



**Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes -Annual Centralina Open House
May 14, 2025**

Delegate/Alternate Present	Jurisdictions with Delegate/Alternate Present
Jay McCosh, Chair	Town of McAdenville
Jim Muller	Town of Mineral Springs
Tony Long, Secretary	Town of Mint Hill
Shawn Rush	Town of East Spencer
Crystal Buchaluk	Town of Indian Trail
Jennifer Teague	Town of Harrisburg
Pat Sledge	Town of Spencer
Martha Sue Hall	At-Large Member
Wayne Deatherage	Village of Marvin
Elaine Powell	Mecklenburg County
Kenny Wortman	Cabarrus County
Jarvis Woodburn	Anson County
Bill Earnhardt	Town of Rockwell
Kenny Godwin	Town of Love Valley
Christopher Harrington	Town of Lilesville
Wes Hartsell	Town of Norwood
Corinthia Lewis-Lemon	Town of Morven
Lorie Mack	Town of Granite Quarry
Jennifer Stepp	Town of Gastonia
Susanna Wedra	Town of Waxhaw
Felina Harris	Town of Troutman
Paulette Blakeney	Town of Marshville
Alisa Bergman	Town of Huntersville
Mike Barbee	Stanly County

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Narissa Claiborne, Board Administrator, noted that a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Delegates stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions

Chairman McCosh recognized Albemarle Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall for being elected NCLM President. Chairman McCosh also recognized Michelle Nance for her retirement.

Centralina declared a Proclamation to honor Nance for her work in the Centralina Region. Delegates and Centralina Executive Director Geraldine Gardner praised Nance and wished her well on her future endeavors. Centralina also introduced the Nance Award for Regional Collaboration.

Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of February 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes - Board of Delegates Annual Meeting Minutes

Chairman McCosh called for a motion to approve the February 12, 2025 Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Shawn Rush seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Centralina Update

Centralina Executive Director Geraldine Gardner shared the Centralina Update, including welcoming and introducing new Centralina Staff, Kasia Thompson and Christen Robinson. Executive Director Gardner shared an update on the FY25 Workplan Progress Report. She also updated the Board on Navigating Federal Funding Risks and the likelihood of increased monitoring. Lastly, Executive Director Gardner shared an update on Centralina's Raleigh Relations legislation.

3. Three-Year Strategic Plan Rollout

Chairman Jay McCosh introduced Executive Director Gardner to share the new three-year Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan takes effect on July 1, 2025, which will be active for three years. Next, the Centralina Executive Director introduced Centralina Directors to share each goal of the Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Collaborate to prepare, plan and act on issues that respond to today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities.

Goal 2: Strengthen capacity, efficiency and innovative practice to improve quality of life and enhance economic opportunity.

Goal 3: Cultivate relationships to advance regional awareness, collaboration and impact.

Goal 4: Invest in the talent and infrastructure needed to support Centralina as a high-performing, highly desirable place to work.

4. Centralina Open House & FY26 Workplan Engagement Activity

Executive Director Gardner shared the activities Delegates will engage in for the Open House, including a pulse check on legislation that is important to Delegates and their municipalities.

5. Centralina Forum

Centralina Delegates participated in a forum to discuss civilian incivility.

Comments for Staff or Delegates

Comments from Centralina Executive Director

The Executive Director encouraged Delegates to invite their Town Manager to the next Centralina Manager's Meeting.

Comments from the Chairman

Chairman McCosh shared two important events,

1. From Dirt to Dollars: Unearthing Opportunities in Gas Stations and Dry Cleaners – June 17, 2025, 1 p.m.
2. Built to Last: Defending Taxpayers Dollars from Disaster- June 25

In addition, Chairman McCosh shared the date and time for the next Board of Delegates meeting - August 13, 2025. Lastly, Chairman McCosh shared the upcoming Region of Excellence Awards Celebration that will take place on October 8, 2025. He encouraged Delegates to submit nominations.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman McCosh adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.