



**Executive Board Virtual Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2024**

Officers Present	Board Members Present	Board Members Not Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
Jay McCosh, Chairman Tony Long, Secretary Jarvis Woodburn, Treasurer	Martha Sue Hall Jamie Hammill Felina Harris Gene Houpe Corinthia Lewis-Lemon Elaine Powell Shawn Rush Jennifer Stepp Jennifer Teague Edd Driggs	Patty Crump Kevin Demeny Brian Helms Darrell Hinnant Bob Hovis Jamie Lineberger Mark Loden Lynn Shue	Narissa Claiborne Geraldine Gardner Denise Strosser Kelly Weston Tisha Steen Jason Wager Michelle Nance  <b>Guests</b> Daniel Gougherty

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jay McCosh, Town of McAdenville, called the meeting to order.

Narissa Claiborne, Clerk to the Board, called Roll and noted a quorum present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman McCosh called for the Executive Board to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Amendments to the Agenda.**

None.

**Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of September 11, Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**2. Approval of the 2025 Centralina Board Calendar**

Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall made a motion to Approve the September 11 Centralina Consent Agenda, and Commissioner Tony Long seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

**Regular Agenda Items**

**3. 2024 Audit Presentation**

Denise Strosser, Centralina’s Finance Director introduced Daniel Gougherty of Cherry Bekaert. He shared the 2024 Audit Report presentation with the Board. Chairman McCosh called for a motion to approve the Centralina Regional Council Financial Statements and Compliance

Report as of and For the Year Ended June 30, 2024, and the Audit Report of an Independent Auditor – Cherry Bekaert.

Councilmember Shawn Rush, of East Spencer, approved the motion. Commissioner Tony Long of Mint Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item 4. 2025 Federal and State Agenda Discussion.**

Centralina Executive Director Geraldine Garnder reviewed with the Board the top priorities for the coming year from the survey submitted by the Executive Board including 1. Advocating for funding, 2. Building relationships, and 3. Taking a position on specific pieces of legislation that impact the region. Also shared was the Raleigh Relations Agenda. Ms. Leslie Mazingo of Strategics Consulting also briefly shared the Federal Action Plan. Ms. Gardner closed by sharing ways to implement the Federal and State relations agenda.

Chairman McCosh called for a motion to approve the 2025 Federal Action Plan and 2025 Raleigh Relations Agenda. Mayor Jennifer Teague of the Town of Harrisburg approved the motion. Councilmember Shawn Rush of East Spencer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item 5. 2025 2025 Centralina Nomination Committee Forecast**

Geraldine Garnder shared the committee members of the 2025 Nominating Committee. She gave a brief overview of the outreach efforts that ensured the Board was informed of the upcoming officer elections. Ms. Gardner shared the current officer seats and the officers in those roles along with the Executive Board members who volunteered to serve on the committee. Council Member Rush, Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, Councilmember Buchaluk. Council member Felina Harris (not mentioned) also volunteered.

Chairman McCosh called for a motion to approve the formation of the 2025 Centralina Nominating Committee. Councilmember of Misenheimer Jamie Hammill approved the motion. Commissioner Tony Long-Mint Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item 6. Strategic Plan Briefing and Process Discussion**

Executive Director Gardner presented an overview of the upcoming Centralina Strategic Plan update process. She encouraged the Board to engage in an interactive discussion on the current plan's foundational elements. The Board also gave input on the Centralina Mission and Vision Statement. Lastly, Geraldine shared the next steps for the upcoming year starting with a member survey to weigh in on regional priorities, and local needs.

#### **Comments from the Executive Board and Centralina Staff**

- Mayor Pro Tem Thanked member governments who assisted in the Helene efforts

#### **Comments from the Executive Director**

- Ms. Garnder shared the Centralina first-quarter performance metrics as it pertains to the Centralina 2025vWork Plan
- Upcoming Opportunities
  - Centralina Learns: Bridging Childcare and Business – November 20, 11:00 am 12:00 PM
  - FEMA Public Assistance Information Session – November 20, 1:00 pm-12:00 pm
  - Centralina Learns: Developing AI policies- December 3- 11:00 am- 12:00 pm

**Comments from the Chair**

- 2025 Delegate appointment process will begin next month
- January 8 - Next Executive Board meeting
- February 12- Annual meeting.
- Thank you for your dedication. Happy Holidays.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman McCosh adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.