



**Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2022**

Jurisdictions with Delegate/Alternate Present	Delegate/Alternate Present	Jurisdictions without a Delegate/Alternate Present
Anson County	Jarvis Woodburn	Albemarle
Cabarrus County	Lynn Shue	Ansonville
Charlotte	Larken Egleston	Badin
Concord	Andy Langford	Belmont
Cramerton	Nelson Wills	Bessemer City
Davidson	Autumn Michael	Cherryville
East Spencer	Shawn Rush	Cleveland
Faith	Jayne Lingle	Cornelius
Gaston County	Bob Hovis	Dallas
Granite Quarry	Brittany Barnhardt	Gastonia
Harrisburg	Jennifer Teague and Ian Patrick	Iredell County
Huntersville	Amber Kovacs	Kannapolis
Indian Trail	Crystal Buchaluk	Kings Mountain
Lincolnton	Christine Poinsette	Landis
Lowell	Sandy Railey	Lilesville
Marshville	Paulette Blakeney	Lincoln County
Matthews	Ken McCool and Mark Tofano	Locust
Mecklenburg County	Elaine Powell	Marvin
Midland	Richard Wise	McAdenville
Misenheimer	Jeffrey Watson	Mineral Springs
Mooresville	Bobby Compton	Mint Hill
Morven	Corinthia Lewis-Lemon	Monroe
Mount Holly	Christina Pawlish	Oakboro
Norwood	Wes Hartsell	Richfield
Pineville	Amelia Stinson-Wesley	Stallings
Ranlo	Katie Cordell	Stanley
Salisbury	Karen Alexander	Stanly County
Spencer	Patricia Sledge	Wadesboro
Stanfield	James Kluttz	Waxhaw
Statesville	William Morgan	Wingate
Troutman	Jerry Oxsher	
Union County	David Williams	

Call to Order

Chairman Bobby Compton, Town of Mooresville, called the meeting to order.

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. Approval of Membership Request**
- 2. Approval of the May 11, 2022 Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Rush, Town of East Spencer, made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Ken McCool, Town of Matthews, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Compton noted that in approving the Consent Agenda, the Board approved requests from the Town of Norwood and the Town of Stanfield to join Centralina. He welcomed the communities back to the organization.

3. Federal Relations Update

Leslie Mazingo, Strategics Consulting, presented highlights of recent activities in Centralina’s Federal Action Plan. She noted that Representative Alma Adams sponsored a \$1 million funding request for Centralina’s Housing Preservation Initiative. She also noted that Representative Ted Budd, along with Representatives Adams and Richard Hudson submitted a joint, bipartisan letter in support of Centralina’s request for appropriations language that expands regional councils’ eligibility for competitive federal grants. She further noted that in May, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill reauthorizing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. She also shared an overview of changes to the region’s congressional districts.

Treasurer William Morgan, City of Statesville, thanked Ms. Mazingo for her work with Centralina. He noted that the City of Statesville also contracts with her firm, and he encouraged other communities to utilize her services if they need a federal lobbyist.

4. FY23-25 Strategic Plan and FY23 Workplan Approval

Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director, presented an overview of Centralina’s strategic planning process. She noted that the process included updating the organization’s vision statement and core values, adding that the mission statement remains the same. She presented an updated set of goals and strategies.

Commissioner Elaine Powell, Mecklenburg County, thanked everyone who worked on the planning process and noted the importance of having a strong strategic plan. She expressed her appreciation for including strategies supporting environmental stewardship and regional partnerships.

Ms. Gardner presented highlights from the FY23 Workplan. She noted that the Board will receive quarterly reports and success stories covering workplan progress. She added that the Annual Report will measure key performance indicators.

Mayor Pro Tem Rush made a motion to approve the FY23-25 Centralina Strategic Plan and FY23 Workplan. Commissioner Lynn Shue, Cabarrus County, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. ARPA Briefing: Tools for Success

Zsuzsanna Kadar, Senior Community Economic Development Coordinator, presented an overview of the four American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) expenditure categories. She explained the difference between ARPA funds and supplanted, local resource dollars. She noted the items requiring governing body approval prior to spending ARPA funds. She encouraged Delegates to work with their manager or administrator to monitor ARPA spending. She noted that the US Treasury’s guidance for ARPA continues to change. She also advised of being aware of the risks associated with ARPA administration and encouraged strategic approaches to spending the funds.

Ms. Weston noted the importance of communicating with constituents about ARPA-related decisions and suggested communication tools. She shared considerations for Delegates to keep in mind in their ARPA communication including elements to incorporate in their messaging.

Christina Danis, Community Economic Development Director, presented an overview of Centralina’s ARPA activities to date, including a Peer Consortium, sessions with individual communities, policy and procedure review, and reporting support. She explained that Centralina is available to assist member governments further with ARPA administration, including through strategic planning services, community engagement, spending plan implementation, and monitoring services.

Secretary Jarvis Woodburn, Anson County, noted that the County is working with Centralina on administering its ARPA funds to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

Chairman Compton congratulated Ms. Danis on her recent promotion to Community Economic Development Director.

Comments from the Board of Delegates and Centralina Staff

Council Member Larken Egleston, City of Charlotte, noted that this meeting would be his last one as a Centralina Delegate. He thanked Chairman Compton for his leadership and added that it was an honor to select Ms. Gardner as Executive Director.

Treasurer Morgan noted that this was also his last meeting as a Delegate. He added that he enjoyed his time working with Centralina and serving as its Treasurer.

Comments from the Executive Director

Ms. Gardner noted that Centralina is hosting an ARPA training session on August 17th for communities with allocations under \$10 million.

She noted that the Board of Delegates amended the Centralina charter in February to add language that would help with the organization’s tax compliance. She also noted that two-thirds of the member governments must ratify the amended charter to complete the amendment process, adding that to date, the organization needs six more ratifications to meet that requirement.

She expressed her appreciation to Treasurer Morgan and Council Member Egleston for their service to the Centralina Board.

Comments from the Chair

Chairman Compton congratulated Katie Kutcher, Assistant Director of Aging Programs, on receiving the Excellence in Teaching Award from UNC Charlotte's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

He read aloud honorary resolutions recognizing Treasurer Morgan and Council Member Egleston for their service to Centralina.

He reminded the Delegates of the next Board of Delegates meeting on October 12th.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.