Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2026

Officers Present	Board Members Present	Board Members Not Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
David Scholl, Chair Tony Long, Vice Chair Jennifer Teague, Secretary Jarvis Woodburn, Treasurer	Ed Driggs T. Scott Efird Martha Sue Hall Christopher Harrington Wes Hartsel Felina Harris Melissa Merrel Alex Patton Elaine Powell Pat Sledge Jennifer Stepp	Gene Houpe Kenny Wortman	*Kelly Weston* *Denise Strosser* *Lela James* *Geraldine Gardner* *Narissa Claiborne* *Katie Kutcher* *Kasia Thompson* *Visitors:* *Sarah Principe* *Kyle Leopard*

Call to Order
Chairman David Scholl called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Centralina office with a virtual attendance option. Board Administrator Narissa Claiborne conducted roll call and confirmed a quorum was present

Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Scholl led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments to the Agenda.
No amendments were made to the agenda.

Consent Agenda
Item 1: Approval of April 8, 2026, Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Item 2: FY25-26 Budget Amendment
Item 3: Finance Committee Authorization
Item 4: Annual Service Agreement between Centralina Regional Council and Centralina Workforce Development Consortium
Item 5: Acceptance of Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Funding
Item 6: Centralina Area Agency on Aging FY27 Contract

Consent Agenda Approval
Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall (Albemarle) approved the motion. Council Member Wes Hartsell (Norwood) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Regular Agenda Items

Item 7: Centralina Spotlight - GIS & Data Technical Assistance Services

Lela James, Centralina's Senior Planning and Lynne Hair Centralina's Planning Director highlighted Centralina's GIS Mapping and Data Technical Assistance services. Staff discussed services available to member governments, including geocoding, shapefile updates, zoning and land-use mapping, redistricting support, scenario planning, web-based mapping applications, community profiles, and data analysis. Examples of previous projects were shared to illustrate practical applications and benefits for local governments. Board members were encouraged to utilize these technical services within their communities.

Item 8: Executive Director Update and FY26-27 Workplan Approval

Executive Director Geraldine Gardner reviewed the proposed FY26-27 Workplan, which implements the second year of Centralina's Strategic Plan. She outlined major initiatives under the organization's four strategic goals, including:

- Development of regional growth profiles and AI-related research;
- Update of the Aging Action Plan;
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy update;
- Transportation Demand Management planning for the I-85 corridor;
- Workforce development and technical assistance initiatives;
- Expansion of communications and advocacy efforts; and
- Organizational investments in technology, workforce development, and financial sustainability

Motion: To approve the FY26-27 Workplan as presented.
Approval: Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall (Albemarle) approved the motion. Council Member Ed Driggs (City of Charlotte) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 9: In-Focus Discussion: Integrated Mobility Center Update

Andy Grzymski and members of the Regional Mobility Team and the Centralina Planning Department provided an update on activities of the Integrated Mobility Center. Staff reported on several major initiatives, including:

- Mobility Hub pilot studies in Kannapolis, Belmont, Lincoln County, and Huntersville;
- Development of the Mobility Hub Playbook and GIS Explorer Tool;
- CONNECT Centralina transportation demand management activities;
- Planning efforts related to major I-85 corridor construction projects; and
- Passenger Rail-Oriented Development studies focused on future rail service opportunities.

Staff also discussed the recently awarded $650,000 Regional Infrastructure Accelerator grant that will support alternative commute options along the I-85 corridor, employer outreach, communication strategies, and transportation demand management programs. Board members provided feedback regarding emerging mobility needs within their communities.

Item 10: Raleigh Relations Update and Lumin Contract Renewal:

Kelly Weston and Sarah Principe of Lumin Strategies provided an update on state legislative affairs and Raleigh Relations activities. Staff reviewed recent Legislative Day engagement

efforts with members of the General Assembly and discussed several statewide issues being monitored, including:

- Property tax reform;
- Land use legislation;
- Transportation planning initiatives; and
- State budget negotiations.

Discussion focused on recently enacted property tax reform legislation and the upcoming constitutional amendment referendum. Staff recommended pausing advocacy efforts until after the November election and positioning Centralina as an educational resource regarding implementation impacts

Motion: Approval of the FY27 contract with Lumin Strategies for state government consulting services.
Approval: Council member Ed Driggs (City of Charlotte) approved the motion. Council Member Pat Sledge (City of Spencer) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 11: Federal Relations Update
Kyle Leopard of Strategics Consulting presented a federal relations update and reviewed the April-May 2026 performance report. Topics discussed included:

- FY27 federal appropriations;
- Congressional legislative priorities;
- Surface transportation reauthorization;
- Housing legislation;
- Older Americans Act and WIOA reauthorization efforts;
- FEMA reform activities; and
- Strategic advocacy efforts conducted on behalf of Centralina. Mozingo also reported on meetings with federal agency officials and congressional offices, efforts surrounding the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator program, and grant advocacy activities.

Motion: Approval of the Strategics Consulting Performance Report for April-May 2026.
Approval: Commissioner Tony Long (Mint Hill) approved the motion. Council Member Ed Driggs (City of Charlotte) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Comments from the Executive Board and Centralina Staff
Vice Chair encouraged the Executive Board to make a visit to Raleigh to network and build relationships.

Comments from Chair
None

Comments from the Executive Director
None

Adjournment
With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Scholl adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.