



**Executive Board Virtual Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2025**

Officers Present	Board Members Present	Board Members Not Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
Jay McCosh, Chairman David Scholl, Vice Chair 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 Darrell Hinnant Bob Hovis	Patty Crump Kevin Demeny Brian Helms Jamie Lineberger Mark Loden Lynn Shue	Narissa Claiborne Geraldine Gardner Denise Strosser Kelly Weston Tisha Steen Jason Wager Michelle Nance Guests Leslie Mozingo

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.

Moment of Silence

Mayor Karen Alexander
John H. Holmes

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Amendments to the Agenda.

None.

Consent Agenda

Item 1. Approval of November 13, 2024, Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Agenda Items

Item 2. Centralina Spotlight and Board Forecast

Centralina Regional Council Executive Director, Geraldine Gardner shared with the Board the 2025 Board forecast. Ms. Gardner also asked the Board to provide input suggestions. Deputy Executive Director Michelle Nance shared the Centralina spotlight video, which focused on Centralina Human Resources Services.

Item 3. FY24-25 Budget Presentation

Centralina Finance Director, Denise Strosser and Executive Director Geraldine Gardner shared the background of Centralina membership dues process including the placeholder annual operating and pass-through budget proposals for Fiscal Year 2026 and recommend approval by the Board of Delegates at the annual meeting in February.

Chairman McCosh called for a motion to approve the proposed FY2026 operating and passthrough place holder budget ordinances in the amount of \$14,503,405 and \$16,248,900, respectfully and the membership dues assessment of \$0.25 per capita with no minimal assessment per member to be approved for consideration for adoption by the Board of Delegates

After deliberating, the Board recommended the proposal be adjusted to the rate of \$0.25 per capita with the option to review the rate next year with the opportunity to possibly increase an additional \$0.01 cent increase added next year.

Council member Jennifer Stepp approved the motion. Commissioner Tony Long seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item 4. 2025 Centralina Nomination Committee Forecast

Chairman McCosh called on the 2025 Centralina Nomination Committee to share their 2025 Officer recommendations, which included a recommended slate of Chairman McCosh- Gaston Co, McAdenville, Vice Chair, David Scholl Union County- Stallings, Secretary Tony Long, Mecklenburg County- Mint Hill and Secretary Jarvis Woodburn, Anson County.

Chairman McCosh called for a motion to approve the 2025 Officer slate. Commissioner Bob Hovis approved the recommendation for approval from the Board of Delegates.

Item 5. Federal Relations Update

Chairman McCosh introduced Leslie Mazingo of Strategics Consulting. Ms. Mazingo shared an update on Centralina's federal relations efforts, including a performance report of activities for December 2024

Chairman McCosh called for a motion to accept the Strategics Consulting performance report for December 2024.

Commissioner Hovis of Gaston County approved of the motion. Commissioner Scholl of Stallings seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

Item 6. State Advocacy Opportunity

Executive Director Geraldine Gardner and Jason Wager reviewed the impacts of certain provisions in Senate Bill (SB) 382 which limit local government authority for what is termed as "down zoning." Mr. Wager asked the board to provide direction regarding the position Centralina should take on advocating for a repeal of the 160D amendments in SB382.

Comments from the Executive Board and Centralina Staff

None.

Comments from the Executive Director

- Ms. Gardner shared the Strategic Priorities Survey and asked the Executive Board to complete it.

Comments from the Chair

- 2025 Budget public hearing
- February 12- Board of Delegates Annual meeting.
- Next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12
- Thank you for your dedication.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman McCosh adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.