



Executive Committee Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Thursday, October 14, 2021

Third Floor Conference Room

233 Middle Street, New Bern, NC

Minutes

Executive Committee in Attendance:

Bill Taylor, Carteret County caucus
Roland Best, Lenoir County
Shane Turney, Treasurer
Ed Riggs, 1st Vice President
Jay Bender, President

Arthur Robinson, 2nd Vice President
Bennie Heath, Greene County
Jesse Dowe, Duplin County
Steve Wiggins, Wayne County caucus

ECC Staff in Attendance:

Tim Ware, Interim Executive Director
Jenny Miller, Finance Director

Leighann Morgan, Deputy Finance Director
Heather O'Connor, AAA Director

Guest in Attendance:

Knox Proctor, Ward & Smith, ex-officio

Jeff Aydelette, County Compass

- 1. Call to Order, Welcome, Invocation** – President Bender called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. and quorum was met. President Bender introduced Tim Ware as the Interim Executive Director.
- 2. Adopt Agenda** – *Jay Bender, President*
Commissioner Heath motioned to accept agenda, seconded by Commissioner Dowe, and motion was unanimously approved.
- 3. Consent Agenda** – *Jay Bender, President*
 - a. Executive Board Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2021
Commissioner Taylor motioned to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Best, and motion was unanimously approved.
- 4. Budget & Audit Committee Report** – *Shane Turney, Treasurer*
 - a. Check Register
 - b. Financial Statements
 - c. Budget Amendments



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d. Committee information and recommendations – Treasurer Turney stated the Budget and Audit Committee reviewed the check register and financial statements in the meeting at 5:00 p.m. There are some local governments that did not pay their dues in Aging and RPO. The committee recommends to withhold funds until payment. Attorney Proctor suggested to talk with government agencies for guidance and to give staff flexibility to make decision.

Commissioner Taylor motioned for staff to seek guidance from federal and state government about withholding services until payment of funds and to give staff the right to make decision after guidance, seconded by Commissioner Best, and motion was unanimously approved.

5. Interim Executive Director Report – *Tim Ware, Interim Executive Director*

Interim Executive Director Ware thanked everyone for the welcome and stated the COG needs board guidance and leadership to continue to succeed. Mr. Ware gave a legislature update that they are closing in on the budget before short session and discussing a DOT reform. He put in place a COVID policy.

6. SERDI Proposal - *Tim Ware, Interim Executive Director*

Interim Executive Director Ware proposed a proposal from SERDI to help search for the way forward. The group will contact member governments to research what the region needs and how ECC can be a part of their success.

Commissioner Taylor motioned to approve proposal and seconded by Commissioner Heath.

Discussion of the timeline and cost of the proposal and function of the Interim Executive Director and Board is during the process.

7. Closed Session – NCG.S. 43-318-11(a)(3)

Commissioner Riggs motioned to go into closed session per statute NC G.S. 43-318-11(a)(3), seconded by Commissioner Heath, and motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting returned to open session at approximately 8:13 p.m.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Wiggins, and duly amended on motion of Commissioner Heath seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the Board approved the proposed Memorandum of Understanding for a Strategic Assessment of the Future of the Eastern Carolina Council with the Southeast Regional Directors Institute, provided that the following references to the possible dissolution of ECC be deleted:

- *The last paragraph on page 1;*
- *The last sentence of the second bullet on page 2; and*
- *The last clause in the final bullet on page 2.*

Commissioner Riggs voted against the motion.



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8. Member Comments

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion duly made by Commissioner Heath and seconded by Commissioner Dowe, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jay Bender, President

Tim Ware, Interim Executive Director