



**Centralina Economic Development District
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2023**

Officer Present	Board Members Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
Cliff Brumfield, Chair Candice Lowder, Vice Chair Dr. Leslie Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer	Leigh Altman Melinda Bales Jenn Bosser Cliff Brumfield Rod Crider Thomas Cureton Juan Garzón Ronne Grantham Leslie Johnson Angela Karchmer Anna London Candice Lowder Bill Thunberg Melanie Underwood Jarvis Woodburn	Anna Lu Wilson Geraldine Gardner Christina Danis Guests Patrick Lucitt

Call to Order

Chairman Cliff Brumfield called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Anna Lu Wilson, Community Economic Development Coordinator called the 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 April 20, 2023, Centralina Economic Development District Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Approval of the Quarterly Financial Update**
- 3. Adoption of Policies & Procedures**

Regular Agenda

- 4. Final Reading and Adoption of By-Laws Amendment**

The Board completed a third and final reading of the proposed amendments to the organization's by-laws and voted for approval. Centralina Economic Development District made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. EDA Update

Hillary Sherman, North Carolina EDA Representative shared with the Board an update on current EDA funding opportunities including Tech Hubs, Build to Scale, and Recompets program, and shared information on the new EDA EDGE Portal.

6. EDA Tech Hubs Update

Greg Needham the Executive Director of the Office of Research Partnerships Division of Research at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte provided a brief overview of the developing regional consortium for an EDA Tech Hubs designation to support our Advanced Manufacturing cluster as it relates to optics and innovation.

7. CEDS Work Session

Board members participated in an interactive session led by Centralina Staff to map organization focus areas and alignment to CEDS and identify priorities for implementation.

Comments from the Board of Delegates and Centralina Staff

None

Comments from the Executive Director

Geraldine Gardner thanked the Board for their continued support.

Comments from the Chair

The next Centralina Economic Development District meeting will be held on October 19, 2023. This will be the last CEDDD meeting for the calendar year.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Cliff Brumfield adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.