



Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm Hybrid

Central Pines Regional Council
4307 Emperor Blvd., Durham, NC

Delegates & Alternates Attending:

Wilma Laney, Aberdeen
Sheveil Harmon, Angier
Brett Gantt, Apex
Randee Haven O'Donnell, Carrboro
Jennifer Robinson, Cary
Sarika Bansal, Cary (A)
Heidi Carter, Durham County
Kathleen Ferguson, Hillsborough
Chris Deshazor, Holly Springs
Mark Swan, Knightdale
Katy Garcia, Micro
Steve Rao, Morrisville
Jean Hamilton, Orange County
Jeff Morgan, Pinehurst
Pamela Baldwin, Pittsboro
Ronnie Currin, Rolesville
Rebecca Wyhof Salmon, Sanford
Byron McAllister, Selma
Susan Evans, Wake County
Nick Sliwinski, Wake Forest
Rick Hutchinson, Whispering Pines
Shannon Baxter, Zebulon

CPRC Staff Attending:

Beth Davis, Member Engagement
Coordinator
Matt Day, Transportation Director
Jenny Halsey, Assistant Executive
Director
Jenisha Henneghan, Area Agency on
Aging Director
Lee Worsley, Executive Director

Guests Attending:

Russ Overton, Cary Deputy Town
Manager
Shelley Curran, Cary Assistant Town
Manager
Virginia Johnson, Cary Town Clerk
Scot Berry, Cary Assistant Town Manager
Carissa Kohn-Johnson, Town of Cary
Lori Bush, Town of Cary
Harold Weinbrecht, Town of Cary Mayor
Angela Reincke, Town of Apex
Atuya Cornwell, Town of Chapel Hill
Wade Walcutt, City of Durham
LeAnne Kennedy, City of Durham
Brian Fork, Carolina Hurricanes
Shane Willis, Carolina Hurricanes

1. Call to Order

- a. Call to Order and Welcome

Official: Brett Gantt, Chair

- b. Roll Call

Beth Davis, Member Engagement Coordinator

- c. Declaration of Quorum

Official: Brett Gantt, Chair

Chair Brett Gantt called the meeting to order at 6:06 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.

d. Get to Know CPRC

Chair Gantt pointed out the Get to Know CPRC fact sheet on CPRC's very first program of work from December 1959 when the organization was known as Research Triangle Regional Planning Commission. This information will be posted online after the meeting.

2. Review of Agenda

a. Review of Agenda

Official: Brett Gantt, Chair

Potential Action: Chair Gantt will approve

Action: Chair Gantt reviewed the agenda and declared that the agenda was approved.

3. Presentations and Recognitions

a. Recognition of National Association of Regional Councils Past Chair

Jennifer Robinson

Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair

Delegate Jennifer Robinson recently completed a term as the National Association of Regional Councils President. The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) serves as the national voice for regions by advocating for regional cooperation as the most effective way to address various community planning and development opportunities and issues.

Delegate Robinson also led Central Pines Regional Council as its Board Chair from 2014 to 2016. Central Pines and NARC would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to Delegate Robinson for her continued leadership.

Erich Zimmerman, Executive Director of NARC gave remarks, along with Harold Weinbrecht, Mayor of Cary, and CPRC Executive Director Lee Worsley. Delegate Robinson shared that it's been a pleasure to serve on both the Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates as well as the National Association of Regional Councils. She also mentioned that there is now an opening to serve on the NARC Board for the NC/SC Delegation and encouraged anyone interested to check it out.

Delegate Robinson was recognized with several gifts of appreciation, and in addition, she will have her name and position with NARC on a placard hung in the CPRC Office.

b. New Member – Town of Pinebluff

Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair

Potential Action: Vote on approval of resolution of membership

The Town of Pinebluff, located in Moore County, is requesting membership in Central Pines Regional Council, effective October 23, 2024. At the Town's recent Board Meeting, the Council adopted a resolution accepting and approving Central Pines Regional Council's Bylaws and Charter Resolution and is now petitioning for membership.

All requirements for CPRC membership have been fulfilled, and the request must be approved by the Board of Delegates to become official.

Action: Approval of CPRC membership resolution for the Town of Pinebluff, Resolution #2024-10-01

Motion: Delegate Kathleen Ferguson

Second: Delegate Byron McAllister

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

c. Carolina Hurricanes, Professional Sports, & Economic Development

Presenter: Carolina Hurricanes CEO Brian Fork and Hurricanes Director of Youth Hockey & Community Outreach Shane Willis

The Carolina Hurricanes have made the region their home for the last 25 years and are the only top-tier professional sports franchise in our market.

Brian Fork and Shane Willis from the Carolina Hurricanes discussed the history of the franchise, how youth hockey has grown in the region and discussed recently unveiled plans to redevelop the property that surrounds the Hurricanes home ice, the Lenovo Center.

Several Board members asked questions at the conclusion of their presentation, and they were presented with a gift of appreciation.

d. Parks & Recreation Panel

Panelists: Angela Reincke, Town of Apex Parks Planning Manager, Atuya Cornwell, Town of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Director, Wade Walcutt, Director of Durham Parks & Recreation

This Parks and Recreation panel discussion featured representatives from Durham, Chapel Hill, and Apex, who explored the unique aspects of their respective departments. Each panelist gave a brief overview of their parks and recreation programming, highlighting key initiatives, facilities, and community engagement efforts.

Panelists were asked about upcoming changes, challenges they face, and how they are partnering with surrounding communities. The Board asked several questions, and panelists were presented with a gift of appreciation.

4. Business

a. Hurricane Helene Relief

Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Hurricane Helene inflicted historic damage on communities in western North Carolina. Since then, numerous local governments across the state and in other states have come to the aid of these communities. CPRC Executive Director Lee Worsley updated the Board on ways Central Pines has supported regional councils and local governments in the West since the event.

Efforts include:

- Partnering with NC City/County Management Association to create a Resource Hub
- Hosting weekly virtual office hours for managers, with managers from the central and eastern parts of the state serving as coaches
- CPRC Executive Director Lee Worsley was deployed to Land of Sky Regional Council from October 6-12 to assist with needs
- CPRC Regional Recovery & Resilience Coordinator Langston Alexander is deployed this week to Polk County to assist with residential damage assessment as a Certified Floodplain Manager
- CPRC CFO Hope Tally assisted Land of Sky Regional Council with plan to pay their employees due to finance system being down (did not have to implement)
- There are many other examples, but these are just a few.
- NC COG Association partnership with Civic Local Foundation to help local government employees who have had major losses

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: August 28, 2024

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

Mr. Worsley thanked the Board for welcoming Pinebluff as a new member and recognized the Chair for making this a priority.

The next meeting will be an informal celebration on Wednesday, December 4 with a floating reception at 5:00 pm and recognition at 6:00 pm. This will be in-person only.

Save the Date for the next Regional Day, which will be February 21, 2025. This event is open to all elected officials, but especially new elected officials to learn more about regional resources available.

9. Chair's Report

a. Chair's Report

Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair

Chair Gantt thanked Mr. Worsley for the efforts being made in Western NC. This is also a learning experience for our members here to learn how to be more prepared when disaster strikes.

10. Around the Region

a. Prompt: What is one new item in this year's budget that you are most excited about?

Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair

Hillsborough – River Walk; recently opened skate park

Morrisville – Using generative AI to help with searchability of documents and engaging with residents in the Town.

Rolesville – Over the next 3 years, there are funds to help develop a municipal complex, including a new town hall, new police station, and new fire station. There are also funds for a new library. Delegate Currin encouraged everyone in Wake County to vote on the library bond.

Carrboro/Orange County – Partnership to open the Orange County branch library in Carrboro, which has been in the works for 30+ years.

Micro – They are excited to update playground equipment.

11. Other Business

a. Other Business

Presenter: Brett Gantt, Chair

12. Adjournment

a. Adjourn the Meeting

Potential Action: Motion to Adjourn

With there being nothing further, the Chair Gantt adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Duly adopted this 22nd day of January 2025 while in regular session.



Brett Gantt
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Beth Davis
Clerk to the Board
Central Pines Regional Council