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## CEDC Board Meeting

MINUTES: January 29, 2015 4:00PM – 6:00PM CPCC Harris Campus – Room 1226

MEETING CALLED BY:	Chairman : Bill Thunberg
PREPARED BY:	Victoria Rittenhouse
IN ATTENDANCE:	<b><i>CEDC Board Members</i></b> George Arena* Mark Brady Astrid Chirinos George Dunlap Greg Edds Leslie Johnson Tim Gause Donny Hicks Rob Hillman Bill Thunberg Robert Van Geons *Denotes attendance via phone
	<b><i>Centralina COG Staff and Guests</i></b> Mike Manis Jim Prosser Victoria Rittenhouse Irene Sacks- City of Kannapolis Mark White- CREC Sara Gutschow-CREC

### Meeting called to order by Chairman Thunberg 4:04

#### DISCUSSION

A quorum had not been reached when the meeting was called to order. Per the Chairman, agenda item #2, Adoption of the October 16, 2014 meeting minutes was tabled until a quorum was reached.

1. Regional economic development updates/news
  - Leslie Johnson, Mecklenburg County is in the process of hiring a new ED director. Once retained the County will review and revise the current role played in the ED process and most likely play a greater role.
  - Tim Gause- mentioning the Google Fiber announcement, this will have a great economic impact for the region.
2. Board Composition/Appointments  
Mike Manis reviewed the new appointments for vacant and expiring board positions. A copy of

the most current Board Composition worksheet was distributed to the board.

George Dunlap brought forward a recommendation for consideration when the board has another vacant seat, Darlene Heater of University City Partners.

3. FY 2015 Work Plan Progress Update

- Staff submitted the semi-annual progress report to EDA for the CEDC Planning Partnership Grant. This document outlines accomplishments with regards to supporting the region and the goals set forth in the CEDS. A copy of the report was distributed to the board.
- Freight Mobility Planning update- Centralina COG applied for a TIGER planning grant and did not receive funds. However, the project team is moving forward with the project and is currently seeking other funding sources to support the development of this plan. This project manager, Sushil Nepal recently released an RFQ for consulting services in order to shop the market so that the project team can have a more concrete understanding of the true project costs. This process will allow for better identification of funding needs to align with resources. The RFQ was distributed to the board.
- Lumina Foundation- Centralina COG and CEDC were recently awarded funds as one of the final 20 locations in its 75 metro Community-Based Attainment Partnership network. This project continues CCOG's efforts to grow our region, create and sustain jobs, and provide opportunities for individuals and economic vitality for our communities. These funds will help address the critical interest gap barrier by reengineering communications and messaging avenues around current career pathway alignment activities. A summary document was distributed to the board.

4. Adoption of meeting minutes- October 16, 2015

No discussion

**Action: Chairman Thunberg called for a motion to adopt the October 16, 2014 meeting minutes.**

*A motion was made by Robert Van Geons; motion seconded by George Dunlap and unanimously carried to approve the October 16, 2014 meeting minutes.*

5. Grant Activities:

- IMCP Phase 1- Implementation Task 2 presentation from the Center for Regional Economic Development Competitiveness on the Manufacturing Ecosystem Supply Chain/ Value Chain Mapping project. A recording and the presentation slides were distributed to board members after the meeting.

6. Adjournment

**Action: Chairman Thunberg called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

*A motion was made by George Dunlap; motion seconded by Robert Van Geons and unanimously carried.*

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Adjournment: 5:54PM