



**Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2017**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Represented By</b>	<b>Jurisdictions Not Represented</b>
Albemarle	Martha Sue Hall	Anson County
Badin	Deloris Chambers	Ansonville
Bessemer City	Kay McCathen	Belmont
Charlotte	Patsy Kinsey	Cherryville
Cornelius	Thurman Ross	Cleveland
Cramerton	Susan Neely	Dallas
Granite Quarry	Bill Feather	Davidson
Huntersville	Charles Guignard	East Spencer
Lincoln County	Martin Oakes	Faith
McAdenville	Jay McCosh	Gaston County
Mint Hill	Dale Dalton	Gastonia
Misenheimer	Jeffrey Watson	Hemby Bridge
Norwood	Wes Hartsell	Indian Trail
Pineville	Christopher McDonough	Iredell County
Stallings	David Scholl	Kings Mountain
Statesville	Michael Johnson	Landis
Troutman	Paul Bryant	Lincolnton
Union County	Frank Aikmus	Locust
Wadesboro	Bill Thacker	Lowell
Waxhaw	Steve Maher	Marshville
Weddington	Bill Deter	Marvin
		Matthews
		Mecklenburg County
		Midland
		Mineral Springs
		Monroe
		Mooresville
		Morven
		Mount Holly
		New London
		Oakboro
		Ranlo
		Richfield
		Salisbury
		Spencer
		Spencer Mountain
		Stanley
		Stanly County
		Wesley Chapel
		Wingate

**Call to Order**

Chair Patsy Kinsey, City of Charlotte, called the meeting to order.

**Amendments to the Agenda**

Chair Kinsey noted that Item 4, Workforce Development Mission Moment would replace the Cyber Security Presentation that was listed on the agenda originally distributed to the Delegates via email prior to the meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

- 1. Approval of the February 8, 2017 Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes**
- 2. FY2016-2017 Operating and Grants Budget Amendments**

Commissioner Susan Neely, Town of Cramerton, made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**3. Region of Excellence Awards Ceremony**

Chair Kinsey introduced Region of Excellence Award judge Dr. Tom Barth, Director of the Masters of Public Administration program at UNC Charlotte. She noted that Betty Huskins, Executive Director of the NC Association of Regional Councils of Government, was also a judge but could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Barth presented awards to the following recipients:

Controlling the Cost of Government	Town of Wadesboro – Renovated Wadesboro Police Station
Growing the Economy	Town of Mooresville – Workforce and Education Alignment Initiative
Improving Quality of Life	City of Bessemer City – Centennial Park Revitalization Project Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department – Woodstone After School and Mentoring Program

Chair Kinsey introduced Chris Facente, Chair of the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition, who presented the Clean Cities Award for Excellence in Clean Transportation and Alternative Fuel Activities to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

**4. Workforce Development Mission Moment**

David Hollars, Workforce Development Director, explained that the Centralina Workforce Development Board’s (CWDB) NEXGEN youth services program serves individuals between the ages of 16 and 24 by helping them identify career paths that will allow them to develop into the next generation of talent for employers in the region. He added that CWDB contracts with Iredell Community Action Research and Evaluation, Inc. (I-CARE) to deliver these services.

Shelton Moore with I-CARE introduced Khaleel Mangum, a participant in the NEXGEN program. Mr. Mangum described his experience in the program and explained that through I-CARE, he received on-the-job training at a local plumbing company. He has been able to take plumbing classes and will receive his plumbing license. He noted that having the opportunity to learn a trade and start a career has been a fun experience. He thanked the NEXGEN program for its services, adding that he hopes the program will help other young adults develop as well.

Mr. Hollars noted that Mr. Mangum is an example of what employers in the region are asking for.

**5. Grants Development Spotlight Presentation**

Vicki Bott, Grants Development Director, presented an overview of the grant services CCOG provides, which include grants research, grant writing, and Congressional relations. Regarding grant research services, CCOG distributes monthly grant news, quarterly grants forecasts, and provides project specific, preliminary grant scans for its members. She noted that she is in the process of identifying federal, state, and private grant sources for a downtown parking lot project in the Town of Belmont.

She added that during the past year, CCOG has offered two grant-writing workshops for local government staff. The organization also provides letters of support and sustainability status certification for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant applications. Ms. Bott and Leslie Mozingo, CCOG’s lobbyist, can also review grant applications for completeness, clarity, conciseness, and persuasiveness. She noted that CCOG also provides project management for the grant application process.

Ms. Bott explained that CCOG has established good relationships with members of the region’s Congressional delegation and their staff. Ms. Mozingo maintains a calendar of Congressional activities and will coordinate meetings between local elected officials and Congress members. Ms. Bott added that she and Ms. Mozingo host quarterly webinars for Congressional staff on regional initiatives. She encouraged Delegates to sign up for August Advocacy meetings to discuss CCOG priorities with members of Congress while they will be in the region during their summer recess.

**6. CCOG Regional Conference Report**

Commissioner Martin Oakes, Lincoln County, presented an overview of the 2017 Creative Solutions for Thriving Communities conference. He noted that the conference drew 200 attendees, including 180 paid registrants and 24 elected officials. The event also exceeded its sponsorship goal of \$34,500. He added that morning keynote speaker Peter Kageyama’s presentation on creatively engaging communities was one of the best he had ever seen. He also noted that some of the breakout sessions were highly interactive. Attendees have provided a lot of positive feedback on the event.

Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, City of Albemarle, remarked that Peter Kageyama’s comments could be utilized by cities and towns of all sizes.

Commissioner Oakes noted that the conference venue, the Charles Mack Citizen Center in Mooresville, is a civically owned facility with a reasonable rental price. He added that the Board’s Conference Advisory Committee, comprised of himself, Chair Kinsey, Vice Chair Bill Feather, Commissioner Bobby Compton, Mayor Will Cauthen, and Commissioner Jerry Simpson, provided direction to staff on planning the event.

**Comments from the Board of Delegates**

There were no comments from the Board of Delegates.

**Comments from the Chair**

Chair Kinsey reported that Aging Specialist Annette Demeny has been appointed to serve as a mentor of the Diabetes Self-Management Education Medicare Learning Collaborative by the National Council on Aging through an Administration on Community Living grant. She added that several Area Agency on Aging staff members have been selected to conduct workshops at nationwide conferences within the next three to four months.

She also reported that Planning Director Michelle Nance has been named one of the “50 Most Influential Women” by the Mecklenburg Times. Ms. Nance and other honorees will be recognized at a reception on May 19. Chair Kinsey added that Healthy Community Design Specialist Katherine Hebert was selected to serve as chair of the American Planning Association’s Healthy Communities Collaborative Policy

Workgroup. Planning Program Supervisor – Sustainability Jason Wager was selected to serve on the Southeast Regional U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities Coordinator Council.

**Comments from the Executive Director**

Jim Prosser, Executive Director, welcomed the attendees to CCOG’s new facility, adding that it was selected for its location and space for meetings and workshops. He asked the Delegates to let staff know how the organization can serve them better. He added that CCOG has a number of nationally recognized staff that can help members make a difference in their communities in the areas of aging services, workforce services, community and economic development, and planning.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to be discussed, Chair Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.