



CENTRALINA
Community Economic
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**Centralina Economic Development District
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2024**

Officer Present	Board Members Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
Candice Lowder, Vice Chair Dr. Leslie Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer	Leigh Altman Jenn Bosser Randy Collins Better Doster Juan Garzón Donny Hicks Alan Kathman Bill Thunberg Melanie Underwood Jarvis Woodburn Anna London	Anna Lu Wilson Geraldine Gardner Christina Danis Narissa Claiborne Guests Patrick Lucitt Tommy D.

Call to Order

Vice Chair Candice Lowder called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Each Centralina Economic Development District member introduced themselves as 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 January 18, 2024, Centralina Economic Development District Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Candice Lowder called for a motion to approve the January 18, 2024, CEDD meeting minutes.

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

Regular Agenda

Item 2. CEDS Update and Regional Conversation

Centralina Executive Director Geraldine Gardner and Christina Danise recapped items related to the CEDs implementation plan. Specifically, they highlighted each CEDD goal including Goal 1 – Expanding Economic Opportunity for All, Build Community Supportive Infrastructure, and Goal 3- Strengthening Economic Resilience and Global Competitiveness. Each member was invited to contribute to the work of the CEDS as part of the Around the Region report.

Item 3. FY25 Workplan and Budget Presentation

Centralina Director Christina Danis and Anna Lu Wilson, CEDD Community Economic Development Coordinator presented the FY25 workplan for approval. Denise Strosser, Centralina Finance Director gave an overview of the FY25 placeholder budget and matching funds assessment rate and shared the quarterly financial update.

Vice Chair, Candice Lowder called for a motion to approve FY25 Workplan and FY24-25 Budget

Bill Thunberg Executive Director of the Lake Norman Transportation Commission made the motion and Jenn Bosser President & CEO of Iredell County Economic Development Corporation seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. State and Federal Partners Report- EDA, SCRC

State economic development partner Melanie Underwood shared highlights regarding State initiatives and upcoming items related to Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina. Ms. Wilson also shared information regarding the Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant and the timeline for the next grant as well as progress on the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission Grant.

Item 5. CEDS Goal Discussion

Ms. Gardner invited the Board to have a focused discussion on the CEDD goal of their choice. The Board broke out into groups according to the goal of their choice. The CEDs team facilitated these goal discussions. After this, they reported the group discussion topics and ideas.

Comments from the Chair

The next Centralina Economic Development District meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024. 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 5:31 p.m.