

CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Virtual

Chair Byron McAllister Presiding

Delegates & Alternates Attending:

Amanda Robertson, Chatham County

Michelle Burton, Durham County

Kathleen Ferguson, Town of Hillsborough

Chris Deshazor, Holly Springs

Tom Adams, Moore County

Byron McAllister, Town of Selma

Susan Evans, Wake County

Rick Hutchinson, Village of Whispering Pines

CPRC Staff Attending:

Grace Berry, Lead for NC Fellow

Jenny Halsey, Deputy Executive Director

Beth Seidel, Member Engagement Coordinator

Lee Worsley, Executive Director

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 6:05 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.

d. Get to Know CPRC

Byron McAllister, Board Chair

Chair McAllister reflected on the diverse region that is Central Pines Regional Council, with a population of over 2 million. There are local governments with over a million people and those with a few hundred. The Chair commended CPRC for being able to engage 50 different

local governments in the place we're in right now in North Carolina. In years past, local governments had more similarities; however, as time has passed, that gap has widened.

2. Review of Agenda

a. Review of Agenda

Byron McAllister, Board Chair

Potential Action: Chair McAllister will approve

Chair McAllister approved the agenda as presented.

3. Presentations & Recognition

4. Public Hearing

5. Business

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. Draft Minutes: March 25, 2026
- b. Budget Amendment 7, Resolution #2026-06-01
- c. Pay & Classification Amendment, Resolution #2026-06-02

Action: Adoption of the Consent Agenda as presented

Motion: Delegate Amanda Robertson

Second: Delegate Michelle Burton

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 members of the Executive Committee

Amanda Robertson, Chatham County

Chatham County placed a moratorium on data centers in February, and the County is being sued for this. Delegate Robertson discussed some of the issues going on in Chatham County regarding data centers and gas lines.

Byron McAllister, Selma

Selma recently started polishing up their development ordinances to address data centers directly. It's wise for all communities to take a very close look at what's currently on the books and what needs to be on the books.

Tom Adams, Moore County

The county next to them recently updated their UDO to take into consideration data centers. They went through a very extensive process to arrive at their final document.

Deputy Executive Director Jenny Halsey mentioned that there will be a data center convening this Friday. We can send more details for those who are interested. Beth Seidel shared the link for the CPRC data center resource page.

9. Chair's Report

a. Chair's Report

Presenter: Byron McAllister, Board Chair

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Chair McAllister shared that they have been looking at the Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization's LPA. CPRC is currently reviewing the LPA to see what's most advantageous for both staffs in the LPA, which needs to be done by the end of the year. This would define more clearly how CPRC works with Triangle West TPO. The Chair hopes to have more information by September.

There is no meeting in July, but there is a full Board meeting scheduled for August.

10. Executive Director's Report

a. Executive Director's Report

Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Executive Director Lee Worsley was excited to share in the celebration of the Carolina Hurricanes winning the Stanley Cup. This was a big deal for our region! Mr. Worsley has created a Substack page where he's blogging about regionalism, and included a bit about this topic.

Commissioner Jamzetta Bedford from Orange County recently passed over the weekend. She was a wonderful advocate for the county, and for individuals with special needs. Commissioner Bedford served on the Board of Education as well and was very committed to the community.

11. Closed Session

12. Closed Session

- a. Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6) to conduct annual performance review of the Executive Director

Presenter: Byron McAllister, Board Chair

Chair McAllister asked for a motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting the Executive Director's annual review.

Action: Enter closed session to conduct the Annual Performance Review for the Executive Director.

Motion: Delegate Kathleen Ferguson

Second: Delegate Chris Deshazor

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call

After the Executive Committee returned from Closed Session, the following motion was made:

Action: Increase Executive Director's salary to \$272,000 and vehicle allowance to \$9,600 effective July 1, 2026.

Motion: Delegate Susan Evans

Second: Delegate Kathleen Ferguson

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call

Chair McAllister commended Executive Director Lee Worsley for his excellent leadership. Mr. Worsley thanked the Executive Committee.

13. Other Business

- a. Other Business

Presenter: Byron McAllister, Board Chair

14. Adjournment

With there being nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Duly adopted this 23rd day of September 2026 while in regular session.



Susan P. Evans
Board Chair



ATTEST:

Beth Seidel

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Clerk to the Board
Central Pines Regional Council