

Vice Chairman Jay McCosh will convene a meeting of the Centralina Executive Board on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Time	Item	Presenter
5:00 p.m.	<b>Call to Order</b>	Jay McCosh
	<b>Roll Call</b>	
	<b>Moment of Silence</b>	
	<b>Amendments to the Agenda</b> (if any)	
<b>Consent Items:</b> Consent agenda items may be considered in one motion and without discussion except for those items removed by a Board Member.		
5:10 p.m. Item 1 <i>Pages 4 - 7</i>	<b>Approval of the November 12, 2020 Executive Board Meeting Minutes</b> The minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting have been distributed to all members of the Executive Board and should be approved if correct.  <b>Action/Recommendation:</b> <i>Motion to approve the November 12, 2020 Executive Board meeting minutes.</i>	Jay McCosh
<b>Regular Business Items:</b>		
5:15 p.m. Item 2 10 minutes <i>Pages 9 - 11</i>	<b>FY21 Budget Preview</b> The Finance Director will present the Executive Board with a preview of the placeholder annual budget proposals for FY22, which will be approved at the Board of Delegates Annual Meeting in February.  <b>Action/Recommendation:</b> <i>Motion recommending the Board of Delegates approve the FY22 operating and passthrough placeholder budget ordinances and membership dues assessment of \$0.24 per capital with a minimum assessment of \$750 per member.</i>	Denise Strosser
5:25 p.m. Item 3 10 minutes <i>Pages 13 - 22</i>	<b>Federal Relations Update and Action Plan Approval</b> Leslie Mazingo, Strategics Consulting, will present an update on Centralina's federal relations activities, including a performance report on activities from November through December 2020 and the 2021 Federal Action Plan.  <b>Action/Recommendation:</b> <i>Motion to accept the Strategics Consulting performance report for November - December 2020 and to approve the 2021 Federal Action Plan.</i>	Leslie Mazingo
5:35 p.m. Item 4 20 minutes <i>Page 24</i>	<b>Raleigh Relations Update</b> The Executive Board will receive an update on Raleigh Relations activities since the November 2020 elections, a forecast of the new state legislative session and the governor's new administration, and a report out from the NC Association of Regional Councils of Government.	Kelly Weston



## Executive Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
Zoom Meeting  
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Meeting ID 918 9191 2242

Time	Item	Presenter
	<b>Action/Recommendation:</b> <i>Receive as information and provide feedback on state legislative priorities.</i>	
<b>5:55 p.m.</b> <b>Item 5</b> 5 minutes	<b>Nominating Committee Update</b> The Committee will provide an update on its activities in advance of the February Board of Delegates meeting.  <b>Action/Recommendation:</b> <i>Receive as information.</i>	Nominating Committee
<b>6:00 p.m.</b> 5 minutes	<b>Comments from the Executive Board and Centralina Staff</b>	Board Members and Staff
<b>6:05 p.m.</b> 5 minutes	<b>Comments from the Executive Director</b>	Geraldine Gardner
<b>6:10 p.m.</b> 5 minutes	<b>Comments from the Vice Chair</b>	Jay McCosh
<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	Jay McCosh

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# **CENTRALINA**

## **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Item 1**



**Executive Board Virtual Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2020**

<b>Officers Present</b>	<b>Delegates Present</b>	<b>Delegates Not Present</b>	<b>Centralina Staff and Guests Present</b>
Bobby Compton, Chairman Jay McCosh, Vice Chairman William Morgan, Treasurer	Larken Egleston Bill Feather Martha Sue Hall Darrell Hinnant Autumn Michael Pedro Morey Troy Selberg Lynn Shue	Zach Almond Deloris Chambers Trevor Fuller Gene Houpe Rich Permenter Jim Watson Jarvis Woodburn, Secretary Ronnie Worley	Geraldine Gardner Mike Manis Linda Miller Michelle Nance Sherika Rich Denise Strosser Kelly Weston  <b>Guests</b> Dan Gougherty, Cherry Bekaert Leslie Mazingo, Strategics Consulting

**Call to Order**

Chairman Bobby Compton, Town of Mooresville, called the meeting to order.

Kelly Weston, Clerk to the Board, called roll and noted that a quorum was present.

**Moment of Silence**

Chairman Compton noted that the agenda included a Moment of Silence in lieu of an Invocation. He explained that the change reflected a new diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative Centralina staff is currently undertaking. He added that the moment is intended to be inclusive of all and promote the culture of belonging Centralina strives to cultivate. He then called for a Moment of Silence.

**Amendments to the Agenda.**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of the September 9, 2020 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Treasurer William Morgan, City of Statesville, made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, City of Albemarle, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**2. FY20 Audit Report Presentation**

Chairman Compton introduced Dan Gougherty, Cherry Bekaert, LLP, noting that Mr. Gougherty has been working with Centralina’s audits for a few years now and was recently promoted.

Mr. Gougherty presented highlights from the audit report. He explained that his firm issued an unmodified, clean opinion on the financial statements. He further explained that his firm tested the Aging Cluster and the Workforce Cluster for the single audit and found no compliance issues, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. He noted that there were no issues with the internal controls used for financial reporting. He also noted that Centralina has the appropriate IT security policies and procedures in place to protect its accounting software and encouraged continued vigilance to ensure staff is aware of potential cybersecurity threats. He reported that Centralina's overall revenue increased by almost \$700,000 over the year, with the greatest increase in charges for services, specifically related to the CONNECT Beyond regional mobility initiative and Community Development Block Grant entitlement program administration for Mecklenburg County. He added that the increase was slightly offset by a small decrease in operating grant funds for Workforce and Mobility Management programs. He also reported that Centralina's fund balance is currently just over \$250,000, noting that it was around \$50,000 in 2016. He added that it is a good sign that the organization continues to move forward with positive fund balance changes. He thanked Denise Strosser, Finance Director, for her department's full cooperation, noting that the entire audit was completed remotely and on time.

Commissioner Lynn Shue, Cabarrus County, complimented Ms. Strosser, Executive Director Geraldine Gardner, and the rest of the Centralina staff on the organization's positive direction, noting that the audit report was one of the best received in recent years.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Hall, Mr. Gougherty noted that this is the first year of Centralina's second three-year contract with Cherry Bekaert for auditing services.

Treasurer Morgan expressed his appreciation for Centralina's efforts that resulted in a clean audit, adding that Cherry Bekaert has also done an excellent job.

Mayor Darrell Hinnant, City of Kannapolis, made a motion to approve the Centralina Regional Council financial statements, compliance report, and audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Commissioner Shue seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **3. Federal Relations Update**

Leslie Mazingo, Strategics Consulting, reported that all Centralina's August Advocacy meetings with members of the region's Congressional delegation were held virtually this year, which allowed the meetings to extend into later months. She presented highlights from the November election, noting that all the region's members of Congress were re-elected, and that Representative Virginia Foxx is joining the delegation. Ms. Mazingo encouraged the Board Members to take advantage of the current off-season to discuss their communities' federal grant applications with the funding agencies. She noted that the continuing resolution that will fund the federal government through December 11<sup>th</sup> is expected to be converted into an omnibus bill to avoid a government shutdown. She also noted that discussions about additional COVID-19 relief are still ongoing.

Treasurer Morgan made a motion to accept the Strategics Consulting performance report for September through October 2020. Council Member Larken Egleston, City of Charlotte, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **4. Raleigh Relations Update**

Ms. Weston presented an overview of the state legislative election results, noting that the region will not see much change in its delegation, but will have six new legislators, including five in the House and one in the Senate. She also noted that Centralina will begin implementing its post-election outreach strategy by mailing information packets to all the region's legislators in December. She added that the mailing will be followed with a request for meetings with legislators to discuss Centralina's work including key regional priorities such

as CONNECT Beyond. She explained that this outreach is part of the first phase of Centralina's Raleigh Relations strategy which will focus on building and strengthening relationships at the state level.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall requested a list of the region's new state legislators.

### **5. 2020 Year-End Updates**

Ms. Gardner presented a progress report of Centralina's FY21 workplan. She reported that the Regional Planning Department has created a framework to assess the implementation of the CONNECT Our Future project. She noted that departments continue to deliver services and programs virtually, such as Workforce Development's virtual career fairs and Aging's webinars on chronic disease and pain management. She also noted that the Community and Economic Development Department completed an impact analysis for Cherryville to help the city forecast the economic impacts of a bond referendum. She added that internally, the organization is formalizing the recent name change and developing an IT governance process. She also noted that Centralina currently has 36 projects underway in local governments around the region.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall noted that Ms. Gardner and Emily Parker, Senior Planner, make a good strategic planning facilitation team. She encouraged Board Members to seek out Centralina for facilitation services.

### **6. 2021 Board Meeting Format Discussion**

Ms. Weston noted that staff is planning for 2021 board meetings and could use the Executive Board's guidance on how to convene the meetings given the changing nature of COVID-19. She presented a proposal for a phased approach, explaining that in Phase 1, both boards would only meet virtually through the end of March. She further explained that Phase 2 would run from April 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of June and consist of a hybrid format where members of both boards would have the option of attending the meeting in-person or virtually. She added that for in-person meetings, the conference room would be set up for maximum physical distancing, food would be served in individual containers, and attendees would be asked to wear masks and complete a brief health assessment.

Vice Chairman Jay McCosh, Town of McAdenville, noted that the proposal sounded like a good plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall and Treasurer Morgan asked that in the outreach to member governments, staff emphasize that it is imperative for Delegates to take their appointments to heart.

### **7. Nominating Committee Forecast**

Ms. Weston noted that the Executive Board must form a three-person Nominating Committee to identify the slate of nominees for 2021 Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. She asked Board Members to let her know if they were interested in serving on the Committee, noting that it must be formed before the January Executive Board meeting.

### **8. Resolutions for Outgoing Executive Board Members**

Chairman Compton took a moment to recognize the contributions of Board Members whose time in public office would end at the end of 2020. He thanked Commissioner Trevor Fuller, Mecklenburg County, and Commissioner Rich Permenter, Lincoln County for their service, noting that they would each receive in the mail a resolution honoring their service.

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

There were no comments from the Executive Board or Centralina staff.

**Comments from the Executive Director**

Ms. Gardner reported that the CONNECT Beyond project is currently focused on identifying high capacity transit corridors throughout the region. She noted that the next policy meeting will be in January. She further noted that the next crucial step in the public engagement aspect of the project will be to release an online survey in late November. She asked for the Board's assistance in disseminating the survey to members of their community to help gather public input about mobility needs and preferences.

**Comments from the Chair**

Chairman Compton noted that the next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. He added that staff will distribute the full schedule of 2021 Executive Board and Board of Delegates meetings later in the month.

Linda Miller, Aging Director, noted that Shirley Wiggins, a long-time volunteer from Gaston County recently died. She added that Ms. Wiggins had served on several advisory boards and committees in support of aging services and senior issues.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 6:26p.m.



# **CENTRALINA**

## **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Item 2**





## Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	January 13, 2021	<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	<b>Consent:</b>		<b>Regular:</b>	X
<b>Submitting Person:</b>	Denise Strosser	<b>Presentation Time:</b>	10 minutes			
<b>Presenter at Meeting:</b>	Denise Strosser	<b>Phone Number:</b>	704-372-2416			
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<b>Alternate Contact:</b>	Geraldine Gardner	<b>Phone Number:</b>	704-348-2703			
		<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:ggardner@centralina.org">ggardner@centralina.org</a>			
<b>Submitting Department:</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	<b>Denise Strosser</b>			
<b>Description of Agenda Item:</b>						
<p>The Executive Board will review the placeholder annual operating and pass-through budget proposals for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 prior to approval by the Board of Delegates at the annual meeting in February.</p>						
<b>Background &amp; Basis of Recommendations:</b>						
<p>To comply with the Charter Resolution, the budgets for Centralina must be adopted by the Council no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The Board of Delegates meets in February and then again in May, so the adoption must occur prior to or at the February 2021 meeting to comply with the Charter.</p> <p>The proposed membership dues assessment for FY2021-2022 remains unchanged at \$0.24 per capita. The assessment has remained at this amount since FY2013-2014 and management does not recommend changing it at this time.</p>						
<b>Requested Action / Recommendation:</b>						
<p>Motion to approve the FY22 operating placeholder budget and the pass-through placeholder budget ordinances in the amount of \$6,668,000 and \$14,562,000, respectfully and to approve the membership dues assessment of \$0.24 per capita, with a minimum assessment of \$750 per member.</p>						
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	As described above.					
<b>Budget Impact:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	As described above.					
<b>Attachments:</b> <i>(none or list)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY22 Annual Operating Budget Ordinance</li> <li>• FY22 Annual Pass-Through Budget Ordinance</li> </ul>					

**Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 Proposed Annual Operating Budget Ordinance**

<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>	<b>FY20 Audited YE <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>FY20 Audited YE <u>Actuals</u></b>	<b>FY21 Adopted <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>FY21 Estimated CY <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>FY22 Placeholder <u>Budget</u></b>
<b>Program Revenues</b>					
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenue	3,856,532	3,463,663	4,350,000	4,621,087	<b>3,525,000</b>
Technical Assistance Projects	1,417,581	1,270,769	624,000	2,260,107	<b>1,500,000</b>
Contracts and fees - <i>move to T&amp;A Projects</i>	46,905	36,237	-	-	-
Other Program Revenue	884,238	815,455	1,080,000	865,951	<b>750,000</b>
Fund Balance Appropriated	13,613	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Program Revenue</b>	<u>6,218,869</u>	<u>5,586,124</u>	<u>6,054,000</u>	<u>7,747,145</u>	<u>5,775,000</u>
<b>Other Revenues</b>					
Member Dues Support	870,095	870,095	870,000	892,554	<b>890,000</b>
Interest and Other Revenue	5,000	4,014	10,000	-	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<u>875,095</u>	<u>874,109</u>	<u>880,000</u>	<u>892,554</u>	<u>893,000</u>
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>	<u>7,093,964</u>	<u>6,460,233</u>	<u>6,934,000</u>	<u>8,639,699</u>	<u>6,668,000</u>
<b>EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
Member services, Board and committees	205,479	175,966	100,000	322,499	<b>350,000</b>
Management and Business Operations	1,794,490	1,679,175	1,844,000	2,003,674	<b>1,900,000</b>
Information Technology	136,741	104,419	110,000	158,000	<b>160,000</b>
Community and Economic Development Depart.	1,174,177	935,753	930,000	1,187,134	<b>990,000</b>
Planning Department	1,785,510	1,554,262	2,000,000	2,546,471	<b>1,909,000</b>
Area Agency on Aging Department	2,687,522	2,528,807	2,500,000	3,168,311	<b>2,300,000</b>
Workforce Development Department	1,184,828	981,691	1,250,000	1,128,827	<b>950,000</b>
Indirect Costs Representation	(1,874,783)	(1,753,374)	(1,800,000)	(1,875,217)	<b>(1,891,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<u>7,093,964</u>	<u>6,206,699</u>	<u>6,934,000</u>	<u>8,639,699</u>	<u>6,668,000</u>
<b>Revenues over expenditures</b>	-	<u>253,534</u>	-	-	-

**Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Placeholder Grant Pass Through Budgets Proposal**

<u>Program</u>	<u>FY20 Audited YE Budget</u>	<u>FY20 Audited YE Actuals</u>	<u>FY21 Adopted Budget</u>	<u>FY21 Current Authorization at 12.20.2020</u>	<u>FY22 Placeholder Budget</u>
<b>Area Agency on Aging</b>					
HCC Block Grant	9,840,057	9,830,859	10,000,000	9,840,057	<b>9,850,000</b>
USDA Supplement	650,000	537,551	650,000	650,000	<b>650,000</b> (1)
Title III-B Legal	157,361	91,531	85,000	82,361	<b>85,000</b>
Family Caregiver	541,020	505,483	520,000	514,020	<b>520,000</b>
Disease Prevention/Health Promotion	35,685	29,415	40,000	35,685	<b>40,000</b>
State Senior Center General Purpose	119,834	117,716	120,000	119,834	<b>120,000</b>
Heat Fan Relief	15,000	14,417	15,000	15,000	<b>15,000</b>
Families First	633,440	112,939		1,545,000	-
CARES HCC Block Grant	50,000	-		975,000	<b>250,000</b>
	<u>12,042,397</u>	<u>11,239,911</u>	<u>11,430,000</u>	<u>13,776,957</u>	<u>11,280,000</u>
<i>(1) This program does not have a lump sum authorization currently. It is authorized at .75 per meal. Current Authorization is an estimate.</i>					
<b>Workforce Development</b>					
WIOA 20-4010 ACP- 10%			375,000	-	- (2)
WIOA - XX-4010 Administrative Cost Pool	95,661	27,695		73,297	<b>50,000</b>
WIOA 20-4010 Adult Services 2020			1,200,000		- (2)
WIOA XX-4010 Adult Services	1,979,787	1,858,281		1,026,500	<b>1,097,000</b>
WIOA 20-4030 Dislocated Worker 2020			1,000,000	-	- (2)
WIOA XX-4030 Dislocated Worker	194,593	190,351		958,326	<b>955,000</b>
WIOA 20-4040 Youth Services 2020			1,200,000		- (2)
WIOA XX-4040 Youth Services	1,157,885	973,231		1,027,489	<b>995,000</b>
WIOA 19-4050 Finish Line Grant			66,000		- (2)
WIOA XX-4050 Finish Line Grant	227,934	103,941		123,993	<b>20,000</b>
WIOA 19-6036 Contingency - All	200,000	99,510			
WIOA XX- XXXX Infrastructure Cost	111,903	111,903		89,113	<b>85,000</b>
WIOA NCWorks Innovations - RCCC			190,000	-	
WIOA NCWorks Innovation Fund	190,000	100,268	10,000		
NDWG COVID 20-3130				288,389	
NDWG COVID 21-3130					<b>80,000</b>
	<u>4,157,763</u>	<u>3,465,180</u>	<u>4,041,000</u>	<u>3,587,107</u>	<u>3,282,000</u>
<b>Total Grant Pass Through</b>	<u>16,200,160</u>	<u>14,705,091</u>	<u>15,471,000</u>	<u>17,364,064</u>	<u>14,562,000</u>

*(2) change budget presentation to budget the Grant Award in total, not by grant year.*



# **CENTRALINA**

## **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Item 3**

## Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	January 13, 2021	<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	<b>Consent:</b>		<b>Regular:</b>	X
<b>Submitting Person:</b>	Kelly Weston	<b>Presentation Time:</b>	10 minutes			
<b>Presenter at Meeting:</b>	Leslie Mozingo	<b>Phone Number:</b>	202-255-5760			
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<b>Alternate Contact:</b>	Geraldine Gardner	<b>Phone Number:</b>	704-348-2703			
		<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:ggardner@centralina.org">ggardner@centralina.org</a>			
<b>Submitting Department:</b>	<b>Government Affairs &amp; Member Engagement</b>	<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	<b>Geraldine Gardner</b>			
<b>Description of Agenda Item:</b>						
<p>Leslie Mozingo, Strategics Consulting, will present an update on Centralina's federal relations activities, including a performance report on activities from November through December 2020 and the 2021 Federal Action Plan.</p>						
<b>Background &amp; Basis of Recommendations:</b>						
<p>Since 2015, the Executive Board has contracted with Strategics Consulting for federal relations consulting services. The Executive Board has requested that Ms. Mozingo present performance metrics reports at each of its meetings.</p>						
<b>Requested Action / Recommendation:</b>						
<p>Motion to accept the Strategics Consulting performance report for November – December 2020 and to approve the 2021 Federal Action Plan.</p>						
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
<b>Budget Impact:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
<b>Attachments:</b> <i>(none or list)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals and Activities for Strategics Consulting – November - December 2020 Report</li> <li>• 2021 Federal Action Plan</li> <li>• 2021 Congressional Delegation Info Sheet</li> <li>• 2021 Congressional Calendar</li> </ul>					

## **GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR STRATEGICS CONSULTING NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2020 REPORT**

- 1. Build, maintain and enhance relationships with Members of Congress and the federal agencies**
  - Communicated with congressional offices regarding COVID-19 relief and participated in numerous briefing calls.
  - Prepared elections results analysis, part one.
  - Updated congressional contact information.
  - Completed revisions to the Federal Action Plan for 2021 (FY22).
  
- 2. Develop advocacy strategies around the approved Federal Action Plan on regional priorities and implement in coordination with Centralina’s management**
  - Provided federal updates on COVID-19 relief status and overall advocacy work to the Executive Board at November 12 meeting.
  - Participated in Regional Managers Meetings on November 18 and December 16 to provide federal relations update and review of the Federal Action Plan.
  - Wrote Capital Corner entries to update membership on federal advocacy actions.
  - Participated in strategy calls regarding radar gap issue and communicated requests for action with U.S. Senator Burr’s office, who is the lead on this issue.
  - Participated in regularly scheduled strategy calls with Centralina ED.
  
- 3. Provide information and support related to federal grant opportunities in coordination with Centralina staff**
  - Prepared list of BUILD planning grants awarded.
  - Scheduled and participated in debriefing with U.S. DOT on Centralina’s unsuccessful BUILD planning grant application.
  - Provided monthly Grants Alerts, as well as separate announcements when relevant.
  - Updated the annual list of grants forecasted for local governments.
  - Worked on survey for member’s grant strategy sessions.
  
- 4. Respond to trouble shooting requests from members and Centralina on federal issues**
  - Communicated with two members on specific grants work.

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## 2021 FEDERAL ACTION PLAN

	AREA	ISSUE	REQUESTED ACTION	HOW THIS BENEFITS THE CENTRALINA REGION
1	CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RECOVERY	Local governments are facing dramatic losses in revenue on top of extreme shortfalls in funding not budgeted for to protect citizens and first responders during the coronavirus pandemic.	<p>Ongoing federal financial assistance and program flexibility is critical for local government ability to meet the demands related to coronavirus response. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coronavirus Relief Fund should provide direct funding assistance to communities of all sizes and allow past and future funds to be used for revenue shortfalls.</li> <li>• Local governments should be included in the payroll tax credits allowed for private employers.</li> <li>• More funding is needed, along with maximum flexibility, to support the Aging Network. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Especially for nutrition, transportation, caregiving issues and housing</li> <li>○ Increase Older Americans Act funding for pandemic response</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Funding to address impact on mental health for the general public, front-line workers, teachers, etc., as well as rising dropout rates.</li> </ul>	Centralina region has the highest number of coronavirus cases in the State of North Carolina, and therefore will suffer through the most extreme financial challenges related to virus response efforts.

2	<p>APPROPRIATIONS – COMPETITIVE GRANTS ELIGIBILITY</p>	<p>Regional councils are not always explicitly eligible for competitive grants and direct funding from federal agencies</p>	<p>Amend definitions of local governments to include regional councils. Submit request for appropriations report language to the following Appropriations Subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture and Rural Development</li> <li>• Commerce, Justice, Science</li> <li>• Energy and Water</li> <li>• Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies</li> <li>• Labor, Health and Human Services</li> <li>• Transportation, Housing and Urban Development</li> </ul>	<p>Centralina can apply for and administer grants benefiting the region and member governments</p>
3	<p>APPROPRIATIONS – FY22 FUNDING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS</p>	<p>Retain current funding levels for certain federal agency programs that regional councils of governments and member communities rely on for crucial planning, implementation and service delivery activities.</p>	<p>Work to protect the following agencies and programs and <i>at least</i> maintain funding levels in FY22 budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aging Programs funded by Older Americans Act (HHS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Senior Community Service Employment Program as authorized by the Older Americans Act</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Funds (DOL, ED, HHS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Apprenticeship programs to help cover costs for on the job training</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Economic Development Administration (Commerce)</li> <li>• BUILD Transportation Grants (DOT)</li> <li>• Clean Cities alternative fuel deployment program (DOE) and the Diesel Emission Reduction Grants Program (EPA)</li> <li>• Rural Development Programs (USDA)</li> <li>• Community Development Block Grants (HUD)</li> <li>• HOME Program (HUD) Housing Choice Voucher Program (HUD)</li> </ul>	<p>Adequate funding for key programs and services directly supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Centralina Area Agencies on Aging</li> <li>-Centralina Workforce Investment Board</li> <li>-Centralina Economic Development District</li> <li>-Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition</li> </ul>



4	FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION	<p>Reauthorization will provide resources for planning and investment in new and existing surface transportation network so that it is safe and efficient. Regional councils play an important planning and coordinating role in the overall transportation system.</p>	<p>The vision and values of local residents are best represented and advanced by shifting decision making to local communities and empowering local and regional planning for guiding investments and engaging citizens. Regional planning is at the heart of the federal transportation planning process. Productive federal policy would build on these regional institutions and support good planning. Reauthorization should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the overall funding levels of federal transportation programs, including support urban and rural transit projects that are greatly needed in growing regions, like Centralina.</li> <li>• Increase funding for regional planning, including support for the role regional councils have in coordinating regional transportation with housing, economic development and growth.</li> <li>• Recognize regional councils as the entities best suited to plan for and coordinate rural transportation needs.</li> <li>• Authorizes Regional Infrastructure Improvement Zones (RIIZs), a federal tax code change to allow businesses and individuals to make tax-deductible contributions toward a regionally-approved infrastructure project.</li> <li>• Support the continued investment in alternative fuels (lithium ion batteries, ethanol, biodiesel, propane-powered, and natural gas) as a nationwide economic development and job creation opportunity.</li> </ul>	<p>Safe, efficient and multi-modal transportation is essential to the Centralina region's continued economic competitiveness and attractiveness for investment. With over 50% of the workforce commuting to another county for jobs, regional coordination is essential.</p>
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5	<p>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS AND REAUTHORIZATION OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)</p>	<p>The WIOA was signed into law in 2014, reauthorizing federal funding for workforce development activities through September 30, 2020.</p>	<p>Enact five-year reauthorization with continued investments in for low-income, youth and dislocated workers. Ensure that Workforce Development Boards are consulted during policy discussion and any potential changes to the Act.</p>	<p>Centralina's Workforce Development Board partners with economic development, education and business interests to ensure the region competes well in a global economy with an exceptional workforce.</p>
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### Important Dates

Swearing-In Day	Jan. 3
Electoral College	Jan. 6
Inauguration Day	Jan. 20
House Democrats Retreat	
State of the Union Address	
House Republicans Retreat	
Adjournment (House/Senate)	Dec. 10

 House and Senate in Session	 Senate Only in Session	 Federal Holiday	 House Only in Session	 Important Dates
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# **CENTRALINA**

## **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Item 4**



## Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	January 13, 2021	<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	<b>Consent:</b>		<b>Regular:</b>	X
<b>Submitting Person:</b>	Kelly Weston	<b>Presentation Time:</b>	20 minutes			
<b>Presenter at Meeting:</b>	Kelly Weston	<b>Phone Number:</b>	704-348-2728			
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<b>Submitting Department:</b>	<b>Government Affairs &amp; Member Engagement</b>	<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	<b>Geraldine Gardner</b>			
<b>Description of Agenda Item:</b>						
<p>The Executive Board will receive an update on Raleigh Relations activities since the November 2020 elections. Chris Wall and Andy Munn from EQV Strategics will provide a forecast of the new state legislative session and the governor's new administration. The Board will also receive an update on the NC Association of Regional Councils of Government policy agenda.</p>						
<b>Background &amp; Basis of Recommendations:</b>						
<p>In late 2020, Centralina began implementing its Raleigh Relations strategy to expand the organization's state government engagement and advocacy efforts. The strategy is focused on relationship-building, supporting the interests of COGs statewide through involvement in the NC Association of Regional Councils of Government, and raising awareness of issues specific to the Centralina region.</p>						
<b>Requested Action / Recommendation:</b>						
Receive as information and provide feedback on state legislative priorities.						
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
<b>Budget Impact:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
<b>Attachments:</b> <i>(none or list)</i>	None					





# **CENTRALINA**

## **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Item 5**

**No attachments. Presentation to be made during meeting.**