

CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Virtual
Chair Byron McAllister Presiding

Delegates & Alternates Attending:

Wilma Laney, Town of Aberdeen
Sheveil Harmon, Town of Angier
Amanda Robertson, Chatham County
DeDreana Freeman, City of Durham (A)
Chris Deshazor, Holly Springs
Butch Lawter, Johnston County
Kirk Smith, Lee County
Jean Hamilton, Orange County
Sally Greene, Orange County (A)
Pamela Baldwin, Town of Pittsboro
John Bonitz, Town of Pittsboro (A)
Rebecca Salmon, City of Sanford
Byron McAllister, Town of Selma

CPRC Staff Attending:

Grace Berry, Lead for NC Fellow
Alana Keegan, Local Government
Services Director
Hannah Schuette, Management
Analyst
Beth Seidel, Member Engagement
Coordinator
Lee Worsley, Executive Director

A = Alternate

1. Call to Order 6:00 pm

- 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 6:04 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 shared that in 1972, a Resolution was adopted by Chapel Hill, Orange County, City of Durham, Durham County, Raleigh, and Wake County to merge from the Research Triangle Regional Planning Commission into the newly formed Triangle J Council of

Governments. Within the Resolution, the following staff activities were proposed for the first two years of the new Triangle J organization. 1) Work toward preparation of a regional plan; 2) Keep economic and population data up to date and readily available; 3) Readily available knowledge of federal grants and programs; 4) First of two years work on preparation of general aviation systems plan; 5) work towards preparation of a water quality management plan; 6) continuation of housing studies; 7) work toward a regional solid waste plan; 8) continue development of a computer based physical development information system; 9) coordination and consultation with programs of planning for the elderly; 10) review of local applications for federal grants; 11) Provision of planning advice to localities; 12) Cooperation with Raleigh and Wake County of new system of land development regulation for region.

2. Review of Agenda

a. Review of Agenda

Byron McAllister, Board Chair

Potential Action: Chair McAllister will approve

Executive Director Lee Worsley asked to move the Consent Agenda before the Business portion. Chair McAllister asked if there was any opposition to that move, and there was none.

3. Presentations & Recognition

a. Recognition of New Executive Committee Members & Orientation

Presenters: Byron McAllister, Board Chair and Lee Worsley, Executive Director

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Chair McAllister announced the two new Executive Committee members, Sheveil Harmon, Town of Angier, and Chris Deshazor, Town of Holly Springs. Ms. Harmon is serving as the new 2nd Vice Chair and Mr. Deshazor is serving as the new Secretary/Treasurer. They both introduced themselves and stated that they were excited to be serving as CPRC officers.

Lee Worsley shared a brief overview of the Executive Committee and its responsibilities for the two new members and as a refresher for the rest of the group.

4. Public Hearing

5. 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: June 25, 2025
- b. Triangle West TPO Sole Source Approval for Remix Transit + Streets, Resolution #2025-09-01
- c. Updated Fee Schedule, Resolution #2025-09-02
- d. Budget Amendment 1, Resolution #2025-09-03

Delegate Kirk Smith asked for more clarification on the Triangle West TPO item. Mr. Worsley noted that the FTZ item was pulled from this agenda and will be presented at the next meeting.

Action: Adoption of Consent Agenda as presented

Motion: Delegate Kirk Smith

Second: Delegate Pamela Baldwin

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call

6. Business

- a. Central Pines 2025-26 Strategic Plan Visioning Session
Presenters: Lee Worsley, Executive Director and Alana Keegan, Local Government Services
Director Potential Action: None – Information Only

In 2022, Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC) launched its first strategic plan through a collaborative and inclusive process involving the Board, leadership team, and staff. This process established the organization's mission, vision, and key focus areas, along with a set of strategies and performance measures to guide progress through fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

As the current plan approaches its conclusion at the end of this fiscal year, CPRC is preparing to initiate the next strategic planning cycle. This new phase presents an opportunity to reflect on the successes and lessons of the existing plan, evaluate emerging opportunities and challenges, and realign priorities to continue advancing CPRC's mission and vision.

The first phase of this process will center on visioning and future-sensing—exploring how our region may evolve in the coming years and what that means for CPRC's role. Executive Director Lee Worsley and Local Government Services Director Alana Keegan led the Executive Committee through a facilitated brainstorming session to identify potential regional shifts and assess their implications for the organization. The outputs of the Executive Committee's discussion will be used to structure a full strategic planning retreat in November.

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 what they are hearing from their populations relating to concerns about growth, particularly Pittsboro and Wake County jurisdictions.

Pittsboro – Delegate Pamela Baldwin shared that they are getting mixed signals. Some are in favor of growth, and some are against it. What must happen is they have to work together with the developers to let them know what the Town of Pittsboro wants. The population are the people that the Town represents. Residents are concerned about the growth and how it will affect them (water, transportation, etc.). They are moving forward and making improvements.

Holly Springs – Delegate Chris Deshazor stated that they also are getting mixed signals. Some do not want growth, but when it happens, there is a positive response. A lot of people don't have an answer to what they think is "responsible growth."

Selma – Chair McAllister shared that there have been complaints about "letting too many people in Johnston County."

9. Chair's Report

a. Chair's Report

Presenter: Byron McAllister, Board Chair

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Chair McAllister commended CPRC staff as we approach these strategic growth conversations.

10. Executive Director's Report

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Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Executive Director Lee Worsley commended Grace Berry and Hannah Schuette for their assistance tonight, and as well as Alana Keegan for her natural facilitation skills. He thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their participation in their conversation tonight.

Lee has visited 16 local governments so far and wants to get to all 50 by the end of the fiscal year.

CPRC will be hosting a new series around Connected Region and the issues we are facing as a region. On November 13, we will host the first event and it is targeted toward policy makers of all levels, however Chamber members and private business representatives are welcome. The topic for this event will cover water and sewer regionalization. There will be two panels, 1) one from the perspective of communities who provide water and sewer regionally, and 2) key questions around the communities who are receiving those services and how that impacts things like planning and land use. There will be a mix of technical experts and elected officials, as well as a representative from the state. Details will be sent out soon.

11. Closed Session

12. Other Business

a. Other Business

Presenter: Byron McAllister, Board Chair

13. Adjournment

8:00 pm

With there being nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Duly adopted this 19th day of November 2025 while in regular session.



Byron McAllister
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Beth Seidel
Clerk to the Board
Central Pines Regional Council