



Executive Committee Minutes

Wednesday, August 6, 2025
Hybrid Attendance (In Person and ZOOM)

Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Marikay Abuzuaiter, City of Greensboro
Commissioner Kelly Allen, Alamance County
Mayor Mike Brannon, Bermuda Run
Mayor Anita Darnell, Town of Jonesville (Z)
Commissioner Benita Finney, Davie County
Mayor Alvin Foster, Town of Yanceyville
Chairman Darrell Frye, Randolph County
Council Member Montrena Hadley, City of Mebane
Commissioner Melissa Hiatt, Surry County (Z)
Mayor Dwight Lake, Town of Mayodan
Councilwoman Peggy Leight, Town of Walkertown (Z)
Council Member Greg Light, City of Eden
Commissioner Don Martin, Forsyth County (Z)
Mayor Richard McNabb, City of Trinity
Mayor Sheldon Morley, Town of Mt. Gilead (Z)
Commissioner Rick Morris, Stokes County
Commissioner Scott Needham, Town of Pilot Mountain
Commissioner Ricky Oliver, Yadkin County
Commissioner Mark Richardson, Rockingham County
Council Member Annette Scippio, City of Winston Salem
Mayor Larry Ward, Town of Denton
(Z) Denotes attendance via ZOOM

Members Absent:

Council Member Tim Andrew, City of High Point
Mayor Jim Butler, City of Burlington
Council Member Jane Cole, City of King
Commissioner Carly Cooke, Guilford County
Chairman Mark Jones, Davie County
Chairman Fred McClure, Davidson County
Mayor Howard Morgan, Town of Sedalia
Commissioner John Shaw, Montgomery County
Commissioner Tony Smith, Caswell County

Chairman Mark Richardson welcomed the PTRC Executive Committee and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom in addition to in person attendance. Chairman Richardson requested a moment of silence and encouraged and then led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1) Action Item: Request for approval of the June 4, 2025 PTRC Executive Committee minutes, Mr. Mark Richardson, Chair

- a) There being no questions, a motion was made by Ms. Kelly Allen.
- b) The motion was seconded by Ms. Montrena Hadley.
- c) Request for approval of the June 4, 2025 PTRC Executive Committee minutes was approved.

2) Action Item: Request for Approval of Budget Ordinance Revision 1 for FY 2025-2026, Mr. Jarrod Hand, Finance Director

- a) The Finance Department requests approval of the Revised Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2025-2026 budget of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council. This original Budget Ordinance shows a total budget of \$49,123,010; an increase of \$1,623,791 from the Original Budget Ordinance of \$47,499,219 approved in the June 18, 2025 Board of Delegates meeting.
- b) The amended budget is being presented to reflect the actual allocations from NC DAAS, NC DWS and NC WAP. The amended ordinance is a total of \$49,123,010, an increase of \$1,623,797 from the 25-26 original ordinance and an increase of \$1,295,657 from the original 24-25 budget.
- c) Changes from the original ordinance include:
 - i) Admin increased \$89,715 larger rollover of the ARC Inspire grant.
 - ii) HHS – Aging Services increases by \$715,160. We projected 5% cut but the actual cut was 0.27% or (\$43,728) to 25-26 Aging allocations.
 - iii) Housing Rehab increased by \$645,000 from the extension of 4 ESR22 grants and the award of 5 new ESR27 grants.
 - iv) Planning Services increased by \$5,809 addition of 3 new projects and closeout of several project in prior year reducing rollover.
 - v) Workforce & Economic Development decreased by \$309,931 as a result of reduced rollover funding to the current FY by \$373,306 offset by a smaller cut of 9.2% vs the 10% projected resulting in an increase of \$63,375.
 - vi) Weatherization increases by \$478,038 secondary slight increase of about \$121,549 vs the 10% cut projected.
- d) It is recommended that the board adopt the first revision to the budget ordinance of \$49,123,010 for fiscal year 2025-2026.
- e) Mr. Matthew Dolge added that this revision reflects our conservative approach to our budget. We don't count any money until it's actually received.
- f) Mr. Dolge added that Duke Energy has requested that we complete a project in Mecklenburg County involving 200 units. However, we do not yet have a signed contract.
- g) Ms. Annette Scippio reported on a rehab project completed in Winston-Salem a few years ago. The council recently approved the sale of one of those properties for a profit. The renovations were excellent, and PTRC proved to be a great partner on the project.
- h) There being no questions, a motion was made by Ms. Marikay Abuzuaiter.
- i) The motion was seconded by Mr. Dwight Lake.
- j) Request for Approval of Budget Ordinance Revision 1 for FY 2025-2026 was approved.

- 3) Action Item: Request for authorization to enter into contract with the North Carolina Division of Aging and local funded partners for state Senior Center General Purpose funding for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Ms. Adrienne Calhoun, Director, Area Agency on Aging**
- a) Each year after approval by the General Assembly, the North Carolina Division of Aging allocates funding to senior centers based on certification status throughout the region. This year's total allocation to Region G is \$245,016. The region's allocation is the result of the high number of senior centers who received Center of Excellence or Center of Merit designation.
 - b) Of the 26 senior centers in Region G, there are 19 centers of Excellence, 3 centers of Merit, and 4 noncertified centers. The level of certification dictates the amount of Senior Center General Purpose funds allocated to a senior center. *For a copy of the chart listing the senior centers in the region and the proposed contract amount please see pages 30-31 of the August 6, 2025 agenda found at www.ptrc.org.*
 - c) Mr. Richardson asked if we are doing all we can to help the four non certified centers? Ms. Calhoun answered that yes, we are working with all of them. The Madison/Mayodan Senior Center was at one time a Center of Excellence but due to staff changes they lost certification. Trotter Actie Adult Center intends to become certified. Lastly, the Pilot Mountain Senior Center is a satellite site and the main site is certified.
 - d) There being no more questions, a motion was made by Ms. Marikay Abuzuaiter.
 - e) The motion was seconded by Mr. Darrell Frye.
 - f) Request for authorization to enter into contract with the North Carolina Division of Aging and local service providers for state Senior Center General Purpose funding for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 was approved.
- 4) Action Item: Request for approval to apply for \$750,000 in federal funding through the US Department of Transportation for a feasibility study (\$250,000) and preliminary engineering (\$500,000) of a multiuse pathway connecting the Uwharrie Trail trailhead in Uwharrie National Forest to the local trail system located within the Town of Troy, NC. There is no local match required for this grant and staff are in contact with Forest Service and local government staff to coordinate an application, Mr. Jesse Day, Planning Director**
- a) An estimated total of \$9.7M will be available for programming in North Carolina.
 - b) The purpose of the FLAP is to provide safe and adequate transportation access to and through Federal Lands for visitors, recreationists, and resource users. The FLAP supplements State and local resources for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on high-use recreation sites and economic generators.
 - c) Proposed projects or studies must be associated with a public highway, road, bridge, trail or transit system that is located on, is adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands for which the transportation facility's title or maintenance responsibility is vested with a State, county, city, township, tribal, municipal, or other local government entity.
 - d) Eligible projects include planning projects. These proposals include engineering feasibility studies, corridor management planning, bicycle/pedestrian planning and alternative transportation system planning that will provide valuable information for future FLAP proposals.
 - e) There being no questions, a motion was made by Ms. Kelly Allen.
 - f) The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Needham.
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local trail system located within the Town of Troy, NC. There is no local match required for this grant and staff are in contact with Forest Service and local government staff to coordinate an application was approved.

- 5) Action Item: Request for authorization to enter in contract with the Piedmont Conservation Council for \$20,275 to provide professional planning services, Mr. Jesse Day, Planning Director**
- a) The Piedmont Conservation Council has received an award from the Reidsville Area Foundation to conduct a community planning and engagement effort on the extension of the Dan River greenway in Eden from the existing trail in Leaksville to Matrimony Creek. The extension would add over 1 mile to the existing greenway depending on final alignment.
 - b) The scope of work includes:
 - i) GIS Database and Maps (PTRC): Create a project database and base map(s) to include ortho-photography, topography; hydrography; soils, slopes, vegetation, existing structures, and other existing site conditions.
 - ii) Public Design Workshops (PTRC): Assist in the forming of a steering committee to help review existing conditions and conduct a community survey and design workshop
 - iii) Develop 2D Design Concepts (PTRC): Utilizing feedback from design workshops and community survey results, create a publication ready map and brochure on the greenway extension, with ancillary PARTF site plan map and GIS Map layer files.
 - c) The land along the proposed greenway extension is in the process of being acquired using NC Land and Water fund. Additional partners include the Dan River Basin Association and City of Eden Community and Development planning staff. The end product will be utilized to secure funding for the greenway improvements from PARTF and other grant sources.
 - d) There being no questions, a motion was made by Mr. Dwight Lake.
 - e) The motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly Allen.
 - f) Request for authorization to enter in contract with the Piedmont Conservation Council for \$20,275 to provide professional planning services was approved.
- 6) Action Item: Request for authorization to enter in contract with the Town of Troy for \$211,000 to provide administration duties, Mr. Jesse Day, Planning Director**
- a) The Town of Troy has received two Community Development Block Grants (CDBG - I) (Grant #19-I-4206 and # 24-I-4206) for wastewater line rehabilitation and replacement of approximately one mile of sewer, including 32 manholes. Additionally, a pump station is scheduled to be replaced with the grant funds. The awards together total \$2,760,000.
 - b) Regional councils can support administration of grant funds for any municipal recipients and does not require the municipality to go through a procurement process for grant administrative services. The Town of Troy has requested and approved a contract of \$211,000 to provide administrative services on the grant, which is scheduled to be active through the fall of 2028.
 - c) The PTRC scope of work includes assisting with adoption of policies required for grant administration, conducting fair housing activities, engineering and construction procurement compliance and activities, Davis Bacon wage reporting, assisting with environmental review and other administrative duties to coordinate with the NCDEQ who passes through the federal HUD funding.
 - d) There being no questions, a motion was made by Ms. Montrena Hadley.
 - e) The motion was seconded by Ms. Marikay Abuzuaiter.
 - f) Request for authorization to enter in contract with the Town of Troy for \$211,000 to provide administration duties, was approved.

7) NEW Business

- a) Mr. Mark Richardson reported meeting with PTI regarding their recent announcement that 14,500 new jobs will be created in addition to those from Toyota. He noted the significant impact of Marshall's arrival and the HondaJet expansion, bringing the total to more than 20,000 high-paying jobs. At the community college level, discussions are focusing on the types of jobs being created and the training required. Mr. Richardson emphasized the importance of school systems preparing students for these opportunities, particularly by developing soft skills. He commended PTI's expertise in attracting talent and stressed the need to keep training systems aligned with industry needs.

8) Informational Items

- a) Monitoring Report of Region G PTRC AAA for FY 2025- positive report, no relevant findings.
- b) NADO Award for Regional Transportation Plan
- c) Brady Invoice for AC Repair- This was an expected cost and we were covered.

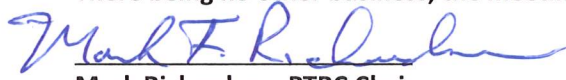
9) Executive Director's Report, Mr. Matthew Dolge, Executive Director

- a) Mr. Dolge expressed his appreciation to all attendees for joining the meeting despite the rainy weather.
- b) Mr. Dolge reported that discussions with CIVIC regarding potential expansion are ongoing. CIVIC recently purchased the corner property adjacent to ours and has expressed interest in participating in our expansion project. After opening eight branches this year, CIVIC is now shifting its focus to this property. A joint meeting with CIVIC representatives and the project architects is scheduled for later this month.
- c) Our tiny house has now received certification, making it the first certified training tiny house. This facility will be used extensively for testing and training. We invite everyone to tour it at the Board of Delegates meeting. This project was made possible in part through a grant from Duke Energy.

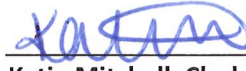
10) Around the Region

- a) Ms. Marikay Abuzuaiter reported visiting Rockingham Community College to tour their new workforce development building. She noted the collaboration with GTCC, which houses aviation classes, and with NC A&T, which offers an aerospace component. High schools are also becoming involved, and there is a strong focus on future growth. She noted that community colleges are collaborating more effectively than in the past.
- b) Mr. Mike Brannon inquired about the EV charging grant from about a year ago. Mr. Dolge responded that the application was submitted; however, the project was not funded, as the allocated funds were later rescinded.
- c) Mr. Darrell Frye shared that Toyota currently has approximately 2,000 employees, with 800–900 hired this year. Of those, 50% are from Guilford County, 20% from Randolph County, and the remainder from Forsyth County. Progress continues steadily, with numerous housing projects underway in Archdale and Trinity. Mr. Scott Needham shared that his neighbor, originally from Mississippi, recently moved to Pilot Mountain and commutes to work at Toyota.
- d) Mr. Don Martin reported stated that the industrial site selection study was a very helpful review of potential.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned with general consensus at 12:51p.m.



Mark Richardson, PTRC Chair



Katie Mitchell, Clerk to the Board