



**Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2020**

Jurisdictions with Delegate/Alternate Present	Delegate/Alternate Present	Jurisdictions without a Delegate/Alternate Present
Albemarle	Martha Sue Hall	Ansonville
Anson County	Jarvis Woodburn	Belmont
Badin	Deloris Chambers	Cherryville
Bessemer City	Kay McCathen	Cleveland
Cabarrus County	Lynn Shue	Cornelius
Charlotte	Larken Egleston	Dallas
Concord	Andy Langford	East Spencer
Cramerton	Will Cauthen	Faith
Davidson	Autumn Michael	Gaston County
Gastonia	Jennifer Stepp and Charles Odom	Kannapolis
Granite Quarry	Bill Feather	Kings Mountain
Harrisburg	Troy Selberg	Landis
Huntersville	Lance Munger	Lincolnton
Indian Trail	Jerry Morse	Locust
Iredell County	Gene Houpe	Marvin
Lincoln County	Rich Permenter	Matthews
Lowell	Sandy Railey	Midland
Marshville	Virginia Morgan	Mineral Springs
McAdenville	Jay McCosh	Mint Hill
Mecklenburg County	Trevor Fuller	Misenheimer
Monroe	Angelia James	Morven
Mooresville	Bobby Compton	Norwood
Mount Holly	Christina Pawlish	Oakboro
Pineville	Amelia Stinson-Wesley	Ranlo
Spencer	Jonathan Williams and Patricia Sledge	Richfield
Stallings	David Scholl	Salisbury
Troutman	George Harris	Stanley
Union County	Jerry Simpson	Stanly County
Waxhaw	Pedro Morey	Statesville
		Wadesboro
		Wingate

Call to Order

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

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

Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the February 12, 2020 and May 13, 2020 Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes

Council Member Larken Egleston, City of Charlotte, made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gene Houpe, Iredell County, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. FY2021 Workplan Presentation

Ms. Gardner noted that the Executive Board approved the workplan at its June meeting. She presented highlights related to the workplan’s seven regional goals: growth, mobility, health and resilience, economic development, talent, operations, and local government support.

Michelle Nance, Planning Director, presented an overview of the Planning Department’s work in assisting local governments with meeting new state requirements for land use. She explained that each jurisdiction is required to update its zoning, subdivision, unified development ordinances, and other codes by July 1, 2021 and must have a comprehensive plan in place by July 1, 2022. She noted that Centralina staff has held training sessions on the new requirements and is working with several communities on land use plans and code updates.

Ms. Weston presented an overview of Centralina’s grants services. She noted that information about federal and state grant opportunities is available in the member portal on the organization’s new website. She further that noted that in addition to offering training sessions on grant writing, Centralina can provide individual assistance through letters of support for grant applications, strategy sessions, grant application review, and grant administration services.

Ms. Gardner added that each member government has been assigned a Government Affairs and Member Engagement staff member who will serve as its member liaisons as part of an effort to build stronger relationships and ensure the organization understands member needs.

Chairman Compton noted that growth and mobility were two of the top themes that emerged from the CONNECT Our Future project. He added that the member liaison model sounds like a great plan.

3. Federal Relations Update

Leslie Mazingo, Strategics Consulting, reported that Congress has been working on the next installment of federal relief for COVID-19. She noted that negotiations about providing additional assistance to state and local governments through the Coronavirus Relief Fund are ongoing, adding that there has been a call to action to provide assistance to communities with populations of less than 500,000. She noted that the current federal fiscal year expires on September 30th and it is likely Congress will pass a continuing resolution to fund the government beyond October 1st. She also noted that federal grants funded through the FY20 appropriations cycle will continue to be awarded. She presented the schedule for August Advocacy meetings, explaining that the meetings are an opportunity for Delegates to discuss their communities’ priorities with members of the region’s Congressional delegation.

Chairman Compton noted that the advocacy meeting he attended with Congressman Budd went well. He encouraged other Delegates to participate in these virtual meetings.

4. COVID-19 Regional Coordination Update

Ms. Gardner noted that Centralina departments continue to pivot and respond to COVID-19, adding that the efforts by the Centralina Area Agency on Aging and the Community and Economic Development department are just two examples of the ongoing work the organization is doing to support communities through the pandemic.

Debi Lee, Assistant Administrator Aging Programs, presented an update on the Regional Ombudsmen's activities, noting they have been continuing their advocacy and complaint resolution casework via phone, email, and virtual meetings. She reported that through the Family Caregiver Support program, staff has distributed needed supplies including animatronic companion pets, hand sanitizer, groceries, activity aprons for individuals with dementia, and personal protective equipment. She noted that meal program service models had to change quickly, transitioning from congregate sites to home delivery. She further reported that the department is working to distribute over \$4 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds that should create short-term relief in service gaps.

Victoria Avramovic, Community and Economic Development Assistant Director, noted that the department received a grant for a disaster coordinator position to help support local governments in improving their capacity to respond to disasters both physically and economically, and to coordinate interlocal recovery resources. She also noted that the Centralina Economic Development District received funding from the Economic Development Administration through the CARES Act to examine supply chain dependency and impacts of COVID-19 on workforce and industry. She reported that the department worked with Mecklenburg County in developing and implementing its Microbusiness Stabilization Fund, which focuses on aid for businesses owned by low-income individuals that have experienced losses due to COVID-19. She also reported that the department is assisting Union County in administering funds to support public service providers. She further reported that the department is assisting Union County with its Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation and helping Mecklenburg County develop its MeckCounty CARES Small Business Grant.

5. CCOG Name Change Approval

Chairman Compton noted this item was on the May Board of Delegates meeting agenda, but the Board was unable to take action because a quorum was not present at that meeting. He expressed his support for the name change, adding that at its March meeting, the Executive Board voted on the first step in the process, the filing of an Assumed Business Name certificate. He further noted that the name better represents the organization and where it is headed.

Ms. Gardner explained that the new name puts regionalism at the center of what the organization does without changing the fact that local governments remain the heart of the organization. She added that the organization thinks and acts regionally, not just with local governments but also with partners in the private and nonprofit sectors. She noted that name changes are a trend among other councils of government across the country and around the state.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to officially change the organization's name to the Centralina Regional Council and update the Council's charter, bylaws, and other official documents accordingly. Commissioner Houpe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Compton thanked the Board of Delegates for their unanimous vote, noting that the proposal to change the organization's name involved months of research. He added that the change will move the organization forward.

Comments from the Board of Delegates

Mayor Pro Tem Hall noted that former Centralina Chairman and former Statesville City Council Member Michael Johnson is being treated for cancer.

Commissioner Rich Permenter, Lincoln County, noted that the assistance the Community and Economic Development department is providing to Mecklenburg and Union Counties for CARES Act funding administration is an impressive service.

Comments from the Executive Director

Ms. Gardner thanked the Board for its affirmation and vote on the organization's name change. She presented an overview of the virtual brand launch, noting that it will feature an introductory video about the organization, remarks about the brand and new website, and the Region of Excellence Awards ceremony.

Comments from the Chairman

Chairman Compton noted that Ms. Weston graduated from the Master of Public Administration program at UNC Charlotte in May. He also noted that Council Member Egleston has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

He further noted that the Delegates will receive a Delegate Report Out via email, which will include a set of talking points covering the key updates discussed during the meeting. He asked the Delegates to share the report out at the next meeting of their town, city, or county board or council.

Chairman Compton stated that the next Board of Delegates meeting will be held on October 14th and will be held virtually.

He encouraged the Delegates to remain on the Zoom call following adjournment to view the virtual brand launch.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.