

# CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL

## SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 28 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Virtual

Chair Byron McAllister Presiding

### **Delegates & Alternates Attending:**

Sheveil Harmon, Town of Angier  
Amanda Robertson, Chatham County  
Katie Kenlan, Chatham County (A)  
Michelle Burton, Durham County  
Mike Lee, Durham County (A)  
Chris Deshazor, Holly Springs  
Kirk Smith, Lee County  
Sally Greene, Orange County  
Rebecca Salmon, City of Sanford  
Byron McAllister, Town of Selma  
Amy West Whitley, Town of Selma (A)  
Susan Evans, Wake County  
Shinica Thomas, Wake County (A)

### **CPRC Staff Attending:**

Jenny Halsey, Deputy Executive Director  
Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director  
Beth Seidel, Member Engagement Coordinator  
Lee Worsley, Executive Director

### **Guests Attending:**

Kyle Leopard, Strategics Consulting

#### 1. Call to Order

- a. Call to Order  
*Byron McAllister, Board Chair*
- b. Roll Call  
*Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board*
- c. Declaration of Quorum  
*Byron McAllister, Board Chair*

Chair Byron McAllister called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and went over housekeeping information. He reminded everyone about the virtual meeting guidelines. Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board, called roll

and a quorum was met.

## 2. Review of Agenda

- a. Review of Agenda  
*Byron McAllister, Board Chair*  
Potential Action: Chair McAllister will approve

Chair McAllister approved the agenda.

## 3. Presentations & Recognition

## 4. Public Hearing

## 5. Business

- a. 2026 Central Pines Regional Council Federal Action Plan  
*Presenters: Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director & Kyle Leopard, Strategics Consulting*  
Potential Action: Place on Consent Agenda

CPRC maintains regular, active engagement with our state and federal legislative offices and with key government agencies to advance the interests of our organization and our member communities. We advocate in two main ways: For CPRC itself, to support our programs, operations, and funding, and for our local governments, to support federal policy that advances the needs of our region. We do this work in partnership with our government affairs firm, Strategics Consulting. Together, we develop a formal federal action plan each year. This plan clearly states our policy and funding priorities, and targets areas where there is a realistic opportunity to secure funding or policy support.

This year's Federal Action Plan builds on last year's foundation that was adopted by the Board of Delegates and goes further by clearly defining our policy priorities.

There were several questions from the board and discussion about housing. Delegate Susan Evans mentioned that CPRC recently created a Housing subcommittee to come up with regional solutions.

Lee Worlsey mentioned that he and Alana Keegan will be heading to Washington DC next week.

This item was placed on the Consent Agenda.

## 6. Consent Agenda

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

- a. Adopt 2026 Central Pines Regional Council Federal Action Plan, Resolution #2026-01-01
- b. Resolution for CPRC’s Triangle Transportation Choices Grant Program’s FY27 Annual Grant Applications Funded by NC Department of Transportation, Resolution #2026-01-02

Transportation Director Matt Day gave a brief overview of item b. This is a grant that CPRC receives every year from NCDOT to provide a portion of the funding for the Triangle Transportation Choices program, which is the regional travel demand management program.

CPRC receives its funding from the two main MPOs in the region (CAMPO and Triangle West TPO), but it also receives a portion from NCDOT. CPRC is required to apply for this funding annually, and as part of that, we are required to get a resolution approved from the board as a part of the application.

**Action:** Adoption of Consent Agenda as presented

Motion: Delegate Sally Greene

Second: Delegate Mike Lee

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call

## 7. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

## 8. Around the Region

- a. Around the Region  
*Presenter: Byron McAllister, Board Chair*

Chair McAllister asked the Executive Committee to share how local governments are helping unhoused people during the winter weather. He shared that they have several shelters in Smithfield.

Delegate Kirk Smith shared that Lee County did not open a shelter. However, if there had been a power outage, they would have moved in that direction. It appears that most people prefer to stay at home.

Delegate Sally Greene shared that Orange County did have a cold weather shelter, as well as a school gym.

Delegate Susan Evans shared that Wake County opened two shelters. Fortunately, there weren’t many power outages, but there were a few people who took advantage of it. They also offered some food services.

Delegate Rebecca Salmon shared that they have a White Flag shelter that operates throughout the year and it was operational during the ice

storm.

Delegate Mike Lee shared that there was a shelter opened at Northern Durham High School.

## 9. Chair's Report

### a. Chair's Report

*Presenter: Byron McAllister, Board Chair*

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Chair McAllister shared that he and Vice Chair Evans had conversations with the Chair and Vice Chair of Triangle West TPO to discuss the lack of communication when it comes to finance. They plan to meet with them again on February 11.

Vice Chair Susan Evans gave some clarification on the history of these conversations. The Triangle West TPO Board Chair was the one who brought up this concern because they had not been brought up to speed on these financial and communication issues.

Delegate Sally Greene shared that she sits on the Triangle West TPO and shared some background from the Board's side. She shared that requests had been made from the Board to discuss the fund balance policy, however it has not been brought up yet. Delegate Greene expressed that she wished the TPO Board had been brought into the conversation a little earlier regarding issues between CPRC and TWTPPO.

Vice Chair Evans asked CPRC Executive Director Lee Worsley to share a bit more about the fund balance policy for Triangle West.

Chair McAllister suggested touch points throughout the year with the TWTPPO Board on financial matters to make sure everyone is on the same page.

## 10. Executive Director's Report

### a. Executive Director's Report

*Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director*

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Executive Director Lee Worsley apologized for the change of meeting type, but with the winter weather making travel a bit dangerous, we felt this was the best option.

Tomorrow is the department head retreat where they will kickoff CPRC budget development. The SLT will be developing goals and strategy

development, getting the strategic plan ready for adoption.

CPRC is hosting several Regional Flood Resiliency Workshops coming up in February in partnership with Mid-Carolina Regional Council and the Nature Conservancy. There will be two workshops, one at CPRC and one in Harnett County.

A few of CPRC's street outreach staff members (Durham and Chatham) worked over the weekend with individuals who needed shelter. The Executive Director shared that he appreciated their efforts.

Executive Director Worsley has been appointed to the National FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee, representing the National Association of Regional Councils.

Regional Day is February 20, and the Executive Director stated that he would love to have all members of the Executive Committee there. This is a day to meet other elected officials in the region. Data Centers and the history and future of RTP will be specific topics for the event.

#### 11. Closed Session

#### 12. Other Business

a. Other Business

*Presenter: Byron McAllister, Board Chair*

#### 13. Adjournment

With there being nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Duly adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026 while in regular session.



Byron McAllister  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

*Beth Seidel*

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Beth Seidel  
Clerk to the Board  
Central Pines Regional Council