



**Executive Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2024**

Officers Present	Board Members Present	Board Members Not Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
Jay McCosh, Vice Chairman Jarvis Woodburn, Secretary Tony Long, Treasurer	Authur Griffin (Proxy) Martha Sue Hall Jamie Hammill Brian Helms Corinthia Lewis-Lemon Shawn Rush Lynn Shue Jennifer Stepp Jennifer Teague	Patty Crump Kevin Demeny Darrell Hinnant Felina Harris Gene Houpe Bob Hovis Jamie Lineberger Mark Loden Marjorie Molina Elaine Powell David Scholl	Narissa Claiborne Christina Danis Geraldine Gardner Debi Lee Michelle Nance Denise Strosser Kelly Weston Jason Wager Guests Chris Carney

Call to Order

Vice Chair, Jay McCosh, called the meeting to order.

Narissa Claiborne, Boards Administrator, called the roll and noted a quorum present.

Moment of Silence

Vice Chair, Jay McCosh directed the Board and staff to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

**1. Approval of the January 10, 2024 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Resolution of Support for NC Department of Transportation FY2025 Public
Transportation Program Funding**

**2. Vice Chairman, Jay McCosh called for a motion to approve the January 10,
2024, Consent Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall made a motion to approve the March 13 consent agenda. Commissioner Lynn Shue seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

No Amendments to the Agenda.

No amendments to the agenda were noted.

Regular Agenda Items

3. Centralina Spotlight- Area Agency on Aging-Family Caregiver Support Program

Centralina Area Agency on Aging Department highlighted the Family Caregiver Support Program. The Board viewed a short video providing detailed information regarding the program, including eligibility requirements, program details, and assistance highlights. Assistant Area Agency on Aging Family Caregiver Director, Debi Lee, answered questions from the Board about the program.

4. Executive Board Orientation & 2024 Forecast

Centralina Executive Director Geraldine Gardner invited the Board to introduce themselves for some Delegates are new to the Board. Ms. Gardner also highlighted a recap to the Board of their duties and responsibilities including their role. Lastly, Geraldine Gardner shared with the Board the 2024-25 Executive Board and Board of Delegates meeting forecast. Geraldine ended by asking the Board if they had any questions.

5. State Grant Acceptance: Mooresville/Timber Road Extension

The Board was asked to approve the acceptance of the \$15,000,000-grant directed to Centralina by the NC General Assembly in the 2023 Appropriations Act and the Committee Report. Executive Director Gardner shared with the Board the background of the grant and why Centralina has chosen to administer the grant. After clarifying questions from the Board, including:

1. Why is CCOG involved with this type of grant?
2. Why was the Town of Mooresville not awarded the grant funds?
3. Why is there a recipient of these funds already established?
4. Did our attorney have a chance to review the contract?

Executive Director Geraldine Gardner answered the above questions to the board's approval. Chairman Jay McCosh asked for a motion to be called to approve the \$15 million grant from the State of North Carolina for the purposes outlined in the scope of work indicated in the March 13, 2024, agenda packet. Commissioner Lynn Shue made a motion to approve the above-mentioned grant. Council Member Tony Long 2nded the motion. Board Administrator Narissa Claiborne called for a voice vote to tally the Board's votes. The vote passed by a split decision of 7/5 in favor of the approval of the \$15 million grant from the State of North Carolina.

Jennifer Teague- No
Martha Sue Hall- No
Jamie Hammill- Yes
Brian Helms No
Corinthia Lewis Lemon No
Tony Long- Yes
Jay McCosh- Yes
Shawn Rush- Yes
Lynn Shue- Yes
Jennifer Step- no
Jarvis Woodburn- yes
Arthur Griffin- Yes

6. State Relations Update

Centralina’s Government Affairs and Member Engagement Administrator shared with the Board an update on Centralina’s State of North Carolina as outlined in the State Relations plan previously presented and accepted by the Centralina Executive Board. Ms. Weston introduced Chris Wall, Centralina’s State Lobbyist, to share with the Board the *View from Raleigh*.

7. In Focus Discussion: Regional Infrastructure Grant

Michelle Nance, Centralina’s Deputy Director shared with the Board a new agenda item “In-Focus Discussion” centered around The US DOT Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) and the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction program. Ms. Nance shared this with the Board and encouraged feedback on initiatives.

Comments from the Executive Board and Centralina Staff

None.

Comments from the Executive Director

Centralina’s Executive Director thanked the Board for their participation and feedback. She also thanked the Mayor of Mooresville Chris Carney for attending the Board meeting.

Comments from the Chair

Centralina’s Executive Board Chair shared with the Board upcoming events and encouraged the Board to share with their towns.

- March 27 - Noon- -Regional Economic Briefing with Economist Mark Vitner
- April 25 - 10 am-12 pm – Centralina Learns session on Aging Sensitivity and Age-Friendly Communities
- May 7 - 9 am - 11 am- Centralina’s Series on Grant Writing- How to Tell Your SMART Story in Grant Applications
- April 10- 5 pm- Centralina Executive Board Meeting

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.