



**Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates**  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm Hybrid  
Central Pines Regional Council  
4307 Emperor Blvd., Durham, NC

**Delegates & Alternates Attending:**

Sheveil Harmon, Angier  
Ashley Strickland, Angier (A)  
Brett Gantt, Apex  
Matthew Mulhollem, Archer Lodge  
Thomas Beal, Broadway  
Randee Haven O'Donnell, Carrboro  
Jennifer Robinson, Cary  
Sarika Bansal, Cary (A)  
DeDreana Freeman, Durham  
Bryan Haynes, Fuquay-Varina  
Kathleen Ferguson, Hillsborough  
Chris Deshazor, Holly Springs  
Timothy Forrest, Holly Springs (A)  
Katy Garcia, Micro  
Steve Rao, Morrisville  
Jean Hamilton, Orange County  
Sally Greene, Orange County (A)  
Stacy Johnson, Princeton  
Ronnie Currin, Rolesville  
Andy Moore, Smithfield  
Mark Akinosho, Sanford  
Susan Evans, Wake County  
Nick Sliwinski, Wake Forest  
Joe DeLoach, Wendell  
Deans Eatman, Wendell (A)  
Linda Vandercook, Whispering Pines

**CPRC Staff Attending:**

Alana Keegan, Local Government  
Services Director  
Beth Davis, Member Engagement  
Coordinator  
Lee Worsley, Executive Director  
Emily Barrett, Environment & Resilience  
Director  
Ben Bearden,  
Patty Barry, Senior Water Resources  
Planner  
Ashley Price, Area Agency on Aging  
Assistant Director

**Guests Attending:**

Ken Marshburn, Former Board Member  
Bill Haiges, Former Board Member  
Chad Sary, Former Board Member  
Lori Bush, JLOW Chair  
Pam Hemminger, Former Mayor  
Sydney Miller, Senior Water Resources  
Manager, City of Durham Water  
Management  
Whit Wheeler, Raleigh Water Director  
Jamie Revels, Cary, NC Utilities Director

1. Call to Order		6:00 pm
a.	Call to Order and Welcome <i>Official: Brett Gantt, Vice Chair</i>	
b.	Roll Call <i>Beth Davis, Member Engagement Coordinator</i>	
c.	Declaration of Quorum <i>Official: Brett Gantt, Vice Chair</i>	

Vice Chair Gantt called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and reviewed the process for hybrid meetings. Beth Davis, Member Engagement Coordinator, completed Roll Call and it was determined there was a quorum present at the meeting.

## 2. Review of Agenda

### a. Review of Agenda

*Official: Brett Gantt, Vice Chair*

Potential Action: Vice Chair Gantt will approve

Action: Vice Chair Gantt declared that the agenda was approved as presented.

## 3. Presentations and Recognitions

### a. Recognition of Outgoing Delegates and Alternates

*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Vice Chair*

Vice Chair Gantt recognized outgoing delegates and alternates who leave the Board of Delegates each year due to elections or changes in local government appointments.

Each January, the Board recognizes these outgoing Board Members and Alternates for their dedication and service to the Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC). Outgoing Board Members and Alternates include:

- Former Delegate Bob Smith, former Angier Mayor.
- Former Delegate Michael Parker, former Chapel Hill Councilmember.
- Former Delegate Jason Thompson, former Clayton Councilmember. Mr. Thompson also served CPRC as a former Chair of the Aging Advisory Committee.
- Former Alternate Delegate Aaron Wolff, former Holly Springs Councilmember.
- Former Delegate Don Rains, former Princeton Mayor. Mr. Rains is a past CPRC Board Chair, a former CPRC Executive Committee member, and a former delegate to the North Carolina Association of Regional Councils Forum, serving as its Chair. Mr. Rains also has served as the inaugural and only Town of Princeton Delegate for over 20 years.
- Former Alternate Delegate Michelle Medley, former Rolesville Councilmember.
- Former Delegate Bill Haiges, former Siler City Councilmember. Mr. Haiges also served as a CPRC Board representative on the Foreign Trade Zone Board and served most recently as its Vice Chair. Mr. Haiges will continue to serve the FTZ Board as a non-elected member.
- Former Delegate Carol Haney, former Southern Pines Mayor.
- Former Delegate Chad Sary, former Wake Forest Councilmember.
- Former Alternate Delegate Larry Loucks, former Zebulon Councilmember. Mr. Loucks also served CPRC as Zebulon's Delegate.

- Former Alternate Delegate Larry Smith, former Fuquay Varina Councilmember. Mr. Smith also served CPRC as Fuquay Varina's Delegate
- Former Alternate Delegate Alexa Roberts, former Whispering Pines Councilmember.
- Former Delegate Ken Marshburn, former Garner Mayor. Mr. Marshburn also served CPRC as a Board Officer and a member of the Executive Committee.

Ken Marshburn shared a bit about his time as Mayor and the importance of working together as a region. Mr. Worsley recognized former Board Chair Freeman for her service over the past year. Lee Worsley shared his gratitude for those delegates who have served our board.

- b. Recognition of Outgoing DCHC MPO Board Members  
*Presenter: Doug Plachcinski, DCHC MPO Director*

Executive Director Doug Plachcinski recognized outgoing board members. Mayors Pam Hemminger of Chapel Hill, Jenn Weaver of Hillsborough, and Damon Seils of Carrboro did not run for reelection in 2023 and were no longer eligible to serve as DCHC MPO Board members. Additionally, Leonardo Williams is Durham's new mayor and will not represent the city on the MPO Board in 2024. Mr. Plachcinski celebrated their service and contributions to the western Triangle's continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning. Doug Plachcinski has personally made contributions to charitable organizations of their choice.

- c. Recognition of Former Mayor Pam Hemminger  
*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Vice Chair, Emily Barrett, Environment & Resilience Director, Liz Johnson, JLOW Chair*

Vice Chair Gantt recognized Pam Hemminger for her outstanding service in the creation of Jordan Lake One Water (JLOW). JLOW first convened in 2017 due to Former Mayor Hemminger's efforts to bring key elected officials to the table. While we know that "Mayor Pam" has left her mark permanently on Chapel Hill, we would like to especially thank her for her leadership, foresight, and vision in seeing the value of working together regionally on water resource planning for Jordan Lake.

Lori Bush, JLOW Board Chair, shared comments about the work that Ms. Hemminger has done for water in the region. Emily Barrett, Environment & Resilience Director, presented Ms. Hemminger with a gift of service. DeDreana Freeman commented how crucial this organization is for the region in saving millions of dollars over time. Ms. Hemminger shared some background on the beginnings of JLOW. She commented that it would save more than just dollars and keep our environment clean and healthy.

d. Welcome Incoming Delegates and Alternates

*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Vice Chair*

Vice Chair Gantt recognized and introduced the new incoming board member delegates and alternates who join the Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates yearly because of elections and local government appointment processes.

Each January, the Board welcomes these new Board members to the Board of Delegates and asks each new Board member and Alternate to introduce themselves. Incoming Board Members and Alternates include:

- Delegate Sheveil Harmon, Town of Angier
- Alternate Delegate Ashley Strickland, Town of Angier
- Alternate Delegate Ed Gray, Town of Apex
- Delegate Matthew Mullhollem, Town of Archer Lodge
- Alternate Sakira Bansal, Town of Cary
- Delegate Michael Sims, Town of Clayton
- Alternate Delegate Porter Casey, Town of Clayton
- Delegate Jason Wunsch, Town of Fuquay Varina
- Alternate Delegate Bryan Haynes, Town of Fuquay Varina
- Alternate Delegate Chris Deshazor, Town of Holly Springs
- Alternate Delegate April Stephens, Johnston County
- Alternate Delegate Cameron Sharpe, Lee County
- Alternate Delegate Donna Fender, Town of Morrisville
- Alternate Delegate Sally Greene, Orange County
- Delegate Stacy Johnson, Town of Princeton
- Alternate Delegate Walter Martin, Town of Princeton
- Alternate Delegate Mark Akinosho, City of Sanford
- Alternate Delegate Travis Patterson, Town of Siler City
- Alternate Delegate George Blackwell, Jr., Town of Vass
- Delegate Nick Sliwinski, Town of Wake Forest
- Alternate Delegate Angie Mullennix, Village of Whispering Pines
- Alternate Delegate Tim Brown, Wilson's Mills
- Delegate Shannon Baxter, Town of Zebulon

e. Recognition of CPRC Years of Service Awards

*Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director*

CPRC annually recognizes employees who have reached years of service milestones with their career at Central Pines. Mr. Worsley recognized the following employees for their contributions and dedication to the organization.

- Aimee Kepler, Regional Ombudsman has served CPRC for 20 years.
- Ben Bearden, GIS Analyst has served CPRC for 20 years.
- Carolyn Pennington, Regional Ombudsman has served CPRC for 10 years.

- f. Local Government Highlight: Two Long-Standing Regional Water Resource Projects – the Triangle Area Water Supply Monitoring Partnership and the Triangle Water Supply Partnership  
Presenters: Emily Barrett, Environment & Resilience Director; Sydney Mill, Senior Water Resources Manager, City of Durham Water Management; Whit Wheeler, Raleigh Water Director; Jamie Revels, Cary, NC Utilities Director

Emily Barrett introduced the local government highlight focusing on water resource projects. Syd Miller, Senior Water Resources Manager for City of Durham Water Management shared about the Triangle Area Water Supply Monitoring Partnership.

Central Pines Regional Council has a long history of supporting regional efforts to build value by working regionally on environmental issues, especially water resources management. Member governments will describe two water resources efforts, the Triangle Area Water Supply Monitoring Partnership, and the Triangle Water Supply Partnership.

Whit Wheeler, Raleigh Water Director shared information about the Triangle Water Supply Partnership. This partnership was formed in 2018 with 13 partners, now 15.

Jamie Revels, Cary Utilities Director spoke on the Lead and Copper Workgroup. This workgroup allows discussion on technical issues like how to use predictive modeling to be more efficient in looking at our systems as a whole.

Delegate Randee O'Donnell asked if the workgroups are working on the PFAS issue and if there is a regional approach to filtration. Ms. Barrett responded that there currently isn't a regional approach to filtration yet, but the experts are paying attention to PFAS. Mr. Wheeler shared that they have been very aware of what's being detected and are discussing how to meet pending regulations. Mr. Revels added that they've conducted site visits and this information is available to Central Pines members. A pilot test is being done at the Cary-Apex water treatment facility to test the different technologies.

Delegate Steve Rao expressed his concern about the water supply with the growth that's happening as a result of the money being put into

manufacturing in the area. Mr. Revels shared that water supply and water capacity, but they have started a brand-new long-range water resources plan. That way they can plan to make sure their water supplies will always be robust. All the partners were represented at the kickoff for this plan to make sure they were well-prepared.

Delegate Deans Eatman inquired about the Little River reservoir. Mr. Wheeler responded that they are looking at which one of the options are best for the region. Mr. Revels shared that working regionally is one of the strengths of this plan. Mr. Miller added that these plans are not one-off plans. This is repeated every 5-10 years, and they are looking out 30-50 years at a time. Ms. Barrett mentioned that they are doing a one-year study on PFAS.

Alternate Delegate Mark Akinosho asked how good our water source is. Mr. Wheeler said we are projected to have wetter years rather than dryer years in the future. Mr. Revels reiterated that the water supply is very robust, although there is some fluctuation. They try to make it so citizens notice no difference.

Mr. Miller noted that they don't only look at all water as a whole, not just raw water. Mr. Wheeler said that conservation efforts have helped in usage amounts.

Delegate Freeman asked if the unincorporated areas were taken into account. Mr. Miller said they take into account cities versus well-water. They are not planning around those wells. Mr. Revels said they are planning for changing densities. Any utility will extend services to a failed well if that home is close enough to the city.

Vice Chair Gantt asked about the lead graphic. Mr. Revels said they have to identify public and private lines that have lead. Lori Bush shared that letters were mailed to homeowners to help them identify if there is a potential for lead in older homes. They have been hyper focused on lead lined galvanized lines.

Delegate Ronnie Currin asked who is looking at overall long-term planning in Wake and Durham County to make sure we are not still putting wells in. Radon is very bad in well water and makes people sick. Ms. Barrett mentioned looking at the state level for regionalizing this.

4. Business

5. Consent

*Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by a single motion unless a member of the Board or Delegates requests an item be removed. Any item that is removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered individually after the Consent Agenda.*

- a. DRAFT Minutes: October 25, 2023
- b. Budget Amendment #5 – Resolution 2024-01-01

Vice Chair Gantt reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any items needed to be moved. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action: Adoption of Consent Agenda

Motion: Delegate Kathleen Ferguson

Second: Delegate Susan Evans

Ms. Davis facilitated a roll call vote, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

## 6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

## 7. Public Hearings

## 8. Executive Director's Report

- a. Executive Director's Report  
*Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director*  
Potential Action: None – Receive as Information

Committees/Subcommittees-an email will be coming out to gauge interest. Ronnie Currin volunteered to be on the Forum. There is also a position on the Foreign Trade Zone board. Sarika Bansal and Kathleen Ferguson are interested in this.

The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is looking for a Chair for their Aging Advisory Committee to help shepherd the Aging Plan. The Chair must be a board member.

Mr. Worsley shared that the full board would be meeting less frequently, but there will be focus area subcommittees to help guide the work in those areas. There won't be a transportation committee because there are already many transportation committees in the region. These groups would possibly come together once a year and meet quarterly at most.

## 9. Chair's Report

- a. Chair's Report  
*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Vice Chair*

No report.

## 10. Around the Region

### a. Around the Region Reports/Updates

Potential Action: None – Receive as Information

Prompt: What event or project are you most excited about occurring this year?

Wake County – Recently celebrated the opening of the Corner Stone center, which will have 20 units to serve homeless people dealing with housing insecurity and substance abuse.

Cary – Just completed a pilot for a food waste drop off, now opening a second site for composting.

Hillsborough – The mental health urgent care center that will support homelessness is moving forward, sited in Hillsborough (in partnership with Orange County).

Morrisville – They are winning awards in Smart Cities and working on a language collaborative on Indian immigrants speaking Hindi, offering translation services meeting their goal of inclusivity. 48.5% of their population is from India.

Carrboro – They will be opening a new Library this summer in partnership with Orange County that will house a teen center, local radio station, and Town of Carrboro Parks & Recreation Cultural Center.

Holly Springs – Passed a \$100 million bond for state of the arts park and recently had a groundbreaking ceremony for an operation center and a new fire station.

Fuquay-Varina – Voted #1 safest town in NC, #18 nationally.

Wendell – Had a local landowner partnership that protects 125 acres in conservation; ribbon cutting on new WakeMed 12 bed emergency department; new park with multi-purpose field; Wake County Delegate Susan Evans gave some background on the farmland conservation efforts. Rollback taxes are now being dedicated to fund conservation efforts.

Durham – Opened a new pickleball court (16 courts); partnering with Duke to conduct an early college health program.

Archer Lodge – A ribbon cutting for first town park will be happening soon as a result of grant funds after having been incorporated only 14 years ago.



Sanford – There is lots of development happening in Sanford and they are also celebrating 150 years.

Orange County – Recently hired a consultant to look at conditions of public school facilities and working toward funding this work.

Apex – Preparing to break ground on the first project from their Downtown plan.

Angier – They are busting at the seams with growth & development, and have a lot on horizon.

#### 11. Other Business

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*Presenter: Brett Gantt, Vice Chair*


#### 12. Adjournment

a. Adjourn the Meeting

Potential Action: Motion to Adjourn

With there being nothing further, the Vice Chair Gantt adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Duly adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2024 while in regular session.



R. S. Lawter, Jr.  
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Beth Davis  
Clerk to the Board  
Central Pines Regional Council