



**Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022**

Jurisdictions with Delegate/Alternate Present	Delegate/Alternate Present	Jurisdictions without a Delegate/Alternate Present
Albemarle	Martha Sue Hall	Anson County
Belmont	Alex Szucs	Ansonville
Bessemer City	Kay McCathen	Badin
Cabarrus County	Lynn Shue	Cherryville
Charlotte	Larken Egleston	Cleveland
Concord	Andy Langford	Cornelius
Davidson	Autumn Michael	Cramerton
Faith	Jayne Lingle	Dallas
Gastonia	Jennifer Stepp	East Spencer
Granite Quarry	Brittany Barnhardt	Gaston County
Harrisburg	Jennifer Teague	Kings Mountain
Huntersville	Stacy Phillips	Landis
Indian Trail	Crystal Buchaluk	Lincoln County
Iredell County	Gene Houpe	Locust
Kannapolis	Darrell Hinnant	Marshville
Lilesville	Michael Henry	Midland
Lincolnton	Christine Poinsette	Mineral Springs
Lowell	Sandy Railey	Mint Hill
Marvin	Wayne Deatherage	Monroe
Matthews	Mark Tofano	Oakboro
McAdenville	Jay McCosh	Richfield
Mecklenburg County	Elaine Powell	Salisbury
Misenheimer	Jeffrey Watson	Stanley
Mooresville	Bobby Compton	Statesville
Morven	Corinthia Lewis-Lemon	Wadesboro
Mount Holly	Christina Pawlish	
Pineville	Amelia Stinson-Wesley	
Ranlo	Trevor Hay and Katie Cordell	
Spencer	Patricia Sledge	
Stallings	David Scholl	
Stanly County	Peter Ascitutto	
Troutman	Jerry Oxsher	
Union County	David Williams	
Waxhaw	Pedro Morey	
Wingate	Bart Farmer	

Call to Order

Chairman Bobby Compton, Town of Mooresville, called the meeting to order. He welcomed both new and returning Delegates and Alternates.

Roll Call

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

Moment of Silence

Chairman Compton called for a moment of silence.

Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Resolution to Amend the Centralina Charter and Bylaws**
- 2. Approval of Membership Request**
- 3. Approval of the October 13, 2021 Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes**

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem David Scholl, Town of Stallings, Chairman Compton explained that state law requires the Board to conduct roll call votes on motions made during meetings where Delegates are participating remotely.

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

4. Centralina Overview with Board and Staff Networking

Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director, presented an overview of Centralina, spotlighting examples of the organization’s work towards creative regional problem solving, supporting local governments, and providing innovative service delivery.

The Delegates participated in an interactive exercise in which Centralina staff presented additional information about the organization and the role and responsibilities of the Board of Delegates.

Chairman Compton noted that by serving on the Board, Delegates give their constituents a voice in shaping regional and local outcomes. He also noted that serving on the Board offers opportunities to build relationships with other elected officials, guide Centralina’s strategic direction, discuss shared issues, champion regional collaboration, and advance Centralina’s federal and state advocacy agendas.

In response to a question from Alderwoman Patricia Sledge, Town of Spencer, Ms. Gardner explained that all the region’s economic development commissions and councils are part of the Centralina Economic Development District and participate in developing the region’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. She also noted that several representatives from the economic development commissions and councils serve on the Centralina Workforce Development Board.

Ms. Gardner presented a forecast of the Board of Delegates meeting schedule for 2022.

5. Public Hearing and Approval of Proposed Centralina Budget Ordinances for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Denise Strosser, Finance Director, noted that the Executive Board reviewed the proposed budget at its January meeting and voted to recommend its approval by the Board of Delegates. She explained that the proposal includes a placeholder operating budget ordinance of \$7,508,647 and a placeholder passthrough grant budget ordinance of \$15,460,000. She

further explained that the proposal recommends keeping the membership dues assessment rate at \$0.24 per capita, adding that the rate has remained the same for ten years. She also noted that the proposal requests removing the minimum dues amount of \$750. She explained that this change is responsive to the needs of smaller communities with populations under 3,000, adding that on average, those communities are currently paying four times the per capita assessment rate. She noted that management hopes this change will encourage more small towns to join Centralina and take advantage of its services. She further noted that the change's overall financial impact to the organization will be \$5,000.

Chairman Compton noted that the notice of the public hearing on the budget was published in the Charlotte Observer on January 30th. He opened the public hearing and invited comments from members of the public who were present. Hearing none, he declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Darrell Hinnant, City of Kannapolis, made a motion to approve the FY2023 operating placeholder budget and the passthrough budget ordinances in the amount of \$7,508,647 and \$15,460,000 respectively and to approve the membership dues assessment of \$0.24 per capita and remove the minimum assessment of \$750 per member. Council Member Corinthia Lewis-Lemon, Town of Morven, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report and Election of 2021 Officers

Council Member Larken Egleston, City of Charlotte, noted that the Nominating Committee was comprised of himself, Commissioner Lynn Shue, Cabarrus County, and Council Member Corinthia Lewis-Lemon, Town of Morven. He reported that the committee held a conference call in December and discussed the incumbent officers' interest in continuing to serve in their respective roles, as well as a process for soliciting nominations from other interested Delegates. He noted that on behalf of the Nominating Committee, an email then went out to new and returning Delegates explaining the nomination process and calling for additional nominations. He added that the Nominating Committee did not receive any additional nominations. He presented the following slate of nominees:

Chairman: Commissioner Bobby Compton, Town of Mooresville
Vice Chairman: Mayor Pro Tem Jay McCosh, Town of McAdenville
Secretary: Commissioner Jarvis Woodburn, Anson County
Treasurer: Mayor Pro Tem William Morgan, City of Statesville

Mayor Pro Tem Hall suggested considering the elected office term expiration dates when selecting officer nominees in the future. She made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee report and elect the slate of officers by acclamation. Council Member Egleston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Installation of Officers

Ms. Weston administered the oath of office to the officers.

7. County Caucusing and Networking

Ms. Gardner presented an overview of the role of the Executive Board, noting that Board Members serve as decision makers, collaborators, networkers, and advocates. She presented a forecast of the Executive Board meeting schedule for 2022.

Ms. Weston explained that the Delegates will be placed into breakout rooms with others from their county. She noted that in the breakouts, the Delegates from the municipalities in Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, and Union Counties will caucus to select their municipal representative to the Executive Board. She further noted that the Delegates from Gaston, Iredell, and Lincoln Counties will use their breakouts to network with each other and Centralina staff.

The Delegates were then divided into breakout rooms for county caucuses and small group discussions.

Chairman Compton reported the results of the caucuses:

Anson County Municipalities: Council Member Corinthia Lewis-Lemon, Town of Morven

Cabarrus County Municipalities: Mayor Darrell Hinnant, City of Kannapolis

Mecklenburg County Municipalities: Council Member Amelia Stinson-Wesley, Town of Pineville

Rowan County Municipalities: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Town of Granite Quarry

Stanly County Municipalities: Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, City of Albemarle

Union County Municipalities: Commissioner Pedro Morey, Town of Waxhaw

Comments from the Board of Delegates and Centralina Staff

There were no comments from the Board of Delegates or Centralina staff.

Comments from the Executive Director

Ms. Gardner thanked Centralina staff for their participation and preparation for the meeting. She also thanked the Board of Delegates for their participation and enthusiasm adding that she and staff looked forward to working with them this year.

Comments from the Chairman

Chairman Compton noted that Centralina will hold a grants workshop on March 1st titled *Effective Pre-Planning for Grant Applications*. He advised that more information was forthcoming and to encourage staff in their communities to register for the webinar.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.