



**Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2020**

<b>Jurisdictions with Delegate/Alternate Present</b>	<b>Delegate/Alternate Present</b>	<b>Jurisdictions without a Delegate/Alternate Present</b>
Albemarle	Martha Sue Hall	Anson County
Badin	Deloris Chambers	Ansonville
Cabarrus County	Lynn Shue	Belmont
Charlotte	Larken Egleston	Bessemer City
Concord	Andy Langford	Cherryville
Cornelius	Thurman Ross	Cleveland
Cramerton	Will Cauthen	Dallas
Davidson	Autumn Michael	East Spencer
Gastonia	Charles Odom	Faith
Granite Quarry	Bill Feather	Gaston County
Harrisburg	Troy Selberg	Kings Mountain
Huntersville	Lance Munger	Landis
Indian Trail	Jerry Morse	Lincoln County
Iredell County	Gene Houpe	Lincolnton
Kannapolis	Darrell Hinnant	Locust
Marshville	Virginia Morgan	Lowell
McAdenville	Jay McCosh	Marvin
Mecklenburg County	Trevor Fuller	Matthews
Mint Hill	Tony Long	Midland
Misenheimer	Jeff Watson	Mineral Springs
Monroe	Angelia James	Mount Holly
Mooresville	Bobby Compton	Norwood
Morven	Corinthia Lewis-Lemon	Oakboro
Pineville	Amelia Stinson-Wesley	Ranlo
Spencer	Patricia Sledge	Richfield
Statesville	William Morgan	Salisbury
		Stallings
		Stanley
		Stanly County
		Troutman
		Union County
		Wadesboro
		Waxhaw
		Wingate

**Call to Order**

Chairman Bobby Compton, Town of Mooresville, called the meeting to order. He welcomed staff from the region’s Congressional delegation who were in attendance. He then gave the invocation.

Kelly Weston, Clerk to the Board, called roll and noted that a quorum was not present.

**Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of the August 12, 2020 Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Compton noted that because a quorum was not present, this Consent Agenda item would be placed on the next Board of Delegates meeting agenda.

**2. FY20 Annual Report Presentation**

Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director, presented an overview of the annual report. She thanked the Board for its support of Centralina staff over the past year. She noted that the organization received a number of national recognitions across all departments. She highlighted the organization’s work on the US Census, the Area Agency on Aging’s 4-year area plan, the launch of the CONNECT Beyond regional mobility initiative, and coordination on economic and workforce development. She also noted that the organization worked on 53 technical assistance projects for local governments and expanded its training and professional development offerings. She also highlighted the organization’s COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

**3. NC Radar Project Update**

Ms. Gardner explained that Centralina has been working with Western Piedmont and Piedmont Triad COGs and a group of local meteorologists on an approach to bring additional radar sites to the Piedmont, including one in the Centralina region. She reported that the group met with Mike Sprayberry, Director of NC Emergency Management, in August and received initial state support for collaborating on federal funding for the project. Since that time, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported that it found there are no gaps in radar coverage and that no further federal investment would be necessary. Ms. Gardner noted that Senator Richard Burr’s staff has been working with the group to get some clarification on the National Weather Service’s position on third-party radar. As next steps, the group will conduct its own analysis of the NOAA report, consider pursuing a feasibility study of a third-party radar system, and continue seeking state and federal funding for the project.

**4. Remarks from Congressional Offices**

Leslie Mazingo, Strategics Consulting, introduced the following staff from the region’s U.S. Congressional offices who were in attendance.

- Mike Fenley, Field Representative, Office of Senator Richard Burr
- James Estes, Regional Representative, Office of Senator Thom Tillis
- Georgia Lozier, District Director, Office of Congressman Richard Hudson
- Jim Warren, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman Dan Bishop
- Brett Keeter, District Director, Office of Congressman Patrick McHenry
- Kay Tembo, District Liaison, Office of Congresswoman Alma Adams
- Kyle Bridges, District Director, Office of Congressman Ted Budd

Each of the staff representatives provided an update from their office and encouraged the Delegates to contact them with any questions or requests for assistance.

**5. Engagement Activity: COVID-19 Impacts on Local Communities**

Ms. Gardner explained that the purpose of this activity was for Delegates to discuss their concerns about the impact of COVID-19 in their communities and what support their communities may need for recovery.

Lauren Tayara, Government Affairs and Member Engagement Coordinator, presented an overview of the economic impacts of COVID-19, including impacts on major industries, consumer expenditures, unemployment, and sales tax.

Delegates were then asked to participate in an interactive polling exercise.

Ms. Weston presented an overview of the projected long-term impacts of COVID-19 on individuals, businesses, and communities. She noted that while there is still uncertainty in some areas, local governments can play a role in creating some certainty within their communities through flexible planning and embracing the need for proximity and a sense of community.

The Delegates were divided into breakout rooms for small group discussions.

**Comments from the Board of Delegates**

Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, City of Albemarle, noted that applications for the state’s Extra Credit Grant program for COVID-19 relief for families would be due the next day.

**Comments from the Executive Director**

Ms. Gardner thanked the Delegates for their service to Centralina and to their communities.

**Comments from the Chairman**

Chairman Compton noted that he participated in the CONNECT Beyond Policy Advisory Committee meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>, which featured a good discussion on regional mobility. He also noted that the Executive Board will meet on November 12<sup>th</sup> and during that meeting, will discuss plans for 2021 board meetings given the current environment. He asked the Delegates to let Ms. Weston or Ms. Gardner know if they prefer to meet in-person or virtually. He extended well-wishes to Delegates running for re-election in November. He thanked the Delegates and Alternates for their service to the Board, their communities, and the region, adding that he hoped to see them back next year.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.