

MINUTES

Board of Delegates Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

6:00 PM

Held via simultaneous communication via Zoom

Delegates and Alternate Delegates Attending:

Wilma Laney, Town of Aberdeen (D)
Brett Gantt, Town of Apex
Jerry Medlin, Town of Benson
Thomas Beal, Town of Broadway
Jennifer Robinson, Town of Cary
Jim Crawford, Chatham County
DeDreana Freeman, City of Durham
Heidi Carter, Durham County
Larry Smith, Town of Fuquay-Varina
Ken Marshburn, Town of Garner
Kathleen Ferguson, Town of Hillsborough
Butch Lawter, Johnston County

Jessica Day, Town of Knightdale
Kirk Smith, Lee County
Steve Rao, Town of Morrisville (A)
Pamela Baldwin, Town of Pittsboro
Donald Rains, Town of Princeton
Ronnie Currin, Town of Rolesville
Bill Haiges, Town of Siler City
Andy Moore, Town of Smithfield
Sig Hutchinson, Wake County
Chad Sary, Town of Wake Forest
David McGowan, Town of Wilson's Mills

Delegates and Alternate Delegates Absent:

Joe Dannelley Town of Aberdeen (A)
Audra Killingsworth, Town of Apex(A)
Mark Jackson, Town of Archer Lodge (A)
Cassandra Stack, Town of Benson (A)
Donald Andrews, Town of Broadway (A)
Ranee Haven O'Donnell, Town of Carrboro
Dan Bonillo, Town of Carthage
Christopher Nance, Town of Carthage (A)
Lori Bush, Town of Cary (A)
Michael Parker, Town of Chapel Hill
Diana Hales, Chatham County (A)
Jason Thompson, Town of Clayton
Javiera Caballero, City of Durham (A)
Nida Allam, Durham County (A)
Jason Wunsch, Town of Fuquay-Varina (A)
Tim Cunnup, Town of Goldston
Matt Hughes, Town of Hillsborough (A)
Aaron Wolff, Town of Holly Springs (A)
Trinity Henderson, Town of Kenly
Arianna Lavalley, Lee County (A)
Russell Creech, Town of Micro
Frank Quis, Moore County
Satish Garimella, Town of Morrisville

Sally Greene, Orange County
Renée Price, Orange County (A)
Jeff Holt, Town of Pine Level
Greg Baker, Town of Pine Level (A)
Kevin Drum, Village of Pinehurst
Jane Hogeman, Village of Pinehurst (A)
Michael Fiocco, Town of Pittsboro (A)
Nicole Stewart, City of Raleigh
Nikki Bradshaw, Town of Robbins (A)
Michelle Medley, Town of Rolesville (A)
Chet Mann, City of Sanford (A)
Cheryl Oliver, Town of Selma (A)
Lewis Fadely, Town of Siler City (A)
John Dunn, Town of Smithfield (A)
Carol Haney, Town of Southern Pines
Bill Pate, Town of Southern Pines (A)
Al Mosley, Town of Vass
Vivian Jones, Town of Wake Forest (A)
Phil Tarnaski, Town of Wendell
Jim Uzzle, Town of Wilson's Mills (A)
Larry Loucks, Town of Zebulon
Glenn York, Town of Zebulon(A)

TJCOG staff attending:

Erika Brown, Housing Program Manager
Emily Barrett, Natural Resources & Resilience Program Manager
Jenny Halsey, Strategy & Operations Manager
Sean Flaherty, Principal Planner
Jenisha Henneghan, Area Agency on Aging Assistant Director

Shantel Haskins, Administrative Support Specialist
Alana Keegan, Member Engagement Manager
Lee Worsley, Executive Director
Judy Weller, Finance Director
Lindsay Whitson, Community & Economic Development Manager

Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Chairwoman Kathleen Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and welcomed all attendees. Chairwoman Ferguson reviewed the requirements for virtual public meetings. Alana Keegan, Member Engagement Manager, conducted the roll call to verify the attendance of delegates and alternates, then declared a quorum was present.

Review of Agenda

Chairwoman Ferguson presented the agenda for the October 27, 2021, Board of Delegates meeting and asked if any delegates wanted to make changes to the agenda. Hearing no changes, Chairwoman Ferguson elected to move forward with the agenda as presented.

Recognitions and Presentations

- **Introduction of New TJCOG Staff**

Chairwoman Ferguson asked Jenny Halsey, Strategy and Operations Manager to introduce this item. Ms. Halsey stated TJCOG had several new employees that started within the last month and allowed each employee to introduce themselves after a few words from their supervisor. Lindsay Whitson, TJCOG Community & Economic Development Manager, introduced Alex Holloway who will serve as the Economic Development Planner II for TJCOG. Erika Brown, TJCOG Housing Program Manager, introduced Jack Watson, who will serve as a Planning Assistant II for TJCOG. Jenisha Henneghan, TJCOG Area Agency on Aging Assistant Director, introduced Blake Matthews who will serve as the COVID-19 Outreach Coordinator for TJCOG. Sean Flaherty, TJCOG Principal Planner introduced Ryan Eldridge, who will serve as a Planner II for TJCOG. Chairwoman Kathleen Ferguson welcomed each new employee to the region.

Business

- **Natural Resources & Resilience at TJCOG, A Brief Overview**

Chairwoman Ferguson asked Emily Barrett to introduce this item. Ms. Barrett introduced herself to the Board of Delegates as the Natural Resources and Resiliency Program Manager for

TJCOG. Ms. Barrett highlighted the basic elements of natural resources: water, land, and air. Ms. Barrett stated a number of current and notable projects for the team including the Triangle Water Supply Partnership, Jordan Lake One Water, Triangle Area Water Supply Monitoring Partnership, Clean Water Education Partnership, and many others.

Ms. Barrett stated the program intended to create a healthy community with focuses on water resources, air quality (energy/climate), solid waste, and resilience. She highlighted several local counties with examples of energy saving opportunities, including the example of Asheville's addition of LED streetlights. Ms. Barrett discussed current trends with natural resources including the use of green infrastructure to mitigate negative stormwater impacts.

She also discussed the definition of resilience and the importance of factoring resilience into community programs to prepare for hazards or natural disasters. Finally, she concluded the presentation with several questions for the Board members on future conditions of climate, population, and land use in their respective communities, and encouraged Board members to reach out to her for assistance on natural resources and resilience issues.

- **Consideration of Triangle J Regional Corporation Board Member Appointments**

Chairwomen Ferguson asked Lindsay Whitson, TJCOG Community & Economic Development Manager to introduce the item. Ms. Whitson explained that Triangle J Regional Corporation Board had nominated six members to serve a 3-year term: Rae Buckley, Kathleen Ferguson, Sig Hutchinson, Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, and Mike Ortosky. Appointments must be considered and approved by the TJCOG Board. Ms. Whitson asked the Board of Delegates approve the appointed members on the consent agenda.

- **DEI Efforts at TJCOG**

Chairwomen Ferguson asked Ms. Halsey to introduce the item. Jenny Halsey highlighted ways TJCOG as an organization has incorporated DEI into its core values. Ms. Halsey stated TJCOG started a book club to provide opportunities for open discussions on topics concerning race, and culture. Ms. Halsey mentioned that TJCOG also incorporated new hiring practices including updated resume questions and a blind hiring practice that gave applicants a number instead of initial personal information. Jenny Halsey asked Mr. Worsley to speak about the efforts of work with Regional Managers.

He stated staff have been assisting Regional Managers in ways to identify opportunities to work together on DEI learning and to create equitable communities. Mr. Worsley also discussed incorporating HBCUs into that initiative.

Consent Agenda

- **Triangle J Regional Corporation Board Member Appointment**
- **Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment No. 1 & Interim Budget/Expenditure Report**

- **Appointment of TJCOG Finance Deputy Director**

Chairwomen Ferguson presented the Consent Agenda for approval and asked if anyone wished to pull an item for individual consideration. Hearing none, *Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Ms. Freeman seconded the motion. Ms. Keegan conducted the vote via roll call; the motion was unanimously approved.*

Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None Removed.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Worsley provided a few operational updates concerning towns that TJCOG has been working alongside. Mr. Worsley mentioned TJCOG will continue to assist the Town of Spring Lake over the next few months as the town has been taken over by the NC Local Government Commission. Mr. Worsley has been in communication with Taylortown of Moore County about the possibility of membership in TJCOG.

Mr. Worsley closed his report with gratitude for Commissioner Sig Hutchinson for his service on the Board for GoTriangle and Charles Lattuca, President of GoTriangle for continued support and work on a regional vision for transportation and housing.

Chairwomen's Report

Chairwomen Ferguson provided a reminder about the Regional Summit taking place on October 28, 2021, virtually. She mentioned that the November 17th Board of Delegates would have an option for vaccinated delegates to attend the meeting in person.

Around the Region


DeDreana Freeman, Second Vice-Chair, conducted this portion of the agency. All delegates provided updates of their respected communities.

Other Business

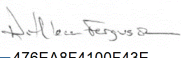
Ms. Freeman asked if there was any other business.

Hearing no further business, *Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Rao seconded the motion.*

Ms. Freeman adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

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Kathleen Ferguson, Chairman