



**Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.**

<b>Officers Present</b>	<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Board Members Not Present</b>	<b>Centralina Staff and Guests Present</b>
Jay McCosh, Chairman Tony Long, Secretary Jarvis Woodburn, Treasurer	Ed Driggs Kenny Godwin Martha Sue Hall Wes Hartsel Melissa Merrell Shawn Rush Jennifer Stepp Jennifer Teague Kenny Wortman	Mike Barbee Ed Hatley Gene Houpe Bob Hovis Alex Patton Elaine Powell David Scholl	Narissa Claiborne Denise Strosser Kelly Weston Tisha Steen Jason Wager Michelle Nance Linda Miller Katie Kutcher  <b>Guests</b> Leslie Mozingo

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jay McCosh (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 April 9, 2025, Executive Board Meeting Minutes.

**Item 2:** Review and approval of the FY25-26 budget amendments for the operating and grant pass-through budgets.

**Item 3:** Finance Committee Authorization

**Item 4:** Confirmation of Centralina Economic Development District Board Members

**Item 5:** Centralina Workforce Development Consortium/Centralina Regional Council Agreement Approval

**Item 6:** Centralina Area Agency on Aging FY26 Contract, based upon FY25 Funding Approval

## **Regular Agenda Items**

### **Item 7. Centralina Spotlight – Facilitation Services**

Centralina’s Strategic Engagement and Technical Support (SETS) Director Kasia Thompson briefed the Executive Board on the facilitation services that Centralina and the SETS Team provide to local governments.

### **Item 8. FY25-26 Workplan Review and Approval**

Centralina’s Deputy Director Michelle Nance shared a briefing on the proposed FY25-26 Workplan, which included the first year of the new Centralina Strategic Plan, goal highlights and priority action items.

Chairman Jay McCosh called for a motion to approve the FY25-26 Workplan.

Council Member Tony Long (Mint Hill) made the motion. Council Member Wes Hartsel (Norwood) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 9. Strategic Consulting Federal Relations Plan Update and Contract Approval**

Leslie Mazingo of Strategics Consulting shared an update with the Board on Centralina’s Federal Relations efforts, including an annual performance report of activities for June 2024-May 2025. The Board was also asked to approve the Strategics Consulting services proposal and fee for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

Chairman Jay McCosh called for a motion to approve two motions:

Motion 1: Accept the Federal Relations Annual Report for June 2024 through May 2025.

Motion 2: Approve the Strategics Consulting services proposal and fee and enter a contract for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

**Motion 1:** Commissioner Kenny Wortman (Cabarrus) made the motion. Council Member Tony Long (Mint Hill) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion 2:** Commissioner Tony Long made the motion. Council Member Wes Hartsell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 10: Raleigh Relations Update**

SETS Manager Kelly Weston updated the Board on State advocacy efforts. Weston also shared the results of the May 14 open-house member engagement activity, which detailed the Board’s stance on whether to support or oppose specific legislation.

### **Item 11: In-Focus Discussion: Regional Resilience & Recovery**

Christina Danis, Centralina’s Economic Development Director, shared an update and emphasized the importance of the Regional Resilience Collaborative, highlighting the Built to Last Event.

### **Closed Session**

Chairman McCosh called for a motion to approve the closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall (Albemarle) made the motion. Council Member Tony Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Driggs (Charlotte) made a motion to end the closed session and Council Member Tony Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Regular Meeting Resumed**

In the regular meeting, Chairman Jay McCosh called for a motion to approve the specified (closed session) personnel matter.

Council Member Tony Long made a motion to approve a compensation adjustment for the Executive Director. Council Member Shawn Rush (East Spencer) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Martha Sue Hall and the Executive Board thanked Michelle Nance for her service.

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

- None

### **Comments from the Chair**

- June 25: Built to Last: Hazard Mitigation Initiative Session
- October 8: Board of Delegates/Region of Excellence Awards
- September 10: Next Executive Board meeting
- August 13: Next Board of Delegates Meeting

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman McCosh adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.