



**Executive Board Virtual Meeting Minutes
April 9, 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	Mary Ruth Burns Ed Driggs Kenny Godwin Martha Sue Hall Wes Hartsel Melissa Merrell Elaine Powell Shawn Rush Jennifer Stepp Jennifer Teague Kenny Wortman	Mike Barbee Ed Hatley Gene Houpe Bob Hovis Alex Patton	Narissa Claiborne Geraldine Gardner Denise Strosser Kelly Weston Tisha Steen Jason Wager Michelle Nance Linda Miller Katie Kutcher 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.

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 March 12, 2025, Executive Board Meeting Minutes.

Item 2. Review and approval of the FY24-25 budget amendments for the operating and grant pass through budgets.

Item 3. Authorization to approve Geraldine Gardner, Centralina’s Executive Director to enter a Scope of Work with HDR, Inc. to develop the Regional Mobility Hub Implementation Strategy, in the amount of \$515,000

Chairman Jay McCosh called for a motion to approve the April 9, 2025, Executive Board Meeting consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Hall of Albemarle approved the motion; Commissioner Tony Long of Mint Hill seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda Items

Item 4. Centralina Spotlight –Land Use Planning

Centralina’s Senior Planner shared with the Board Centralina’s Land Use Planning services. Ms. Hair also played a short video detailing the program and highlighting how delegates and their towns can benefit from the service.

Item 5. FY25-26 Employee Compensation Adjustment

Centralina’s Executive Director, Geraldine Gardner, shared key points with the Board the FY25-26 Employee Compensation Adjustment. Ms. Gardner also offered the Board the opportunity to take advantage of Centralina HR services.

Chairman Jay McCosh Called for a motion to approve the FY25-26 Employee Compensation Adjustment proposal.

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

Item 6. Strategic Plan Approval

Ms. Geraldine Gardner and the Centralina Directors presented the proposed Centralina Strategic plan for FY26-28 for Board approval. Ms. Gardner explained to the board each goal and the work the plan entails.

Chairman Jay McCosh made a motion to adopt the Centralina Regional Council Strategic Plan for July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028. Council Member Ed Driggs of the City of Charlotte approved the motion. Commissioner Tony Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 7: State and Federal Relations Update

Centralina contractor, Leslie Mazingo of Strategic’s Consulting shared with the Board the Federal Update including performance reports, budget reconciliation, and expectation of the Administration’s budget. Ms. Mazingo also highlighted the April Advocacy meeting dates. In addition to the Federal updates, Executive Director Geraldine Gardner shared with the Board State updates that included monitoring Federal bills and their priority status. Ms. Gardner specifically shared House and Senate Bills, H364, S172; H24/S419, S230/S135, Ms. Gardner also reviewed with the Board the availability of the Tracker Tool and shared the website information where Board members monitor each bill.

Council Member Ed Driggs asked the Board to express support for the Interbasin Transfer bill, S428/H850/S605. Board member Martha Sue Hall made a motion to table this issue at the May 14 Board of Delegates meeting. Council Member Jennifer Stepp seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Comments from the Executive Board and Centralina Staff

Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall shared with the Board the specifics on the cannabis and cannabis products issue and working to get those products out of the hands of minors. She shared her position and the Child fatality Task Force's position on the dangers of these products. Ms. Hall asked that the Board follow the House Bill.

Comments from the Executive Director

None

Comments from the Chair

- May 14- Next Board of Delegates meeting
- June 11- Next Executive Board meeting

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman McCosh adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.