental achievement.

He also reported that CCOG Planning staff will host a Water Infrastructure and Financing Workshop on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at the Charles Mack Citizen Center in Mooresville. Local elected officials, public utilities directors, water service directors, and town and county managers are invited to learn best practices and finance tools for augmenting the sustainability of local water systems.

Chairman Johnson thanked the Tyvola Senior Center staff for hosting the Board of Delegates meeting and congratulated them for receiving their Center of Excellence Award from the Division of Aging and Adult Services.

**Comments from the Executive Director**

There were no comments from the Executive Director.

**Adjournment**

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