



June 11, 2025
**Executive Board
 Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, June 11, 2025
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Chairman Jay McCosh will convene a meeting of the Centralina Executive Board **on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at the Centralina office (located at 10735 David Taylor Dr., Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28262) with a virtual attendance option via Zoom.

| Time | Item | Presenter |
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| 5:00 p.m. | Call to Order | Jay McCosh |
| | Roll Call | |
| | Pledge of Allegiance | |
| | Amendments to the Agenda (if any) | |
| Consent Items: <i>Consent agenda items may be considered in one motion and without discussion except for those items removed by a Board Member.</i> | | |
| 5:05 p.m. Item 1 5 minutes <i>Pages 6-8</i> | Approval of April 9, 2025, Executive Board Meeting Minutes Approval of April 9, 2025, Executive Board Meeting Minutes. The minutes from the April 9, 2025, meeting have been distributed to all members of the Executive Board and should be approved if correct. Action/Recommendation: Motion to approve April 9, 2025, Executive Board meeting minutes. | Jay McCosh |
| 5:05 p.m. Item 2 <i>Pages 10-13</i> | FY24-25 Budget Amendment The Executive Board will review and approve the FY24-25 budget amendments for the Operating and Grant Passthrough budgets. Action/Recommendation: Motion to approve the FY24-25 budget amendments for the Operating and Grant Passthrough budgets. | Denise Strosser |
| 5:05 p.m. Item 3 <i>Page 15</i> | Finance Committee Authorization The required action from the Executive Council members is to approve delegation of the Boards authority to the Finance Committee to approve the final FY24-25 Operating and Passthrough budget ordinances. Action/Recommendation: Motion to approve the delegation of the Board's authority to the Finance Committee to approve the final FY24-25 Operating and Grant Passthrough budget ordinances. | Denise Strosser |



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| 5:05 p.m. Item 4 <i>Pages 17-20</i> | Confirmation of Centralina Economic Development District Board members The Centralina Economic Development District (EDD) Board seeks confirmation of newly nominated and returning members. Action/Recommendation: Approval of Centralina Economic Development District (EDD) newly nominated and returning members. | Anna Lu Wilson |
| 5:05 p.m. Item 5 <i>Pages 22-26</i> | Centralina Workforce Development Consortium Centralina Regional Council Agreement Approval The Executive Board is asked to approve the annual operating agreement between the Council and the Centralina Workforce Consortium for the Council to provide professional services to administer the Centralina Workforce Development Board and its federally funded programs, services. Action/Recommendation: Motion to approve the agreement between the Centralina Workforce Development Consortium and the Centralina Regional Council for fiscal year 2025-26. | David Hollars |
| 5:05 p.m. Item 6 <i>Pages 28-33</i> | Centralina Area Agency on Aging FY26 Contract based upon FY25 Funding Approval As FY26 allocations for Aging Programs have not yet been received, and to continue services uninterrupted, the Executive Board is asked to approve the FY26 regional funding from the NC Division of Aging (NC DOA) based upon FY25 levels. NC DOA allocates funds to the Centralina Area Agency on Aging for Region F Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) services, AAA Planning and Administration funds, AAA Support, Ombudsman, Family Caregiver Support, Legal Services, Title III-D Health Promotion, Senior Center General Purpose, and Elder Abuse. Approval is needed at the June Executive Board meeting for the estimated amount of \$15,917,950, dependent upon the actual allocation when received. The FY26 funding may vary. This includes both passthrough funding and funding for internal CAAA operations. Action/Recommendation: Motion to approve the FY26 contract and estimated allocation to the Centralina Regional Council from NC DOA for allowable services through HCCBG grant and Older Americans Act (OAA) services. | Linda Miller |



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| Regular Agenda Items | | |
| 5:10 p.m. Item 7 5 minutes <i>Pages 35-37</i> | Centralina Spotlight - Facilitation Services This month's Centralina Spotlight focuses on board retreat and strategic planning services available to member governments. Action/Recommendation: <i>Receive as information</i> | Michelle Nance |
| 5:15 p.m. Item 8 15 minutes <i>Pages 39-49</i> | FY25-26 Workplan Review and Approval Centralina will provide the Executive Board with a briefing on the proposed FY25-26 Workplan, which implements the first year of the new Centralina Strategic Plan. The Workplan was developed with input from Centralina staff, Regional Managers and the Board of Delegates. The Executive Board is asked to approve the FY25-26 Workplan so that activities can commence on July 1, 2025. Action/Recommendation Motion to approve the FY25-26 Workplan as proposed. | Michelle Nance |
| 5:30 p.m. Item 9 10 minutes <i>Pages 51-55</i> | Strategics Consulting Federal Relations Update and Contract Approval The Executive Board will receive an update on Centralina's federal relations efforts, including an annual performance report of activities for June 2024 through May 2025. The Board is also asked to consider renewing the contract with Strategics Consulting for lobbying and federal relations consulting services. Action/Recommendation: Motion 1: Motion to accept the Federal Relations Annual Report for June 2024 through May 2025. Motion 2: Motion to approve the Strategics Consulting services proposal and fee and enter into a contract for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. | Leslie Mozingo |
| 5:40 p.m. Item 10 20 minutes <i>Pages 57-63</i> | Raleigh Relations Update The Executive Board will receive an update on state advocacy efforts and discuss Centralina's position on key pieces of legislation under consideration in the NC General Assembly's long session. Action/Recommendation: Receive as information and provide requested feedback. | Kelly Weston |



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| 6:00 p.m. Item 11 15 minutes <i>Pages 65-69</i> | In-Focus Discussion: Regional Resilience & Recovery Update This discussion will provide an update on the Regional Resilience Collaborative and highlight the June 25 Built to Last event. Action/Recommendation Receive as information and provide feedback. | Christina Danis |
| 6:15 p.m. 5 minutes | Executive Session | Jay McCosh |
| 6:20 p.m. 5 minutes | Comments from the Executive Director and Board Staff | Michelle Nance |
| 6:25 p.m. 5 minutes | Comments from the Chair | Jay McCosh |
| 6:30 p.m. | Adjournment | Jay McCosh |

Centralina Regional Council complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. Centralina Regional Council will make reasonable accommodations in all programs/services to enable participation by an individual with a disability who meets essential eligibility requirements. Centralina Regional Council's programs will be available in the most integrated setting for each individual. If any accommodation is necessary for participation, please contact the Clerk to the Board, 10735 David Taylor Drive, Charlotte, NC 28262, phone at (704) 348-2728. Please allow 72 hours advance notice for preparation. Visit our website: www.centralina.com.



CENTRALINA

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Item 1



**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.



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Item 2



Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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|---|---|----------------------------------|--|---|-----------------|--|
| Board Meeting Date: | June 11, 2025 | Agenda Item Type: | Consent: | X | Regular: | |
| Submitting Person: | Denise Strosser | Presentation Time: | NA | | | |
| Presenter at Meeting: | Denise Strosser | Phone Number: | (704) 348-2704 | | | |
| | | Email: | dstrosser@centralina.org | | | |
| Alternate Contact: | Geraldine Gardner | Phone Number: | (704) 248-2703 | | | |
| | | Email: | ggardner@centralina.org | | | |
| Submitting Department: | Finance | Department Head Approval: | Denise Strosser | | | |
| Title of documents as shown in the agenda: FY24-25 Budget Amendment | | | | | | |
| Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i> | | | | | | |
| <p>The Executive Board will review and approve the FY24-25 budget amendments for the Operating and Grant Passthrough budgets.</p> | | | | | | |
| Background & Basis of Recommendations: | | | | | | |
| <p>A placeholder budget was approved by the Executive Council on January 10, 2024 and adopted by the Board of Delegates on February 21, 2024, as required by Centralina Regional Council's Charter. This initial "placeholder" budget is developed prior to receiving information from various state and federal agencies. This 1st amendment represents changes to reflect federal and state grant allocations as of December 31, 2024, as well as other contracts received and confirmed since the adoption of the budget. We will continue to update the budget as new funds are received from new business contracts or grants from State and Federal agencies. The attached amendments are to replace the placeholder budget and any prior amendments with current and up to date fundings and expenditures.</p> | | | | | | |
| Requested Action / Recommendation: | | | | | | |
| <p>Motion to approve the FY24-25 budget amendments for the Operating and Grant Passthrough budgets.</p> | | | | | | |
| Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i> | Before June 30, 2025 | | | | | |
| Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i> | Operating Budget of \$14,752,733, a decrease of \$298,982 and Grant Passthrough Budget of \$17,987,912, an increase of \$1,017,685. | | | | | |

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| Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i> | FY24-25 Operating and Grant Budget Amendment |
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Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Operating Budget Amendment

| ANTICIPATED REVENUES | FY2025 Placeholder Budget | FY2025 12/31/2024 Budget | FY2025 3/31/2025 Budget | FY2025 5/31/2025 Budget | Increase (Decrease) |
|--|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Program Revenues | | | | | |
| Restricted Intergovernmental Revenue | 6,532,000 | 11,936,392 | 11,383,613 | 11,023,051 | (360,562) (1) |
| Technical Assistance Projects | 1,143,500 | 1,026,596 | 1,149,298 | 1,101,676 | (47,622) |
| Other Program Revenue | 335,000 | 1,385,738 | 1,461,804 | 1,541,142 | 79,338 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated - CEDD | - | - | - | 14,864 | 14,864 |
| Total Program Revenue | 8,010,500 | 14,348,726 | 13,994,715 | 13,680,733 | (313,982) |
| Other Revenues | | | | | |
| Member Dues Support | 940,000 | 940,000 | 962,000 | 962,000 | - |
| Interest and Other Revenue | 75,000 | 77,401 | 95,000 | 110,000 | 15,000 |
| Total Other Revenues | 1,015,000 | 1,017,401 | 1,057,000 | 1,072,000 | 15,000 |
| TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES | 9,025,500 | 15,366,127 | 15,051,715 | 14,752,733 | (298,982) |
| EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS | | | | | |
| Member services, Board and committees | 953,500 | 6,039,552 | 5,823,069 | 6,039,947 | 216,878 |
| Management and Business Operations | 1,800,000 | 2,021,230 | 2,306,643 | 2,010,414 | (296,229) |
| Information Technology | 366,000 | 382,378 | 350,878 | 370,000 | 19,122 |
| Foundation | - | 1,003,500 | 1,005,000 | 1,011,500 | 6,500 |
| Community and Economic Development Depart. | 1,351,000 | 1,058,155 | 1,127,834 | 1,107,646 | (20,188) |
| Planning Department | 1,700,000 | 1,803,491 | 1,369,806 | 1,776,071 | 406,265 (2) |
| Integrated Mobility Center | - | 466,072 | 466,072 | - | (466,072) (2) |
| Area Agency on Aging Department | 4,095,000 | 3,851,192 | 3,851,192 | 3,663,357 | (187,835) |
| Workforce Development Department | 1,115,000 | 888,802 | 842,153 | 824,863 | (17,290) |
| Indirect Costs Representation | (2,355,000) | (2,148,245) | (2,090,932) | (2,051,065) | 39,867 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS | 9,025,500 | 15,366,127 | 15,051,715 | 14,752,733 | (298,982) |
| Revenues over expenditures | - | - | - | - | - |

(1) Loss of Federal Awards due to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) implementation of Excitave Orders in January 2025.

(2) Move Integrated Mobility Center under Panning - transportation.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Placeholder Grant Pass Through Budgets Ordinance

| <u>Program</u> | <u>FY2025 Placeholder Budget</u> | <u>FY2025 12/31/2024 Budget</u> | <u>FY2025 3/31/2025 Budget</u> | <u>FY2025 5/31/2025 Budget</u> | <u>Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Area Agency on Aging | | | | | |
| HCC Block Grant | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | 12,100,000 | 100,000 (1) |
| USDA Supplement | 608,000 | 608,000 | 608,000 | 608,000 | - |
| Title III-B Legal | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 180,000 | 30,000 (1) |
| Family Caregiver | 560,000 | 571,228 | 571,228 | 621,228 | 50,000 (1) |
| Disease Prevention/Health Promotion | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 60,000 | 15,000 (1) |
| State Senior Center General Purpose | 116,500 | 116,500 | 116,500 | 149,000 | 32,500 (1) |
| Heat Fan Relief | 14,400 | 14,400 | 14,400 | 14,410 | 10 |
| ARPA Support Services | 50,000 | 250,267 | 250,267 | 484,000 | 233,733 (1) |
| ARPA Congregate Nutrition | 100,000 | 385,172 | 385,172 | 400,000 | 14,828 (1) |
| ARPA Home Delivered meals | 100,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 435,100 | 375,100 (1) |
| | <u>13,743,900</u> | <u>14,200,567</u> | <u>14,200,567</u> | <u>15,051,738</u> | <u>851,171</u> |
| (1) Increase budget for reallocation of funding to spend down FY25 awards. | | | | | |
| Workforce Development | | | | | |
| WIOA - XX-4010 Administrative Cost Pool | 80,000 | - | - | - | - |
| WIOA XX-4020 Adult Services | 1,200,000 | 1,028,744 | 1,028,744 | 1,234,938 | 206,194 (2) |
| WIOA XX-4030 Dislocated Worker | 950,000 | 725,630 | 725,630 | 519,436 | (206,194) (2) |
| WIOA XX-4040 Youth Services | 1,250,000 | 1,000,224 | 1,000,224 | 1,000,224 | - |
| WIOA XX-4050 Employer Services | - | 15,000 | 15,000 | - | (15,000) (3) |
| WIOA XX- XXXX Infrastructure Cost | 85,000 | 62 | 62 | 62 | - |
| WIOA XX- XXXX Infrastructure Cost | | | | 179,639 | 179,639 (4) |
| WIOA XX- XXXX Infrastructure Cost | | | | 1,875 | 1,875 (4) |
| | <u>3,565,000</u> | <u>2,769,660</u> | <u>2,769,660</u> | <u>2,936,174</u> | <u>166,514</u> |
| Total Grant | <u>17,308,900</u> | <u>16,970,227</u> | <u>16,970,227</u> | <u>17,987,912</u> | <u>1,017,685</u> |

(2) Move funding from Dislocated Worker to Adult Services

(3) Moved to internal funding

(4) Additional funding awarded



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| Submitting Person: | Denise Strosser | Presentation Time: | NA | | | |
| Presenter at Meeting: | Denise Strosser | Phone Number: | (704) 348-2704 | | | |
| | | Email: | dstrosser@centralina.org | | | |
| Alternate Contact: | Geraldine Gardner | Phone Number: | (704) 248-2703 | | | |
| | | Email: | ggardner@centralina.org | | | |
| Submitting Department: | Finance | Department Head Approval: | Denise Strosser | | | |
| Title of documents as shown in the Agenda: Finance Committee Authorization | | | | | | |
| Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i> | | | | | | |
| <p>The required action from the Executive Council members is to approve delegation of the Boards authority to the Finance Committee to approve the final FY24-25 Operating and Passthrough Budget ordinances.</p> | | | | | | |
| Background & Basis of Recommendations: | | | | | | |
| <p>There is only one Board meeting in June, and it is early in the month, and final amendments may still be needed for the FY24-25 budgets. These budgets have been amended to reflect the current year's revenues and expenditure. The North Carolina General Statues require governmental entities to have a balanced budget, and expenditures not exceed the budget as approved by the Governing Body.</p> | | | | | | |
| Requested Action / Recommendation: | | | | | | |
| <p>Motion to approve the delegation of the Board's authority to the Finance Committee to approve the final FY24-25 Operating and Passthrough budget ordinances.</p> | | | | | | |
| Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i> | Before June 30, 2025 | | | | | |
| Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i> | None | | | | | |
| Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i> | None | | | | | |



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Item 4



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| Board Meeting Date: | June 11, 2025 | Agenda Item Type: | Consent: | X | Regular: | |
| Submitting Person: | Anna Lu Wilson | Presentation Time: | n/a | | | |
| Presenter at Meeting: | Christina Danis | Phone Number: | 704-385-4790 | | | |
| | | Email: | alwilson@centralina.org | | | |
| Alternate Contact: | Anna Lu Wilson | Phone Number: | 704-688-6502 | | | |
| | | Email: | cdanis@centralina.org | | | |
| Submitting Department: | CEDD Admin | Department Head Approval: | C. Danis | | | |
| Title of documents as shown in the Agenda: | | | | | | |
| Confirmation of Centralina Economic Development District Board members | | | | | | |
| Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i> | | | | | | |
| The Centralina Economic Development District (EDD) Board seeks confirmation of newly nominated and returning members. | | | | | | |
| Background & Basis of Recommendations: | | | | | | |
| <p>To remain in compliance with the Centralina EDD by laws, the Centralina EDD must annually confirm its board membership to ensure regional representation and active governance. The FY25 board slate includes both new and returning members who represent a range of public and institutional sectors critical to the region’s economic vitality. The following individuals are recommended for confirmation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Underwood, Director, Stanly County EDC • Holly Eskridge, Asst. Director, City of Charlotte’s Economic Development Department • Michael Coone, Director, Gaston County Workforce Development Board • Patrick Lucitt, Manager Economic Development Partnerships, UNC Charlotte • Susan Rodriguez-McDowell, District 6 Commissioner, Mecklenburg County <p>These individuals bring strategic insight and regional balance, supporting the EDD efforts to implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) and engage diverse communities across the nine-county region.</p> | | | | | | |
| Requested Action / Recommendation: Approval of Centralina Economic Development District (EDD) newly nominated and returning members. | | | | | | |
| Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i> | Members must be confirmed before the June 26 Centralina EDD meeting. | | | | | |
| Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i> | None | | | | | |

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| Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i> | 2025 Centralina EDD Board Members.pdf |
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Centralina Economic Development District Board Members



| Public 2 Year Term: January 1, 2024- December 31, 2025 | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Name | Representing | Organization |
| Jarvis Woodburn | Anson County - Public | Anson County BOC |
| Vacant | Cabarrus County-Public | Cabarrus County |
| Holly Eskridge | City of Charlotte - Public | City of Charlotte |
| Bob Hovis | Gaston County - Public | Gaston County BOC |
| Beth Milton | Iredell County - Public | Iredell County |
| Susan Rodriguez-McDowell | Mecklenburg County - Public | Mecklenburg County BOC |
| Vacant | Lincoln County - Public | |
| Vacant | Mooresville - Public | |
| Greg Edds | Rowan County - Public | Rowan County BOC - Chairman |
| Vacant | Stanly County - Public | |
| Vacant | Union County - Public | |
| Private 3 Year Term: January 1, 2024- December 31, 2026 | | |
| Name | Representing | Organization |
| Randy Collins | Anson County - Private | Anson County EDC |
| Brian Hiatt | Cabarrus County - Private | Cabarrus EDC |
| Anna London | City of Charlotte - Private | CharlotteWorks |
| Donny Hicks | Gaston County - Private | Gaston County EDC |
| Jenn Bosser | Iredell County - Private | Iredell County Economic Development Corporation |
| Juan Garzón | Centralina - At Large Rep | Innovate Charlotte |
| Veronica Grantham | Centralina - At Large Rep | NC Dept of Commerce Division of Workforce Sol. |
| David Hollars | Centralina - At Large Rep | Centralina Workforce Development Board |
| Leslie Johnson | Centralina - At Large Rep | Mecklenburg County-Manager's Office |
| Michael Coone | Centralina - At Large Rep | Gaston Workforce Development Board |
| Patrick Lucitt | Centralina - At Large Rep | UNC Charlotte |

Centralina Economic Development District Board Members



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| Melanie Underwood | Centralina - At Large Rep | NC Economic Development Partnership |
| Vacant | Union County - Private | |
| Vacant | Centralina - At Large Rep | |
| Rod Crider | Rowan County - Private | Rowan Economic Development |
| Cliff Brumfield | Lincoln County - Private | Lincoln Economic Development Association |
| Alan Kathman | Mecklenburg County-Private | FLIR Systems |
| Bill Thunberg | Mooresville - Private | Lake Norman Transportation Commission |
| Candice Lowder | Stanly County - Private | Stanly County Community College |
| Elizabeth Underwood | Stanly County - Private | Stanly County EDC |
| CEDD Executive Officers (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025) | | |
| Chairman - Cliff Brumfield | | |
| Vice Chairman - Candice Lowder | | |
| Sec\Treasurer - Leslie Johnson | | |



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Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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| Board Meeting Date: | June 11, 2025 | Agenda Item Type: | Consent: | x | Regular: | |
| Submitting Person: | Geraldine Gardner | Presentation Time: | | | | |
| Presenter at Meeting: | David Hollars | Phone Number: | 704-877-1321 | | | |
| | | Email: | dhollars@centralina.org | | | |
| Alternate Contact: | | Phone Number: | 704-351-7130 | | | |
| | | Email: | ggardner@centralina.org | | | |
| Submitting Department: | Executive | Department Head Approval: | Geraldine Gardner | | | |
| Title: Centralina Workforce Development Consortium – Centralina Regional Council Agreement Approval | | | | | | |
| Description: The Executive Board is asked to approve the annual operating agreement between the Council and the Centralina Workforce Consortium for the Council to provide professional services to administer the Centralina Workforce Development Board and its federally funded programs, services. | | | | | | |
| Background & Basis of Recommendations: | | | | | | |
| <p>This is the first year that the annual operating agreement is being brought forward for approval by the Executive Board prior to its execution by the Centralina Board Chair and the Centralina Workforce Consortium Chair. The change in process is desired to ensure transparency.</p> <p>The Consortium is an entity composed of units of local government created according to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 160-A-460, et. seq., consisting of seven local government units, to wit, Anson, Cabarrus, Iredell, Lincoln, Rowan, Stanly, and Union Counties. The Consortium has the authority to make contracts for the carrying on of operations (in concert with the Centralina Workforce Development Board) in the administration of programs and services with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) programs and services. The Consortium has had a decades-long agreement with Centralina Regional Council to provide professional services to carry out the Consortium’s operations and execution of required programs under WIOA and NDWG.</p> | | | | | | |
| Requested Action / Recommendation: | | | | | | |
| Motion to approve the agreement between the Centralina Workforce Development Consortium and the Centralina Regional Council for fiscal year 2025-26. | | | | | | |
| Time Sensitivity: (none or explain) | Approval at the June meeting is essential as this is the last meeting before the end of the fiscal year. | | | | | |



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| Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i> | All services proposed in the agreement are currently funded by WIOA/NDWG and budgeted in the FY25-26 Centralina Regional Council budget. |
| Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i> | 1. FY25-26 Agreement between the Centralina Workforce Development Consortium and the Centralina Regional Council |

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CENTRALINA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM
AND THE CENTRALINA REGIONAL COUNCIL**

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 1st day of July 2025 between the Centralina Workforce Development Consortium, hereinafter designated as "Consortium" and the Centralina Regional Council, hereinafter designated as "Centralina".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The Consortium is an entity composed of units of local government created according to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 160-A-460, et. seq., consisting of seven-member units of local government, to wit, Anson, Cabarrus, Iredell, Lincoln, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties and having authority to make contracts for the carrying on of operations (in concert with the Centralina Workforce Development Board) in the administration of programs and services with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Centralina is a public agency created under North Carolina Statutes, Chapter 160A, Article 20, Part 2, which is authorized to provide administrative services to governments and agencies thereof requesting such services; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium is liable for any misuse of the WIOA and/or NDWG funds allocated to the local area under WIOA Sections 128 and 133 and per the Articles of Association for the Consortium – Article VI. – Financing/Liability. Per N.C.G.S. Section 160A-464(5), it is anticipated that funding necessary to implement this agreement shall be derived from a federal grant and/or state funds received through the Governor. The Consortium hereby acknowledges that they are jointly and severally accountable for liabilities arising out of activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), Public Law 113-128, and for all funds received by the Workforce Investment Area grant recipient under WIOA. Liability includes but is not limited to, responsibility for prompt repayment from nonprogram funds of any misexpenditures by the administrative entity of the Local Workforce Investment Area, any of its subrecipients or service providers, or the Centralina Workforce Development Board. As between the consortium members themselves, liability shall be apportioned in the following manner: (a) to the extent that a particular county benefits from costs disallowed (e.g. an ineligible participant from a particular county received training, the cost of which is subsequently disallowed) that county may be liable for those disallowed costs; (b) any disallowed cost for which the benefiting county cannot be determined shall be divided equally among the undersigned units of local government. Any entity or joint agency created or designated

by this Local Workforce Investment Area, including the Centralina Workforce Development Board (WDB), and Administrative Entity shall be considered a public agency for the purposes of the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

WHEREAS, the Consortium, in concert with the Centralina Workforce Development Board needs administrative services, and is desirous of securing such services of Centralina at cost, as herein more particularly provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed as follows:

(1) The Consortium hereby retains Centralina to provide technical services for the planning, delivery and oversight for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) programs, including but not limited to: maintaining a management information system, records maintenance for meetings and financial operations, providing public information, and general administrative assistance to the Consortium and the Centralina Workforce Development Board for twelve (12) months beginning July 1, 2025.

(2) The Consortium further retains Centralina to provide professional services including general administration, human resources, information technology (IT), communications, financial services (including accounts payable and receivable, budgeting, draw requests and related financial services) and for twelve (12) months beginning July 1, 2025.

(3) The Consortium agrees that Centralina shall be paid for the services requested by the Consortium and the Centralina Workforce Development Board including assigned staff salaries, fringe benefits, indirect costs and direct costs incurred as required by the Centralina charter. In the event actual costs exceed the budgeted amount, the Consortium shall promptly remit such amount to Centralina.

(4) Financial records shall be established and systematically maintained by Centralina. Centralina shall render financial reports the Consortium and the Centralina Workforce Development Board for appropriate action at least quarterly or as requested by the Consortium and the Centralina Workforce Development Board.

(5) The use of the Centralina as the fiscal agent for the Consortium does not relieve the Consortium and its chief elected officials of responsibility for any misuse of the WIOA and/or NDWG grant funds allocated to the local area under WIOA Sections 128 and 133.

(6) This contract shall terminate June 30, 2026, but may be terminated by either party on 30 days' notice. Upon such termination, the cost of services shall be prorated daily to the date of termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their signatures on the day and year first above written.

Jarvis Woodburn, Chair
Centralina Workforce Development Consortium

Jay McCosh, Chair Centralina Regional Council



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Item 6



Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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| Board Meeting Date: | June 11, 2025 | Agenda Item Type: | Consent: | X | Regular: | |
| Submitting Person: | Linda Miller | Presentation Time: | NA | | | |
| Presenter at Meeting: | Linda Miller (if needed) | Phone Number: | 704-372-2416 | | | |
| | | Email: | lmiller@centralina.org | | | |
| Alternate Contact: | Katie Kutcher | Phone Number: | 704-372-2416 | | | |
| | | Email: | kkutcher@centralina.org | | | |
| Submitting Department: | Aging | Department Head Approval: | <i>Linda H. Miller</i> | | | |
| Title of documents as shown in the Agenda: | | | | | | |
| Centralina Area Agency on Aging FY26 Contract based upon FY25 Funding Approval | | | | | | |
| Description of Agenda Item: (This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.) | | | | | | |
| <p>As FY26 allocations for Aging Programs have not yet been received, and to continue services uninterrupted, the Executive Board is asked to approve the FY26 estimated regional funding from the NC Division of Aging (NC DOA) based upon FY25 levels. NC DOA allocates funds to the Centralina Area Agency on Aging for Region F Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) services, AAA Planning and Administration funds, AAA Support, Ombudsman, Family Caregiver Support, Legal Services, Title III-D Health Promotion, Senior Center General Purpose, and Elder Abuse. Approval is needed at the June Executive Board meeting for the estimated amount of \$15,917,950, dependent upon the actual allocation when received. The FY26 funding may vary. This includes both passthrough funding and funding for internal CAAA operations.</p> | | | | | | |
| Background & Basis of Recommendations: | | | | | | |
| <p>Annual HCCBG allocations include both state and federal funds and are for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. HCCBG funds are for allowable services throughout the Centralina region to adults 60 years of age and older and may include nutrition services, in-home aide program, transportation services, Senior Center funding, Adult Day Care, Group Respite, and more. Other Older American's Act services, such as the Family Caregiver Support Program, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, and Ombudsman services, are also included in the overall grant award.</p> | | | | | | |
| Requested Action / Recommendation: | | | | | | |
| <p>Motion to approve the FY26 contract and estimated allocation to the Centralina Regional Council from NC DOA for allowable services through HCCBG grant and Older Americans Act (OAA) services.</p> | | | | | | |
| Time Sensitivity: (none or explain) | <p>Funding for FY26 HCCBG begins July 1, 2025. The funding period ends June 30, 2026. In order to maintain the timeline for counties to receive contracts and funding in a timely manner with continuous and</p> | | | | | |

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| | uninterrupted services, funds need to be approved no later than the June Centralina Executive Board meeting each year. |
| Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i> | Funds require a local match except for the Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) which has no match. |
| Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i> | For reference only: FY25 Region F NGA Allocations Chart |

**DIVISION OF AGING
2024 - 2025 NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD
Annual Allocation
June 14, 2024**

**Area Agency on Aging
Region F Centralina Regional Council
10735 David Taylor Drive, Suite 250
Charlotte, NC 28262
UEI# QRAZJX4AGXJ3**

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| Type of Grant or Action: | Notification of Grant Award |
| Federal Awarding Agency: | The Administration for Community Living |
| Sub-awarding Agency: | N.C. Division of Aging 2101 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2101 (919) 855-3400 |

Subaward Period of Performance: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
Subaward Budget Period: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

The Division of Aging is issuing this revised award under the terms and conditions stated herein.

- The Division of Aging is issuing this award under the terms and conditions stated herein, and terms and conditions which are part of the award packages for the funded programs. It is understood that the administration, including program and fiscal monitoring and assessment of all activities under this grant, will be the responsibility of the Grantee. All contractual agreements and grant awards should be in compliance with North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) and, where applicable, local requirements.
- This grant award pertains to following services:
 - ♦ Supportive Services: Supportive services activities should be performed in compliance with the Title IIIB of the Older Americans Act under assistance listing number 93.044. These services may include a full range of economic and social services, including, but not limited to (1) access services (transportation, health services, including mental health services, outreach, information and assistance); (2) legal assistance and other counseling services; (3) health screening services (including mental health screening); (4) ombudsman services; (5) provision of services and assistive devices (including provision of assistive technology services and assistive technology devices); (6) services designed to support states, area agencies on aging, and local service providers in carrying out and coordinating activities for older individuals with respect to mental health services, including outreach for, education concerning, and screening for such services, and referral to such services for treatment; (7) activities to promote and disseminate information about life-long learning programs, including opportunities for distance learning; and (8) services designed to assist older individuals in avoiding institutionalization and to assist individuals in long-term care institutions who are able to return to their communities any other services necessary for the general welfare of older individuals (OAA Section 321).
 - ♦ Congregate and Home Delivered Meals: Congregate and Home Delivered Meals should be performed in compliance with the Older American’s Act under Title IIIC of the Older Americans Act under assistance listing number 93.045. The purposes of this grant program are to (1) reduce hunger and food insecurity; (2) promote socialization of older individuals; and (3) promote the health and well-being of older

individuals by helping them gain access to nutrition and other disease prevention and health promotion services to delay the onset of adverse health conditions resulting from poor nutritional health or sedentary behavior (OAA Section 330). Services are provided through this program to individuals aged 60 or older, in a congregate setting or in-home. These services include meals, nutrition education, nutrition counseling, and nutrition screening and assessment, as appropriate (OAA sections 331, 336, and 339).

- ♦ Preventive Health: Preventive Health services should be performed in compliance with Title IIID of the Older Americans Act under assistance living number 93.043. Activities under Title III Part D section 361 of the Older Americans Act for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion may only be used for programs and activities which have been demonstrated through rigorous evaluation to be evidence-based and effective. Evidence based programs are defined as those that demonstrate through evaluation to be effective for improving the health and well-being or reducing disease, disability and/or injury among older adults; proven effective with older adult population, using Experimental or Quasi-Experimental Design; research results published in a peer-review journal; Fully translated in one or more community site(s); and Includes developed dissemination products that are available to the public. (For purposes of the Title III-D definitions, being “fully translated in one or more community sites” means that the evidence-based program in question has been carried out at the community level (with fidelity to the published research) at least once before. Sites should only consider programs that have been shown to be effective within a real-world community setting).
- ♦ Family Caregivers: Family Caregiver services should be performed in compliance with Title IIIE of the Older Americans Act under assistance living number 93.052. Funding may be used for information about available services; assistance to caregivers in gaining access to services; individual counseling, organization of support groups, and caregiver training to caregivers to assist the caregivers in making decisions and solving problems relating to their caregiving role; respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved from their caregiving roles; and supplemental services, on a limited basis, to complement the care provided by caregivers.
- ♦ Ombudsman Program: Ombudsman Program services should be performed in compliance under Title VII of the Older Americans Act under assistance living number 93.042. The purpose of these funds is to advocate on behalf of residents in nursing and adult care homes (rest homes). State Law (N. C. Gen. Stat. 143B.181.15 et. seq.) spells out how the program functions in North Carolina. The major responsibilities of this program include: receiving and resolving complaints made by or on behalf of residents in long-term care facilities, providing information to the general public on long-term care issues, promoting community involvement with long-term care facilities and residents, working with long-term care providers to resolve issues impacting on the welfare of residents, assisting long-term care providers with staff training (particularly on Residents’ Rights), provide training and technical support for community advisory committees, providing training to caregivers, providing information to public agencies, legislators, and others on problems impacting the rights of long term care residents and making recommendations for resolution of issues identified. In addition, the Ombudsman program is required to coordinate with State and local law enforcement agencies and courts of competent jurisdiction.
- Funding for services. Part B, C1 and C2, S Federal participation cannot exceed 85% of the total III-B (less Long-Term Care Ombudsman services outlays), C-1 and C-2 for service costs. The remaining 15% represents the State and local matching share, of which one third (5%) must come from State sources. Part E, Federal participation cannot exceed 75% of the total III-E service costs. The remaining 25% represents the State and local matching share. Services funded by Title IIID and Title VII require no nonfederal match.
- Planning and Administration costs cannot exceed 75% federal funds. The remaining 25% represents the local matching share.

- The total Federal/State Reimbursement Amount of program cost is earned after the units of service or service activity have been completed and the appropriate local match has been contributed.
- DAS will monitor the spending rate of funds awarded and retains the authority to redistribute funds if funds are being underutilized within an AAA and there is no spending plan to use all the funds.
- Any expenditure in excess of approved budgets must be in accordance with policy regulations issued by the Division of Aging.
- This NGA is issued subject to the availability of federal and/or state funding.
- The Nutrition Services Incentive Program reimbursement for federal funded congregate and home delivered meals is available under this award per the Administration on Community Living guidelines.
- This grant is subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards under title 45 CFR Part 75 and the requirements of Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards under 2 CFR Part 200.
- It is understood that the administration, including program and fiscal monitoring and assessment of all activities under this grant will be the responsibility of the Area Agency on Aging. All contractual agreements and grant awards will be in compliance with North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) requirements.
- All subrecipients are required to follow policies and procedures for procurement that are at least as stringent as those of the State. For federal funds this requirement pertains to verifying that federal funds are not used to award funds to any subrecipients who have been suspended or debarred by the federal government. In addition, federal funds may not be used to purchase goods or services costing over \$100,000 for a vendor that has been suspended or disbarred from Federal grant programs. Contractors and subcontractors of Older Americans Act funds are prohibited from discharging, demoting, or otherwise discriminating against and employee for whistle blowing as codified in 48 CFR Ch. 13.908.
- Any capital purchases of \$5,000 or more must be pre-approved by the Division of Aging.
- If any copyrightable material is developed in the course of or under this contract, a copy will be furnished to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department shall have a royalty fee, non-exclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish or otherwise use the work for Department purposes.
- Area Agencies on Aging shall obtain an annual audit which meets the requirements stated in OMB Circular A-133. All Service providers shall obtain an annual audit or provide financial statements as set forth in paragraph eleven (11) of the Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Agreement for the Provision of County-Based Services (DOA-735).
- Area Agencies on Aging shall comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) by enrolling as a subrecipient in System for Award Management (SAM) Registration on an annual basis and providing required award information in the FFATA Subaward Reporting System per 2 CFR part 170.
- In accepting this award, the area agency on aging agrees to maintain compliance with Section 306(a), (13), (14), and (15), of the Older Americans Act, as amended in 2006 with regards to contractual and commercial relationships.
- It is understood that any deviation from the project as proposed in the Area Plan on Aging may result in termination of award funds. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging

may demand specific performance of any terms in the Area Plan on Aging when any deviation occurs in the fulfilling of the terms of the Project Grant.

- Attachment A, Notification of Grant Award Summary, dated June 14, 2024, indicates grant amounts awarded under this Notification of Grant Award and replaces those awarded in the original Notification of Grant Award Summary. Any requests for changes to the amounts listed therein must be requested in writing to the Division of Aging Budget Manager for approval.
- By signatures on Attachment B, Federal Certifications, the Area Agency on Aging certifies compliance with federal requirements regarding nondiscrimination; drug-free workplace; environmental tobacco smoke; debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusion lower tier covered transactions; and lobbying.
- By accepting the grant, it is understood and agreed that all funds are to be expended for the purposes set forth in, or directly related to, the Area Plan on Aging and in accordance with the terms of the Notification of Grant Award Summary, dated June 14, 2024 and all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and procedures of the State of North Carolina and the Administration on Aging of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is further understood that the proper administration, including program and fiscal monitoring and assessment of all service contracts under this grant will be the responsibility of the Grantee.

Carla West

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Official
Division of Aging

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Carla West
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Signature

Original Date of Issuance: 6/14/2024

Revision Date of Issuance:

Geraldine Gardner

COG DIRECTOR NAME
Printed Name - LRO Executive Director

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Date of Acceptance

Linda Miller

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Signature - Area Agency Administrator

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Date of Acceptance

Attachments:

Attachment A: Notification of Grant Award Summary SFY 2024-25

Attachment B: Federal Certifications



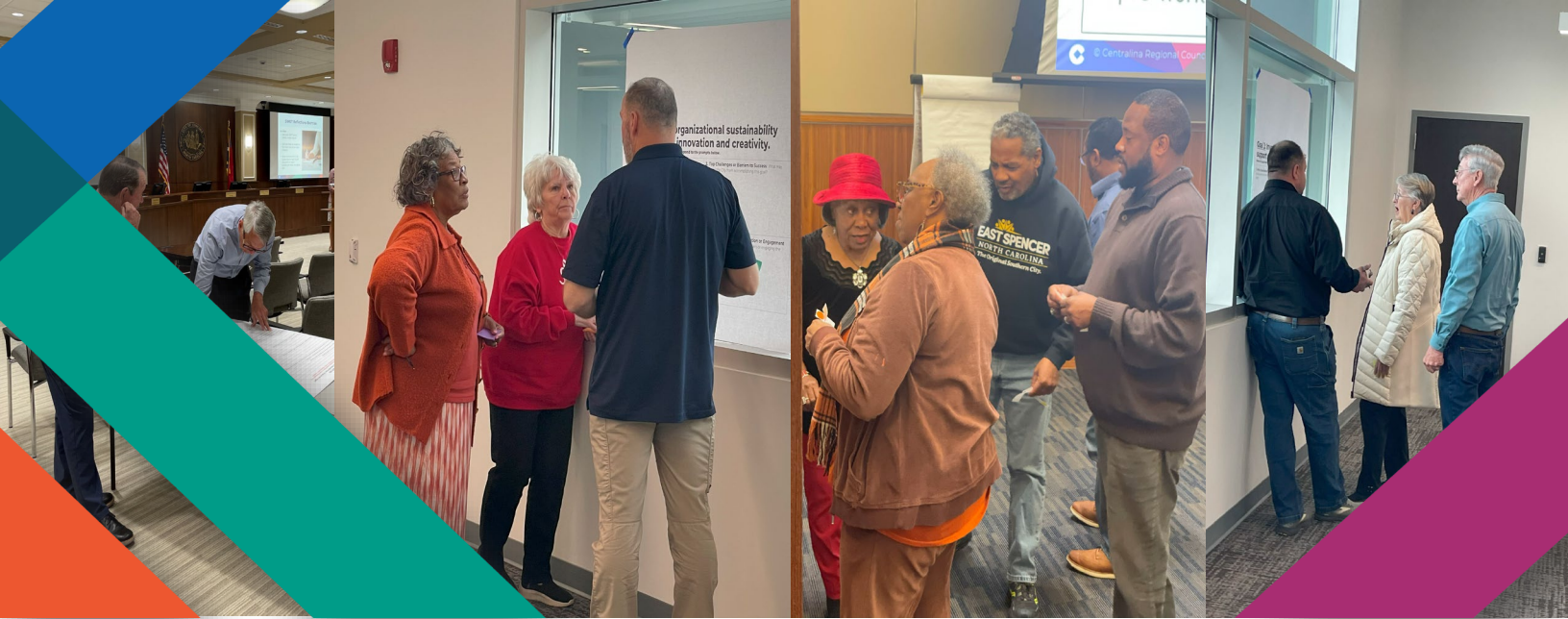
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Item 7

Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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| Board Meeting Date: | June 11, 2025 | Agenda Item Type: | Consent: | | Regular: | X |
| Submitting Person: | Michelle Nance | Presentation Time: | 5 minutes | | | |
| Presenter at Meeting: | Kelly Weston | Phone Number: | | | | |
| | | Email: | kweston@centralina.org | | | |
| Alternate Contact: | Michelle Nance | Phone Number: | | | | |
| | | Email: | mnance@centralina.org | | | |
| Submitting Department: | Government Affairs & Member Engagement | Department Head Approval: | Michelle Nance | | | |
| Description of Agenda Item: Centralina Spotlight – Facilitation Services | | | | | | |
| This month's Centralina Spotlight focuses on board retreat and strategic planning services available to member governments. | | | | | | |
| Background & Basis of Recommendations: | | | | | | |
| The Spotlight is a standing agenda item designed to highlight a Centralina service or program and related success stories. Delegates are encouraged to share the information with your local government. | | | | | | |
| Requested Action / Recommendation: | | | | | | |
| Receive as information. | | | | | | |
| Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i> | None | | | | | |
| Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i> | None | | | | | |
| Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i> | Board Facilitation and Strategic Planning Document | | | | | |



Board Retreat Meeting Design & Facilitation

Is your organization planning an upcoming board or staff retreat? Break from the same predictable agenda and allow Centralina's experienced staff to build a customized meeting plan that will reenergize your staff and encourage productive discussions to ensure your goals are met.

WHAT WE DO

Centralina staff design and facilitate effective meetings for a range of group sizes, subject matter and formats. We work closely with clients to define specific meeting objectives, develop a customized, outcome-oriented agenda and design interactive activities to engage participants and meet desired objectives. Whether it's a one-time

or a series, we work with you to find the right approach to get results.








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RECENT PARTNERS:







-  **Albemarle:** City Council Budget Retreat and Strategic Plan
-  **East Spencer:** Town Council Budget Retreat
-  **Bessemer City:** City Council Budget Retreat and Strategic Plan
-  **Cabarrus Health Alliance:** Strategic Plan
-  **Wadesboro:** Town Council Budget Retreat
-  **Belmont:** City Council Retreat & Budget Work Session
-  **Lowell:** Council Strategic Planning & Budget Work Session
-  **Marvin:** Village Council Budget Work Session
-  **Statesville:** Council Retreat and Staff Leadership Team Retreat

WE SPECIALIZE IN PRODUCTIVE, ENGAGING MEETINGS

-  Board retreats
-  Management and leadership retreats
-  Project- or issue-specific meetings
-  Strategic planning and budget development sessions
-  Community and public engagement meetings

OUR PROCESS

When Centralina partners with a local government to provide meeting design and facilitation services, the process includes:

-  Strategic preparation calls with the client
-  Agenda development for external participants and internal run of show
-  Meeting materials development, including PowerPoint presentations and handouts
-  Day-of facilitation services
-  Participant evaluation of the experience
-  Preparation of a summary report, including meeting highlights, key takeaways and recommendations

For board or staff leadership retreats, Centralina recommends that our team conduct one-on-one pre-retreat interviews with each council member or staff leadership team member. The purpose of pre-retreat interviews is for Centralina to get acquainted with the community's leadership and to be able to enter the retreat with a sense of opportunities, challenges and vision for the community.

WHY WORK WITH US?



We Have the Skills:

We have organized, trained facilitators equipped with proven tools and techniques to prepare and lead engaging meetings. We also provide thoughtful guidance and custom recommendations to make meetings productive and enjoyable.



We're Neutral:

We build lasting partnerships and collaborate to gain insights, synergize activity and bring different viewpoints to the table.



We Know the Region:

Centralina's experienced facilitators work with member governments and other regional organizations daily, bringing a wealth of knowledge about strengths and challenges across the nine-county region.

READY TO GET STARTED?

Reach out to our Executive Director, Geraldine Gardner, at (704) 351-7130 or ggardner@centralina.org to receive a customized quote.



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Item 8

Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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| Board Meeting Date: | June 11, 2025 | Agenda Item Type: | Consent | | Regular: | X |
| Submitting Person: | Geraldine Gardner | Presentation Time: | 10 minutes | | | |
| Presenter at Meeting: | Michelle Nance | Phone Number: | 704-348-2709 | | | |
| | | Email: | mnance@centralina.org | | | |
| Alternate Contact: | | Phone Number: | 704-351-7130 | | | |
| | | Email: | ggardner@centralina.org | | | |
| Submitting Department: | Executive | Department Head Approval: | Geraldine Gardner | | | |
| Item Title: FY25-26 Workplan Review and Approval | | | | | | |
| Description of Agenda Item: | | | | | | |
| <p>Centralina will provide the Executive Board with a briefing on the proposed FY25-26 Workplan, which implements the first year of the new Centralina Strategic Plan. The Workplan was developed with input from Centralina staff, Regional Managers and the Board of Delegates. The Executive Board is asked to approve the FY25-26 Workplan so that activities can commence on July 1, 2025.</p> | | | | | | |
| Background & Basis of Recommendations: | | | | | | |
| <p>The proposed FY25-26 Workplan includes the specific tactics or actions that Centralina will take to implement the specific goals and related strategies in the strategic plan.</p> <p>The Workplan development process includes robust internal and external engagement to identify new priorities and ensure core services are fulfilling their strategic objectives. Staff received member government input via engagement of our Board of Delegates at its May 14 meeting and Regional Managers at their May 21 meeting.</p> <p>Throughout the fiscal year, staff will present quarterly updates to the Board of Delegates on the organization's progress in implementing the Workplan and tracking our key performance indicators.</p> | | | | | | |
| Requested Action / Recommendation: | | | | | | |
| Motion to approve the FY25-26 Workplan as proposed. | | | | | | |
| Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i> | Approval at the June meeting is essential as this is the last meeting before the end of the fiscal year. | | | | | |
| Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i> | All activities proposed in the Workplan as funded in the FY25-26 adopted budget. | | | | | |
| Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i> | 1. FY25-26 Workplan | | | | | |



Centralina Regional Council

Annual Workplan

FY26



INTRODUCTION

The four goals outlined below describe Centralina's aspiration for achieving our vision through our service to the region, communities and individuals. Under each goal, the corresponding strategies outline the paths we will take to make progress over the next three-year period. The priority actions outlined under each strategy are what Centralina aims to accomplish in fiscal year 2025-26. These actions complement our core services that form the foundation of our work.

GOAL 1: COLLABORATE TO PREPARE, PLAN AND ACT ON ISSUES THAT RESPOND TO TODAY'S NEEDS AND TOMORROW'S OPPORTUNITIES.

Strategy 1: Proactively identify regional issues and collaborate to address them through planning, convening, research and analysis.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Plan and host the Centralina Forum to increase dialogue among Board Members on policy and practice topics.
2. Relaunch the North Mecklenburg Housing Preservation Initiative.
3. Engage quarterly with local businesses, economic developers and education leaders in each county to identify industry-specific talent development needs.
4. Advance the Regional Resilience Collaborative through enhanced convenings, online training resources, technical assistance and grant development support.
5. Complete the grant-required Comprehensive Climate Action Plan that responds to local and regional priorities and outlines feasible implementation strategies.

Strategy 2: Support the implementation of regional plans through Centralina-led activities and technical assistance to local partners.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Pursue discretionary grant opportunities to support regional plan implementation activities.
2. Implement the first year of *Connect Centralina*, the region's Transportation Demand Management Program, in collaboration with employers, NCDOT and MPOs.
3. Pilot the design of local mobility hubs in partner communities.
4. Facilitate regional transit agency coordination to support cross-system schedule and fare integration (*Seamless Connections*).
5. Coordinate regional collaboration activities and deliver local services that support career seekers and develop career pathways.
6. Launch the Digital Opportunity Plan online resource hub to support County plan implementation.
7. Partner with local governments to support energy efficiency and clean fuels transition activities, including the Solarize Charlotte Mecklenburg Initiative.

Strategy 3: Track progress and communicate the impact of regional collaboration, planning and implementation activities.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Create a consistent annual implementation progress report template to communicate success across Centralina's core regional plans and initiatives.
2. Identify and promote examples of regional and cross-community collaboration through new communication tools and convenings.
3. Showcase successful local mobility hubs and micro-transit pilots by deploying guidebooks and events to support the translation of good practice.

Core Services

- Regional planning and implementation tracking
- Regional programs and initiatives that support plan implementation
- Technical assistance and support for local plan implementation actions
- Key Regional Plans and Initiatives:
 - CONNECT our Future
 - CONNECT Beyond
 - CEDS - Prosperity for Greater Charlotte
 - Regional resilience, climate and energy
 - Digital opportunity planning
 - Four-year Aging Area Plan

GOAL 2: STRENGTHEN CAPACITY, EFFICIENCY AND INNOVATIVE PRACTICE TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE AND ENHANCE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.

Strategy 1: Expand professional development programming, peer networks and technical assistance services to attract a broader audience and build local knowledge.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Enhance the internal planning and external promotion of the FY26 Centralina Learns professional development series to expand participation.
2. Develop programming and resources for local governments that support or fill gaps in attraction and retention efforts, including enhancing partnerships with the NCWorks Career Centers and Centralina Workforce Development programming.
3. Refine the business development strategy and technical assistance marketing approach for each department.
4. Host regional or subregional meetings on specific issues in order to grow networks and stakeholder connections to Centralina.

Strategy 2: Assess current services and delivery methods for continuous improvement in quality, efficiency and effectiveness.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Develop an organization-wide technical assistance and program evaluation approach and incorporate feedback into department process improvement throughout the year.
2. Evaluate and update the Dementia-Friendly Business and Community designation for region-wide implementation.
3. Support more consistent and effective aging service delivery through enhanced training for HCCBG lead agencies and the exploration of regional/shared services.
4. Conduct a multi-pronged assessment of workforce development and business engagement services to improve the delivery and effectiveness of core programs and career center locations.

Strategy 3: Develop new collaborations to increase Centralina's visibility and expand our capacity and knowledge to serve our partners.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Grow partnerships with local governments through the implementation of the Regional Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant.
2. Target one new collaboration per department to enhance program and services offerings or expand the capacity of staff.
3. Develop and implement the PEAS nutrition program with new regional partners.
4. Utilize partner feedback to evaluate and determine strategic, high-visibility locations for NCWorks Career Center sites in anticipation of lease expirations.

Core Services

- Centralina Learns professional development and education events
- Regional peer networks

- Technical assistance services in planning, community development and public administration, grant development and administration
- Older Americans Act implementation and funding to counties for adult nutrition, transportation, in-home aide services, senior centers and more

Core Services Cont.

- Family caregiver support and evidence-based health programs
- Long-term care facility Ombudsman services and elder abuse awareness education
- Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) training, career services and business engagement.
- NCWorks Career Centers in Anson, Cabarrus, Iredell, Lincoln, Rowan, Stanly and Union counties
- Centralina Nextgen services and NextGen Youth Opportunity Sites

GOAL 3: CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS TO ADVANCE REGIONAL AWARENESS, COLLABORATION AND IMPACT.

Strategy 1: Strengthen relationships with members and partners through proactive engagement and championing collective successes.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Conduct stakeholder mapping to identify opportunities to strengthen member and partner relationships.
2. Design and implement a member and partner engagement plan to address the gaps and opportunities identified for each department.
3. Enhance Centralina's communication strategy and assets to meet department objectives and organization-wide communications priorities.
4. Develop and implement a strategy to better champion Centralina success stories and impact.

Strategy 2: Advance regional priorities at the state and federal levels through a robust advocacy agenda and strategic partnerships.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Cultivate relationships with elected and administrative leaders at the state and federal levels to champion regional approaches to funding and program delivery.
2. Implement the Federal Action Plan for the 119th Congress.
3. Implement the advocacy agenda for the 2025 long session and develop the agenda for 2026 short session of the NC General Assembly.

Strategy 3: Cultivate internal knowledge and collaboration to increase staff fluency and connectivity to all aspects of our work.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Sponsor department-led activities to support employee knowledge sharing and fluency in Centralina's work.
2. Organize all-staff activities to build employee knowledge of the Centralina region, counties, municipalities and key institutions or partners.
3. Restructure cross-department teams to more effectively drive collaboration and engage employees.

Core Services

- Member engagement, retention and cultivation activities
- Board engagement & elected official engagement
- Federal & state advocacy
- Region of Excellence Awards
- Centralina communications (newsletter, web and social media)
- Administration and content development for online member portal and resource center

GOAL 4: INVEST IN THE TALENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO SUPPORT CENTRALINA AS A HIGH-PERFORMING, HIGHLY DESIRABLE PLACE TO WORK.

Strategy 1: Develop integrated, efficient HR systems to support recruitment, retention, performance and engagement in line with our values.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Implement a new online HR platform to streamline recruitment, onboarding, time/leave approvals and other desired components.
2. Complete succession planning and career ladder development for each department.
3. Expand the skills and capacities of department leaders to enhance employee development, engagement and our OneCentralina culture.
4. Initiate preparations for a future pay and classification study.
5. Enhance employee appreciation through a new award and recognition program.

Strategy 2: Enhance employee experience and productivity through technology improvements and effective asset management.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Implement an organization-wide AI learning initiative to support policy adoption, use case development and technology utilization.
2. Identify and implement cost-saving measures for telecommunication, AV and internet services.
3. Review contact and event management systems needs to identify user-friendly and cost-effective solutions.
4. Assess IT managed service provider and procure new services, if needed.
5. Adjust policies and review assets to enhance employee safety and mobility while traveling for work-related activities.

Strategy 3: Improve financial processes and infrastructure to attain efficiency and fiscal sustainability.

FY25-26 Priority Actions

1. Implement the new cloud-based financial system and lead employee training to support adoption.
2. Identify and conduct LEAN assessments for two financial processes to support efficiency and compliance with financial policies and procedures.
3. Develop a financial sustainability strategy in response to the changing federal funding availability and regulations.
4. Refine internal policies and procedures for grant identification, feasibility assessment and application development.

Core Services

- Human resources
- Information technology
- Operations and asset management
- Finance and accounting services



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Item 9

Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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| Board Meeting Date: | June 11, 2025 | Agenda Item Type: | Consent: | | Regular: | X |
| Submitting Person: | Kelly Weston | Presentation Time: | 10 minutes | | | |
| Presenter at Meeting: | Leslie Mazingo, Strategics Consulting | Phone Number: | 202-255-5760 | | | |
| | | Email: | leslie@strategics.consulting | | | |
| Alternate Contact: | Geraldine Gardner | Phone Number: | 704-351-7130 | | | |
| | | Email: | ggardner@centralina.org | | | |
| Submitting Department: | Government Affairs & Member Engagement | Department Head Approval: | Michelle Nance | | | |
| Title of documents as shown in the Agenda: Strategics Consulting Federal Relations Update and Contract Approval | | | | | | |
| Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i> | | | | | | |
| <p>The Executive Board will receive an update on Centralina’s federal relations efforts, including an annual performance report of activities for June 2024 through May 2025. The Board is also asked to consider renewing the contract with Strategics Consulting for lobbying and federal relations consulting services.</p> | | | | | | |
| Background & Basis of Recommendations: | | | | | | |
| <p>Since 2015, Centralina has contracted with Strategics Consulting for federal relations consulting services. The Executive Board has requested that Ms. Mazingo present performance metrics reports at each of its meetings.</p> | | | | | | |
| Requested Action / Recommendation: | | | | | | |
| <p>Motion 1: Motion to accept the Federal Relations Annual Report for June 2024 through May 2025.</p> <p>Motion 2: Motion to approve the Strategics Consulting services proposal and fee, and enter into a contract for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.</p> | | | | | | |
| Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i> | The current contract with Strategics Consulting expires on June 30, 2025. | | | | | |
| Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$63,000/year for 2025-2026 • \$64,575/year for 2026-2027 | | | | | |
| Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Relations Annual Report: June 2024 – May 2025 • Strategics Consulting Contract Memo • Strategics Consulting Scope of Work Proposal | | | | | |

**CENTRALINA REGIONAL COUNCIL
FEDERAL RELATIONS ANNUAL REPORT
June 2024 – May 2025**

Thank you for allowing Strategics Consulting to provide federal advocacy and government relations services to the Centralina Regional Council. Centralina is consistently growing stronger each year at the federal level and this year was no different. For example, within the first six months after the election, two Members of Congress (see first bullet below) met with Centralina Board members and three regional directors for both House and Senate offices proactively sought meetings with Centralina's Executive Director (ED). Other examples under each of the performance measures used by Centralina to gauge quality of work and successful outcomes by Strategics include:

Build, Maintain, and Enhance relationships with Members of Congress and the federal agencies.

- Facilitated April Advocacy meetings with U.S. Rep. Alma Adams and U.S. Rep. Addison McDowell.
- Facilitated congressional participation in, and attended, Centralina's awards dinner and celebration.
- Informed congressional delegation of Centralina's swift assistance to areas hit by Hurricane Helene.
- Shared Centralina's insights and experience with HUD regarding the Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program.
- Provided comprehensive federal election analysis, including Cabinet nominees and biographies on North Carolina's new Members of Congress, on the day after the November elections.
- Created joint House and Senate congressional calendar for the first session of the 119th Congress, including best opportunities for local advocacy and noteworthy dates.
- Prepared new contacts sheet for Centralina's Congressional Delegation following November elections.
- Advised Centralina's ED on appropriations forms.

Develop advocacy strategies around the approved Federal Action Plan on regional priorities and implement in coordination with Centralina's management.

- Coordinated and participated in six DC meetings with congressional delegation offices and federal agencies for Centralina's ED.
- Worked with ED to revise the Federal Action Plan and strategies for implementing those priorities.
- Participated in monthly strategy calls, and provided written report for each, with ED to discuss action items, federal updates, and more.
- Worked to secure and analyzed appropriations committee report language regarding Regional Councils and Councils of Governments, as well as recommended advocacy through national organizations.
- Provided analysis of Water Infrastructure Funding Innovation Act (WIFIA) status in North Carolina and recommended advocacy at state level to remove barriers.
- Alerted Centralina and provided expertise on new issues, including disaster relief for Hurricane Helene impacted areas, impacts of Continuing Resolutions, pauses in grant funding, and threats to federal agencies and programs.
- Informed congressional delegation of Executive Order (EO) impacts on Centralina and its members.
- Scheduled a combined meeting with offices of U.S. Senators Thom Tillis and Ted Budd for Director of Centralina Area Agency on Aging and her counterparts from the NC Area Agencies on Aging.
- Monitored President's FY26 Budget developments, including the "skinny"/ initial FY26 budget proposal that provides indication of Administration's funding priorities and desired cuts for federal spending.

- Reported on and analyzed EOs made during the first 100+ days of the Trump Administration that affected federal funding, grants administration, and other federal policies, including monitoring and advocacy related to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program, the Economic Development Administration, the Clean Cities program, and more.
- Advocated for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, including support for funding aging and workforce programs.

Provide information and support related to federal grant opportunities in coordination with Centralina staff.

- Alerted Centralina to its \$1.5 million Brownfield Grant award, the largest the largest in the state.
- Coordinated invitations for, and attended event with, Region 4 EPA Administrator.
- Provided regular updates on individual grant opportunities and rescissions; a weekly list of all published funding opportunities and other related resources (webinars, guidelines, etc.) with local government eligibility; and a biannual comprehensive forecast on competitive grants.
- Alerted Centralina staff to the opening of the PRO Housing Grant competition; provided analysis of previous awards; assisted with the hiring of a grant writer to help prepare Centralina’s application; participated in meetings with PRO Housing grant writer and Centralina staff; reviewed and provided input on the application; and garnered congressional support for Centralina’s application.
- Provided historical background on the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant and alerted Centralina to the opening and then pausing of the opportunity.
- Participated in federal agency webinars; wrote letters of support for congressional offices on grant applications and programs and coordinated delivery of same; arranged calls with federal agencies; evaluated previously unsuccessful applications and made recommendations for improvement; shared key political contacts; advised on talking points for individual meetings; recommended grant programs and how to make applications more competitive. These tasks were performed for both Centralina Regional Council and for specific member governments upon request.

Additional items.

- Wrote 12 Capital Corner entries monthly for Centralina’s newsletter. Periodically shared the newsletter with the congressional delegation and advised on opportunities to share social media related to actions taken by the region’s congressional delegation.
- Reported verbally and in written reports to all Executive Board meetings, as well as several more meetings of the Board of Delegates and Regional Managers.

I believe there is always room for improvement and welcome suggestions that will help me and my team serve you and your constituents better. I also remain personally committed to ensuring that every year you entrust Strategics with your federal advocacy needs will continue to result in measurable successes.

Respectfully,



Leslie C. Mozingo
Owner and CEO

May 23, 2025

Mrs. Geraldine Gardner
Executive Director
Centralina Regional Council
10735 David Taylor Drive, Suite 250
Charlotte, NC 28262

Dear Mrs. Gardner:

Thank you for allowing the Strategics Consulting team to provide federal advocacy, grants expertise and government relations services to Centralina Regional Council. We believe Centralina's position as a regional leader and trusted resource with federal decision makers continues to strengthen and have attached an annual report highlighting several examples that illustrate this over the past year. We also believe Centralina will continue to be well-positioned for many accomplishments to come. We are proud of our partnership with you and wish to continue it, so I am writing to request that Centralina Regional Council renew its contract with Strategics Consulting.

As you know, since 2020 Strategics has been requesting gradual COLAs to bring Centralina's contract closer to industry standards, which ranges from \$60,000 - \$200,000 annually for local governments and councils of governments nationally. We were extremely grateful for the last increase from \$54,000/year for 2021-2022 to \$60,000/year for 2022-2025. We are currently requesting under this renewal a 5% increase to \$63,000/year for 2025-2026 and, with acceptable performance, a 2.5% increase to \$64,575/year for 2026-2027. These gradual COLAs will continue to bring the contract closer to what is normally charged for the amount of federal advocacy work comparable to Centralina's. All other terms would remain the same, meaning expenses are included and the agreement may be terminated at any time with 60 days' notice.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this request and, hopefully, for the opportunity to continue working for Centralina Regional Council.

Respectfully,



Leslie C. Mozingo
Owner and CEO

SCOPE OF WORK PROPOSAL
July 2025 – June 2027

Strategics Consulting will continue to provide the following scope of work to advance Centralina Regional Council's federal priorities:

- Relationship-building with Congress and Federal Agencies and Direct Advocacy/Lobbying:
 - Identify key federal decision makers and points of contact.
 - Develop briefing materials and talking points.
 - Create tailored strategies for effective outreach and engagement.
 - Provide federal advocacy guidance through consistent communication with the Executive Director, including but not limited to monthly strategy calls.
 - Strengthen staff-to-staff relationships for seamless collaboration with federal entities.
 - Engage directly with federal officials, including Centralina's Congressional Delegation and staff, Administration and agency officials and staff, in collaboration with and on behalf of Centralina Regional Council.
 - Facilitate in-person and virtual advocacy meetings locally, and in Washington, DC.
 - Offer specialized training to Executive Board members and elected officials, focusing on building impactful relationships with the Congressional Delegation and federal agencies.
 - Design strategic meeting approaches and equip Centralina's elected officials and representatives for effective engagement.
 - Track and ensure follow up on meeting action items.
- Federal Funding:
 - Notify Centralina of grant opportunities, White House initiatives and federal agency announcements.
 - Track and report congressional legislative activity with potential emerging funding opportunities and threats.
 - Monitor priority issues as identified by Executive Director and provide timely responses to inquiries.
 - Review federal grant applications to enhance competitiveness.
 - Secure congressional support for grant applications.
- Status reports, information sharing and performance monitoring:
 - Provide quarterly briefings to the Regional Managers meeting.
 - Provide an update to the Executive Board at its September, January, April and June meetings, including written reports on Strategics Consulting performance based on metrics adopted by the Executive Board.
 - Provide reports to the Board of Delegates at two of their regularly scheduled meetings.
 - Work with Executive Director annually to update Federal Action Plan.
 - Write monthly Capitol Quarter article, subject to direction by Centralina based on editorial calendar.
- Other services on request:
 - Attend local meetings and events as requested.
 - Serve as a resource to the organization and its members.

FEES FOR SERVICES

- July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026: \$5,250 per month / \$63,000 total annually.
- July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: \$5,381.25 per month / \$64,575 total annually.
- No expenses.
- Termination by either party with 60 days' notice in writing.



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Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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| Board Meeting Date: | June 11, 2025 | Agenda Item Type: | Consent: | | Regular: | X |
| Submitting Person: | Kelly Weston | Presentation Time: | 20 minutes | | | |
| Presenter at Meeting: | Kelly Weston | Phone Number: | 704-348-2728 | | | |
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| Alternate Contact: | Geraldine Gardner | Phone Number: | 704-351-7130 | | | |
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| Submitting Department: | Government Affairs & Member Engagement | Department Head Approval: | Michelle Nance | | | |
| Title of documents as shown in the Agenda: Raleigh Relations Update | | | | | | |
| Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i> | | | | | | |
| The Executive Board will receive an update on state advocacy efforts and discuss Centralina's position on key pieces of legislation under consideration in the NC General Assembly's long session. | | | | | | |
| Background & Basis of Recommendations: | | | | | | |
| At the May 14 th Board of Delegates meeting and open house, Delegates participated in an interactive exercise to provide direction on the position Centralina should take on key pieces of legislation in the NC General Assembly's long session. As a follow-up to that engagement, staff will present the results of the exercise and lead the Board in a discussion to inform them of next steps for advocacy activities. | | | | | | |
| Requested Action / Recommendation: | | | | | | |
| Receive as information and provide requested feedback. | | | | | | |
| Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i> | Board input will help inform state advocacy efforts during the remainder of the 2025 long session. | | | | | |
| Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i> | None | | | | | |
| Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i> | 2025 NC General Assembly Long Session Legislative Priorities – Member Input Summary | | | | | |

2025 NC General Assembly Long Session Legislative Priorities Member Input Summary

At the May 14th Board of Delegates meeting and May 21st Regional Managers Group meeting, attendees were asked to participate in dot voting exercises to provide input on the position Centralina should take on several key pieces of state legislation related to Land Use & Zoning, Local Government Operations, Water & Sewer and Transportation.

The tables below summarize the results of these engagements. For bills where there was a strong majority of votes in favor of particular position, we will align our advocacy efforts accordingly, as noted in the Centralina Advocacy Position column. For bills with mixed responses, we will continue engaging the Board around these topic areas to inform our direction going forward, as noted in the Centralina Next Steps column.

Tables 1 and 2 list bills that met the NC General Assembly's crossover deadline – passing from one chamber to the other in order to be eligible for consideration in the remainder of the 2025 long session – and those not subject to crossover and still up for consideration. Bills that did not meet crossover are shown in Table 3.

| Table 1: Bills with Clear Majority Votes | | | | |
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| Bill | | Delegate Input May 14 th Board of Delegates Meeting | City/County Manager Input May 21 st Regional Managers Group Meeting | Centralina Advocacy Position |
| Land Use & Zoning Regulations | H765: Save the American Dream Act Reforms local government development regulations in this state. <i>Staff Recommendation: Oppose. Seeks to limit local land use control and decision-making.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support – 0 votes Oppose – 18 votes No position – 0 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support – 0 votes Oppose – 12 votes No position – 0 votes | Oppose |
| | S493: Land Use Clarification and Changes Allows the siting of schools via special use permit for areas zoned for commercial use; clarifies that use rights on property are not extinguished by the approval of | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support – 0 votes Oppose – 15 votes No position – 0 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support – 0 votes Oppose – 7 votes No position – 0 votes | Oppose |

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| | <p>additional use rights; eliminates municipal extraterritorial jurisdiction. <i>Staff Recommendation: Oppose. Seeks to limit local land use control and decision-making.</i></p> | | | |
| Local Government Operations | <p>H95: Threaten Elected Official/Increase Punishment Increases the punishment imposed for an assault or threat against an executive, legislative, court, or local elected official and requires that a judge determine the pretrial release conditions for any person charged with assaulting or making a threat against such an official. <i>Staff Recommendation: Support.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 15 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 0 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 13 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 0 votes | Support |
| | <p>H162: Local Government Applicants/Criminal History Check Provides that counties and cities shall require criminal history record checks for applicants for employment if the position being filled requires the applicant to work with children in any capacity. <i>Staff Recommendation: Support.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 15 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 0 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 9 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 0 votes | Support |
| Transportation | <p>H364: STIP Grant Anticipation Notes Authorizes local governments to borrow money to accelerate local transportation projects identified for funding under the State Transportation Improvement Program. <i>Staff Recommendation: Support. Offers an additional infrastructure funding tool.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 12 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 2 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 9 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 0 votes | Support |

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| <p>S541: Train Infrastructure Acceleration Act Provides additional state funding to expedite the development of train infrastructure in North Carolina through continued implementation of the corridor identification program. <i>Staff Recommendation: Support. Expansion of passenger rail recommended in CONNECT Beyond. State funding will eliminate the need for local matching funds.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 10 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 2 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 10 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 0 votes | <p>Support</p> |
| <p>S145: Mecklenburg Transportation Referendum Authorizes supplemental revenue sources for Mecklenburg County to finance a local government transportation system. <i>Staff Recommendation: Support. Will help advance CONNECT Beyond implementation.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 6 votes • Oppose – 1 vote • No position – 5 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 5 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 3 votes | <p>Support</p> |
| <p>S584: Local Government Transportation System Financing Authorizes supplemental revenue sources to finance a local government transportation system. <i>Staff Recommendation: Support. Will help advance CONNECT Beyond implementation.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 10 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 1 vote | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 9 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 0 votes | <p>Support</p> |
| <p>H948: The P.A.V.E. Act Enacts the Projects for Advancing Vehicle-Infrastructure Enhancements Act. <i>Staff Recommendation: Support. Will help advance CONNECT Beyond implementation.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 11 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 0 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 8 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 0 votes | <p>Support</p> |

Table 2: Bills with Mixed Votes

| <p>Bill</p> | <p>Delegate Input May 14th Board of Delegates Meeting</p> | <p>City/County Manager Input May 21st Regional Managers Group Meeting</p> | <p>Centralina Next Steps</p> |
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| <p>H298: Local Governments/System Development Fees Provides that system development fees for certain nonresidential new development may be paid in installments. <i>Staff Recommendation: Seeking Board input.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 0 votes • Oppose – 7 votes • No position – 3 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 0 votes • Oppose – 1 vote • No position – 6 votes | <p>Continue Board discussions around support for local government operations</p> |
| <p>H850: Interbasin Transfer Moratorium/Study Imposes a moratorium on issuance of certificates for certain surface water transfers. <i>Staff Recommendation: Oppose. Bill introduced in response to Charlotte Water interbasin transfer (IBT) request and concerns from neighboring regions. IBT process allows for local/regional analysis and decision making which is preferred over a statewide approach.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 3 votes • Oppose – 12 votes • No position – 0 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 0 votes • Oppose – 9 votes • No position – 0 votes | <p>Continue Board discussions around regional water issues</p> |

The following bills did not meet the NC General Assembly’s crossover deadline.

Centralina will continue to engage the Board around these topic areas to inform our direction going forward, as noted in the Centralina Next Steps column.

Table 3: Bills That Did Not Meet Crossover

| Bill | Delegate Input May 14 th Board of Delegates Meeting | City/County Manager Input May 21 st Regional Managers Group Meeting | Centralina Next Steps |
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| <p>S495/H627: Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units Increases affordable housing by allowing for the construction or siting of accessory dwelling units. <i>Staff Recommendation: Support. Accessory dwelling units are a proven tool to expand housing choices. Proposed regulations allow for flexibility.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 9 votes • Oppose – 8 votes • No position – 0 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 8 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 0 votes | <p>Continue Board discussions around regional housing issues</p> |
| <p>S688: Local Government Land Use Reform Limits the authority of local governments to exercise planning, zoning, and development regulation to the authority expressly authorized in state statute. <i>Staff Recommendation: Oppose. Seeks to limit local land use control and decision making.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 0 votes • Oppose – 13 votes • No position – 0 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 0 votes • Oppose – 12 votes • No position – 0 votes | <p>Continue Board discussions around land use, zoning and development issues</p> |
| <p>S758: Water & Sewer Allocation Reform Promotes the development of water and sewer infrastructure and facilitates the allocation of water and sewer service for residential development. <i>Staff Recommendation: Seeking Board input.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 6 votes • Oppose – 7 votes • No position – 0 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 0 votes • Oppose – 6 votes • No position – 0 votes | <p>Continue Board discussions around regional water issues</p> |
| <p>S428: IBT Reforms</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 1 vote • Oppose – 12 votes • No position – 0 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 0 votes • Oppose – 8 votes • No position – 0 votes | <p>Continue Board discussions around regional water issues</p> |

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| <p>Revises the laws governing interbasin transfers of surface water between river basins.</p> <p><i>Staff Recommendation: Oppose. Bill introduced in response to Charlotte Water IBT request and concerns from neighboring regions. No evidence that the existing noticing and review processes are not working and/or curbing stakeholder input.</i></p> | | | |
| <p>H1009: Planning ETJ Prohibited Prohibits a city from exercising planning jurisdiction outside of its corporate limits.</p> <p><i>Staff Recommendation: Oppose. ETJ is an important tool for managing growth.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 0 votes • Oppose – 11 votes • No position – 1 vote | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 0 votes • Oppose – 10 votes • No position – 0 votes | <p>Continue Board discussions around land use, zoning and development issues</p> |
| <p>H593: Local Government Audits Modifies the process by which units of local government, public authorities, and local school administrative units select an accountant to conduct annual audits; appropriates funds to the state auditor to assist local governments with financial record keeping.</p> <p><i>Staff Recommendation: Support. Clarity and consistency of good audit practice, as well as fund for local capacity building.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 7 votes • Oppose – 4 votes • No position – 3 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 9 votes • Oppose – 0 votes • No position – 0 votes | <p>Continue Board discussions around support for local government operations</p> |
| <p>H659: Local Government Spending Transparency Requires all local government invoices be itemized and specifies other disclosures to increase transparency in local government spending.</p> <p><i>Staff Recommendation: Oppose on the grounds of the overly burdensome requirements for compliance; other mechanisms can support transparency.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 3 votes • Oppose – 8 votes • No position – 3 votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support – 0 votes • Oppose – 11 votes • No position – 0 votes | <p>Continue Board discussions around support for local government operations</p> |



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Item 11

Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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| Board Meeting Date: | June 11, 2025 | Agenda Item Type: | Consent: | | Regular: | X |
| Submitting Person: | Christina Danis | Presentation Time: | 15 minutes | | | |
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| Submitting Department: | CED | Department Head Approval: | Michelle Nance | | | |
| Title of documents as shown in the agenda: In Focus Discussion: Regional Resilience & Recovery Update | | | | | | |
| Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i> This discussion will provide an update on the Regional Resilience Collaborative and highlight the June 25 Built to Last event . | | | | | | |
| Background & Basis of Recommendations: As natural disasters become more frequent and severe, local governments must take proactive steps to strengthen resilience, protect public infrastructure, and ensure continuity of essential services. Centralina’s Regional Resilience Collaborative continues to support these efforts through coordination, technical assistance, and access to funding. The upcoming Built to Last: Moving Hazard Mitigation Initiatives Forward event on June 25, 2025 , is a key opportunity for local leaders and staff to turn priority mitigation needs into fundable projects. The workshop will offer practical tools, expert guidance, and a pathway to participate in a no-cost, no-match regional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application led by Centralina. | | | | | | |
| Requested Action / Recommendation: Receive as information and provide feedback | | | | | | |
| Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i> | Supports June 25 Built to Last event and Oct. 2025 FEMA/NCEM HMGP regional grant application | | | | | |
| Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i> | None | | | | | |
| Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i> | Built to Last: Moving Hazard Mitigation Initiatives Forward Built to Last: Moving Hazard Mitigation Initiatives Forward | | | | | |



Built To Last

Moving Hazard Mitigation Initiatives Forward

As natural disasters grow in intensity and frequency, the need for resilient infrastructure and proactive risk management has never been greater. Local governments are actively seeking solutions, **and your industry has them.**

Why Sponsor?

- Access a highly targeted audience of municipal leaders making critical investment decisions
- Position your company as a trusted resilience partner in infrastructure, risk mitigation and recovery
- Showcase your innovations, insights and services in a high-visibility forum
- Align your brand with forward-thinking governance and community protection

Attendees Include:

Mayors, Council & Commission Members, City & County Managers, Emergency Managers, Finance Managers, Public Works & Planning Staff, State & Federal Agency, Utility Providers, Nonprofits, Resilience Partners

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Questions?

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June 25, 2025

9:30 AM-11:30 AM

*Local Government Disaster
Cost-Saving Workshop*

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

*Lunch Speaker
Federal & State Agency
Update*

12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

*Hazard Mitigation Grant
Development*

Location:

*Laureate Center
401 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, NC 28081*

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**No-Cost- breakfast &
lunch included**

Sponsors include:

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Consulting | Training | Exercises

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Sponsorship Opportunities Available

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Available Sponsorship Levels:

Ready Partner (\$250)

- Table at event and two attendees

Prepared Partner (\$500)

- Logo recognition on event materials and presentations
- Table at event and two attendees

Resilient Partner (\$1,000)

- Introduction of your company and HMGP services
- Priority logo recognition on event materials and presentations
- Table at event and two attendees

**Thanks to our partner HSC,
please consider joining our
event team!**



Questions?

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*Location:
Laureate Center
401 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, NC 28081*



Built To Last Moving Hazard Mitigation Initiatives Forward

About the Event

As natural disasters grow more frequent and costly, local governments must take proactive steps to protect public investments and maintain critical services.

Built to Last: Moving Hazard Mitigation Initiatives Forward is a high-impact, two-part event designed for **local elected officials and municipal staff**.

Why Attend:

- Walk away with **implementable** preparedness action items to protect taxpayer assets
- Gain access to hazard prevention **grant experts** and funding partners
- Join a regional strategy to secure technical assistance for **shovel ready** projects
- Connect your community with support for a **no cost, no match** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application from Centralina Regional Council

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Empowering Resilience, Strengthening Future 68

Date:
June 25, 2025

Time:
9:30 AM-11:30 AM
*Resilience & Hazard
Mitigation Training*

11:30 AM- 3:00 PM
*Collaborative
Workshop*

Let's turn your
project ideas into
**real plans for
resilience**



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Agenda:

Morning Session (9:00 – 11:30 AM)

Kick off the day with coffee and networking, then dive into a Hazard Preparedness and Mitigation Training & Grant Strategy Workshop led by High Street Consulting. This hands-on session will help you:

- Gain a clear understanding of effective hazard preparedness and mitigation strategies
- Explore real-world examples designed for local governments
- Provide Action steps to develop a plan for your community

Lunch (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM)

Join us for lunch provided by our sponsor

- Hear from FEMA's Interagency Recovery Coordination Support Function representatives as they share how they support communities through disaster recovery and resilience efforts.
- Connect with fellow attendees, agency leaders and hazard mitigation subject matter experts during an interactive networking session

Afternoon Workshop (1:00 – 3:00 PM)

Grant Planning and Regional Collaboration

Join representatives from FEMA's Interagency Recovery Coordination team, NC Emergency Management and other agencies for a collaborative working session to:

- Share infrastructure project ideas with grant experts
- Identify state and federal funding opportunities that support community resilience
- Begin organizing a regional collaborative to pursue a planning grant opportunities
- Receive support from Centralina to participate in a regional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application to improve conditions in your community

Questions?

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Who Should Attend:

Mayors
Council Members
City & County
Managers
Emergency
Managers
Public Works &
Planning Staff
State & Federal
Agency
Utility Providers
Nonprofits
Resilience Partners

Project Examples:

Upgrade culverts &
drainage systems
Floodproofing
critical infrastructure
Redundant power
systems for water
treatment plants
Reinforcing bridges,
roads or rail from
flooding or washout
Expand emergency
communication
systems
Siren warning
systems
Wetland Restoration



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Item 12



Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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|---|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Board Meeting Date: | June 11, 2025 | Agenda Item Type: | Consent: | | Executive Session | x |
| Submitting Person: | Narissa Claiborne | Presentation Time: | 5 minutes | | | |
| Presenter at Meeting: | Denise Strosser | Phone Number: | (704) 372-2416 | | | |
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| Submitting Department: | Finance | Department Head: | Denise Strosser | | | |
| Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i> | | | | | | |
| This Agenda item will take place in a closed Executive Session. | | | | | | |
| Background & Basis of Recommendations: | | | | | | |
| An executive (closed) session will take place after the regular Executive Board has approved the motion to hold an executive session. | | | | | | |
| Requested Action / Recommendation: | | | | | | |
| <i>A motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6).</i> | | | | | | |
| Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i> | None | | | | | |
| Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i> | N/A | | | | | |
| Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i> | None | | | | | |