



**CENTRALINA**  
Community Economic  
Development

**Centralina Economic Development District  
Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2024**

<b>Officer Present</b>	<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Centralina Staff and Guests Present</b>
Cliff Brumfield, Board Chairman Candice Lowder, Vice Chair Dr. Leslie Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer	Jenn Bosser Randy Collins Greg Edds Juan Garzón Ronne Grantham Donny Hicks David Hollars Leslie Johnson Alan Kathman Anna London Patrick Lucitt Bill Thunberg Melanie Underwood Jarvis Woodburn	Anna Lu Wilson Geraldine Gardner Christina Danis Narissa Claiborne

**Call to Order**

Chairman Cliff Brumfield called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

Board Administrator, Narissa Claiborne took the role. A quorum was established.

**Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of the October 17<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda**

- 1. Approval of the April 18 and June 20 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Quarterly Financial Update**
- 3. 2025 Centralina Economic Development District meeting schedule**

Chairman Cliff Brumfield called for a motion to approve the October 17, 2024, CEDD consent agenda.

Bill Thunberg motioned to approve the consent agenda and Commissioner Jarvis Woodburn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Regular Agenda**

**Item 4. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update & EDA Grant CEDS Annual Report**

Anna Lu Wilson, Centralina presented an update on the progress of the 2023-2028 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), Prosperity for All. Anna London, Executive Director of Charlotte Works shared an overview of the pathway in partnership with the CELC that will be presented in more detail at the upcoming Centralina CEDD Board Meeting. Anna Lu finished with the CEDS successes.

Chairman Brumfield called for a motion to approve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update & EDA Grant CEDS Annual Report.

Bill Thunberg made the motion. Alan Kathman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 5. District Focus – CICOM Initiative**

Centralina EDD Board members received an update on the progress of the Carolinas Innovation Center for Optics and Metrology (CICOM) and engaged in a discussion that further supports CICOM's efforts to position the Charlotte region as a national hub for optics and metrology. Centralina Executive Director Geraldine Gardner asked the Board to think about how to proceed moving forward within the work and scope of the grant.

**Item 6.NC Innovation Update**

Ms. Mary Lou Bourne, Regional Innovation Network Director for Charlotte of NCInnovation, shared guidance with the Board on their progress, focusing on engagement with industry partners including their approach, benefits, and the work model.

**Comments from Staff and Executive Director**

Ms. Gardner shared a preview of the upcoming January Board Meeting, including:

- Charlotte Executive Leadership Council and CharlotteWorks Healthcare Workforce Pilot project.
- Planning for upcoming cluster analysis
- Wellness check of Hilary Sherman in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene
  - Hilary will share an EDA Update at the January Meeting.

**Comments from the Chair**

The next Centralina Economic Development District meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This meeting will be held at the Centralina Office.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to be discussed, Vice Chairman Candice Lowder adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.