Centralina Economic Development District
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2026 11:00 a.m.

Officer Present	Board Members Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
Geraldine Gardner, President	Gretchen Carson Rod Crider Greg Edds Juan Garzón Ronne Grantham David Hollars Patrick Lucitt Ron Mahle Debbie-Normandia-Berrios Melanie O'Connell-Underwood Sha Rana Susan Rodriquez-McDowell Bill Thunberg	Christina Danis Holly Eskridge Shanta Watkins Anna Lu Wilson

Call to Order
Vice Chair Patrick Lucitt called the meeting to order.

Roll Call
Board Administrator, Shanta Watkins took the role. A quorum was established.

Amendments to the Agenda
There were no amendments to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Approval of 6/18/2026 Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of the 04/16/2026 Meeting Minutes**
2. **Approval of the Quarterly Financial Update through 5/31/2026**

Vice Chair Patrick Lucitt called for a motion to approve the June 18, 2026, CEDD consent agenda.

Bill Thunberg motioned to approve the consent agenda and Ron Mahle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Regular Agenda

Item 3. FY27 Centralina EDD Workplan and CEDS Implementation Priorities

Staff provided an overview of the proposed FY27 Work Plan, including key priorities and activities supporting CEDS implementation, regional workforce and talent coordination, mobility and resilience initiatives, regional data and economic storytelling efforts, federal funding support and development of the 2027–2031 CEDS update.
Bill Thunberg motioned to approve the consent agenda and Sha Rana seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Item 4. Welcome to The Pearl/Working Lunch

Sha Rana welcomed the Board to The Pearl. Board members gave comments regarding upcoming events.

- July 27 – Rowan and Cabarrus Child Care Summit Luncheon
- August 19 – Iredell Child Care Summit Breakfast
- September 15 – Regional Resilience collaborative Luncheon
- October 15 – Southeast Defense Innovation Center will host a National Security Workshop at Kannapolis City Hall

Comments from the Chair

The next Centralina Economic Development District meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at Centralina Regional Council. Key actions will include approval of the NCRR Grant Agreement and Subaward Agreement.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Vice Chair Patrick Lucitt adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Tour of The Pearl