



**Executive Board Virtual Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2024**

Officers Present	Board Members Present	Board Members Not Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
Jay McCosh, Chairman Tony Long, Secretary Jarvis Woodburn, Treasurer	Martha Sue Hall Jamie Hammill Felina Harris Gene Houpe Corinthia Lewis-Lemon Elaine Powell Shawn Rush Jennifer Stepp Jennifer Teague	Patty Crump Kevin Demeny Brian Helms Darrell Hinnant Bob Hovis Jamie Lineberger Mark Loden Lynn Shue Marjorie Molina	Narissa Claiborne Geraldine Gardner Venecia Rock Denise Strosser Kelly Weston Guests

Call to Order

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

Narissa Claiborne, Clerk to the Board, called Roll and noted a quorum present.

Moment of Silence

Chairman McCosh called for a moment of silence and reflection to commemorate and remember September 11, 2001.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman McCosh called for the Executive Board to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments to the Agenda.

None.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of June 12, 2024, Executive Board Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Approval of the Centralina Workforce Development Consortium & Centralina Regional Council Agreement**
- 3. Approval of the Stantec Master Service Agreement (MSA) and Statement of Work (SOW)**

Mayor Pro Tem, Martha Sue Hall made a motion to Approve the June 12 Centralina Consent Agenda and Commissioner Tony Long, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda Items

4. Centralina Spotlight: CLT Aviation Academy

Kelly Weston, Centralina's GAME Coordinator shared with the Board an overview of the upcoming CLT Aviation Academy experience, where guests can take part in the inner workings of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

5. Centralina Personnel Policy Updates

Centralina Executive Director, Geraldine Gardner shared with the Board updates on the Centralina Personnel Policy. The purpose of this agenda item is to get the Board's approval for the proposed amendments and modifications.

6. Connect Beyond Update: Advancing the Plan Committee Report and Next Steps

The Centralina's Connect Beyond Team, Sarah Niess, Andy Gryzmski, and Jason Wager, provided key updates on the CONNECT Beyond project to keep the Executive Board apprised of current implementation activities, with a focus on updates on (1) the Advancing the Plan Committee; (2) the development of a regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program and (3) Centralina's Integrated Mobility Center.

Chairman Jay McCosh called for a motion to approve the following: (1) Approval of the Advancing the Plan Committee's final report and (2) Approval of the final Regional Transportation Demand Management Plan

Harrisburg's Mayor Jennifer Teague approved the motion. Commissioner Tony Long seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority rule. 2 Board members rejected the motion.

7. In Focus Discussion: Regional Dialogue: Digital Inclusion

Centralina's Digital Inclusion team, Kelly Weston, Christina Danis, Anna Lu Wilson, and Kate Fersigner, briefed the Board on Centralina's digital inclusion planning project, including a framework for a regional approach to addressing the digital divide. The Team also showed a video that highlighted the need for digital inclusion.

8. Process overview: Setting Priorities for State and Federal Engagement

Centralina Executive Director, Geraldine Gardner provided an overview of the forthcoming process to establish priorities for Centralina's Raleigh Relations and Federal Relations agendas.

Comments from the Executive Board and Centralina Staff

Mayor Pro Tem Hall expressed to the Board the importance of working together among the city, county, regional, and state representatives.

Mecklenburg Commissioner, Elaine Powell, emphasized that economic development relies on our clean water supply, stormwater management, etc. She stated that we need to think about how important clean water is.

Comments from the Executive Director

Ms. Gardner shared with the Board the legislative Agenda Development dates. She also encouraged the Board to take the survey to share where their legislative interest lies.

Comments from the Chair

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.