



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Monday, May 4, 2026

5:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Regular Meeting - Budget Presentation

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Don Mial

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: 7 - Chair Don Mial, Vice-Chair Safiyah Jackson, Commissioner Vickie Adamson, Commissioner Susan Evans, Commissioner Cheryl Stallings, Commissioner Shinica Thomas, and Commissioner Tara Waters

Staff present: David Ellis, County Manager; Roger Askew, Interim County Attorney; Emily Lucas, Deputy County Manager; Duane Holder, Deputy County Manager; Ashley Jacobs, Deputy County Manager; Jason Horton, Assistant County Manager; Ben Canada, Chief of Staff; Yvonne Gilyard, Clerk to the Board; Toni Womack, Deputy Clerk; Portia Johnson, Senior Executive Assistant; Tanika Cooper, Senior Executive Assistant; Dara Demi, Director of Communications; Ellen Meder, Communications Consultant; Kate Maroney, External Communications Division Director; Justin Hammond, Deputy Director of Communications; Budget Team and other Wake County Staff.

Invocation: Chair Don Mial

Items of Business

1. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Adamson requested that pursuant to Rule 1 of the Board's Rules of Procedures, Item 16 on the Consent Agenda be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration before a vote on the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Waters. Unanimous vote.

Commissioner Waters moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Jackson, to the

Approval of Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Mial, Vice-Chair Jackson, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Stallings, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Waters

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2026, the Work Session of April 6, 2026 and the Work Session of April 13, 2026

Commissioner Stallings moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2026 and the Work Session of April 13, 2026, The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Mial, Vice-Chair Jackson, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Stallings, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Waters

3. National Police Week Proclamation

Attachments: [Item Summary Police Week.docx](#)
[National Police Week Proclamation .docx](#)

Commissioner Adamson read the proclamation.

Sheriff Rowe thanked the Commissioners for the honor and recognition of the men and women who made the sacrifices of their lives. He shared that National Police Week serves as a reminder of the dangers we face each day. Sheriff Rowe thanked the board for honoring them today, and they look forward to serving the community every day.

4. Sheriff Commendation Awards Presentation

Ms. Rosalia Fodera, Public Information Officer, Sheriff's Department, shared the following comments:

This is a special honor personally granted by Sheriff Willie Rowe to recognize an individual who has demonstrated exceptional service, dedication, or bravery. It is awarded at the Sheriff's sole discretion to those who go above and beyond to make a significant positive impact on the agency or community.

On behalf of Sheriff Rowe and the Wake County Sheriff's Office, it is my distinct pleasure and privilege to present Deputy Olson, Deputy Pero, Deputy Pueblo, Deputy Knust (Ca-noose), Deputy Polo, and Deputy Peterkin with this Commendation, symbolizing our deep appreciation for

their exceptional service.

On April 13, 2026, at the beginning of the workday, these six deputies responded to a call for a medical emergency in the Wake County Justice Center. Each one acted swiftly, whether it was moving the patient safely to the floor, starting chest compressions, or using the AED. They all worked together until firefighters arrived and took over. Because of the life-saving efforts of these deputies, the patient (Adam Levy) is recovering well.

We would like to bring light to your honorable actions. You decided to take action and not stop until help arrived.

We are profoundly grateful for your service and selflessness in the line of duty.

Mr. Levy was in attendance and received a Challenge Coin from Sheriff Rowe.

Commissioner Stallings shared that the board appreciates all of Law Enforcement and everything that they do, and this is an example of their bravery and courage. She shared that we are blessed to have them protecting our community.

Vice-Chair Jackson thanked the deputies for keeping us safe and keeping our neighbors alive.

Commissioner Evans shared appreciation for the fast action and on the spot when needed.

Commissioner Waters shared that as a granddaughter of a sheriff deputy, she is extremely grateful for their service and understands the sacrifices that they give everyday.

Chair Mial shared that as a retiree from the Department of Public Safety, he appreciates the deputy's service. He shared that the board wanted to share their thanks for everything that the deputies do in our communities to keep us safe.

5. Military Appreciation Month Proclamation

Attachments: [Item Summary Military Appreciation Month.docx](#)
[Proclamation Military Appreciation Month 5.4.26.docx](#)

Commissioner Thomas shared the following comments:

Military Appreciation Month is always meaningful to me, but this year, it carries a different kind of weight. As we watch what is happening across the world, we are reminded that there are still men and women actively serving, actively sacrificing, on our behalf.

As the wife of a veteran, and as the daughter of a veteran who served in wartime, here is what I know to be true: service doesn't stop when someone comes home. For many veterans and their families, that is when a different journey begins.

That is why the Joel Fund matters so deeply. They see the whole person. They see the family. They understand that support isn't just about a moment; it's about walking with people along the long road of healing, transition, and restoration.

In local government, we talk a lot about meeting people where they are, and the Joel Fund lives that out every day.

So today, this recognition is about gratitude, but it is also about alignment. It is about lifting up the kind of work that truly holds our community together. And I am honored to read this proclamation.

Commissioner Thomas read the proclamation.

Ms. Brooke Dickhart, Executive Director, Joel Fund, shared that this is quite an honor. She shared that from the bottom of her heart, she is truly honored to be here. She shared that on behalf of the Joel Fund and the veterans and families they serve, she thanked the commissioners for the proclamation. She shared that Military Appreciation Month is more than just a date on the calendar. She shared that it is a reminder of the sacrifices made by our neighbors. She thanked the board for standing with them.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Adamson shared the following:

Mr. Chair, I make a motion that the Board defer for consideration on Item #16 "WakeMed Board of Directors Amendment to WakeMed's Articles of Incorporation and Second Amendment to Transfer Agreement", for at least

90 days and that no other action be taken today on Item 16.

Seconded by Commissioner Waters.

Passed Unanimously.

Chair Mial shared the following statement:

**Wake County Commission Delays Vote on Legal Documents
Related to WakeMed, Atrium Health Strategic Combination**
Agenda item postponed to allow for stakeholder engagement

The Wake County Board of Commissioners tonight voted to officially delay consideration of an [agenda item](https://wake.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx) <https://wake.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> regarding the proposed strategic combination of WakeMed Health and Hospitals and Atrium Health. The Board made this decision to provide time for the hospitals to engage with the community, so they - along with the County Commission - can hear residents comments and concerns about the combination.

“Community engagement is an important part of the work we do,” said Board Chair Don Mial. “While the joining of these hospitals may be positive for Wake County, we want to be fully open and transparent about the process, and that includes allowing ample time for public feedback.”

The Board’s hope is that WakeMed and Atrium Health will listen to the community’s insights, answer their questions and make changes as needed to address their concerns.

What Wake County’s role is

WakeMed is asking the Commissioners to approve changes to two legal documents, enabling the hospital to proceed with regulatory reviews. These documents are:

- The articles of incorporation, and
- The transfer agreement.

The articles of incorporation define how many members the Board can appoint to the WakeMed Board of Directors and where they must reside. The amended version of this document continues to allow the Commission to appoint eight members to the 14-member WakeMed Board of Directors. It also confirms that the eight appointees must live within Wake County. This ensures that Wake County and its residents will continue to have a say in how WakeMed meets its obligations after this combination.

The transfer agreement restates WakeMed’s commitment to maintaining or improving the level of healthcare services it provides to residents from

across the region, including indigent and community healthcare. This is important, because if WakeMed does not meet the expectations listed in the document, the hospital reverts back to the County.

What Wake County's role is NOT

The Board does not have the legal authority to approve the joining of WakeMed and Atrium Health. WakeMed's requested action is just the first of many in a detailed process that involves the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Commissioners are not involved in any way in WakeMed operations, and they will not contribute any funding or any new property or assets to WakeMed as part of the proposed combination.

Background information

The WakeMed campus on New Bern Avenue in Raleigh was once the county hospital. In 1997, Wake County agreed to transfer the hospital to the nonprofit WakeMed Corporation under a state law that allows nonprofits to operate community hospitals if they:

- Agree to provide care to residents who are unable to pay, and
- Continue to operate the hospital as a community general hospital open to the public.

The 1997 agreement and the statute say if the hospital ever stopped being a nonprofit community general hospital open to the public and providing indigent care, it could revert back to the county. Therefore, the Commission must approve any change in structure.

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Adamson, to approve the Consent Agenda with the motion made by Commissioner Adamson to remove Item 16: WakeMed Board of Directors Amendment to WakeMed's Articles of Incorporation and Second Amendment to Transfer Agreement

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Mial, Vice-Chair Jackson, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Stallings, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Waters

6. Additional Funding for GoWake Access Transportation Program

Attachments: [BOC Correction 4-20-26 Additional Budget for GoWake Access.docx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY2026 Human Services Transportation Fund.pdf](#)

7. Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds for the Continuum of Care Program

Attachments: [BoC Item Summary 050426.docx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY2026 Grants and Donations Fund.pdf](#)

8. Accept and Appropriate Additional Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Funding for Fiscal Year 2026

Attachments: [JCPC FY26 Funding Item Summary.docx](#)
[JCPC FY26 Discretionary Funding Agency Award Letters.pdf](#)
[Wake County Updated Funding Plan \(FY 2025-2026\).pdf](#)
[Budget Memo - FY2026 General Government.pdf](#)
[Budget Memo - FY2026 Human Services.pdf](#)

9. Wake County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Annual Plan and Certification for Fiscal Year 2027

Attachments: [JCPC FY27 Annual Plan and Certification Item Summary.docx](#)
[JCPC Annual Plan.pdf](#)
[JCPC Funding Plan.pdf](#)
[JCPC Certification.pdf](#)

10. Approval of Wake County 2026 Affordable Housing Annual Action Plan

Attachments: [2026 Annual Action Plan Approval.docx](#)
[2026 Action Plan - 30-Day Public Comment Notice_March 2026.doc](#)
[2026 AAP Final_May 2026 .pdf](#)

11. Updated Affordability Mix for Tryon Station Apartments

Attachments: [Tryon Station Update V.1.docx](#)

12. Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to Appropriate FY 2025 Positive Variance to the OPEB Trust Fund

Attachments: [BOC Agenda Item-OPEB Appropriation 5.4.26 .docx](#)
[OPEB Funding Policy.pdf](#)
[Proposed OPEB Annual Contribution Policy.pdf](#)
[OPEB Deposit Calculation FY25.docx](#)

13. Extenuating Circumstances for Reinstatement of Retiree Health Insurance Coverage

Attachments: [Item Summary.docx](#)
 [Personnel Policy Section 31.14.pdf](#)

14. Designation of Map and Plat Review Officers for the Town of Wake Forest

Attachments: [Item Summary.docx](#)
 [Town of Wake Forest Resolution.pdf](#)
 [Board of Commissioners Resolution.docx](#)

15. Proclamations Requested for May 4, 2026

Attachments: [Item Summary Clerks Proclamation Week.docx](#)
 [Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation 5-4-26.docx](#)
 [Clerks Proclamation.docx](#)

16. WakeMed Board of Directors Amendment to WakeMed's Articles of Incorporation and Second Amendment to Transfer Agreement

Attachments: [FINAL WakeMed Item Summary 5.4.26.docx](#)
 [Articles of Incorporation FINAL.docx](#)
 [Second Amendment FINAL.docx](#)

17. Tax Committee Recommendations for Gross Receipts Penalty, Refund Requests and Various Reports

Attachments: [Tax Collections Item Summary](#)
 [Tax Committee Agenda Process](#)
 [Executive Summary 1](#)
 [May 2026 Refunds Under \\$500](#)
 [May 2026 refunds over \\$500](#)
 [Municipal Collection Report](#)
 [Wake County Collection Report](#)
 [Monthly In-Rem Foreclosure Report](#)

General Public Comments

18. General Public Comments

Donald Gintzig, CEO of WakeMed, shared the outpouring of love and support from the Wake County community felt over the last 48 hours from the Wake County community for WakeMed. He shared that as of Friday, Wake County community leaders, elected officials from Washington, and local governments value their care. He shared that, naturally, a matter of magnitude of this size raises questions and concerns, and they expect that. He shared that WakeMed welcomes and will do their best, as they always have, working with Wake County to do the best for this community. He

shared that the reality is, we know that WakeMed can not continue to provide the healthcare that this county needs without a strong strategic partner. He shared that they will not have access to the capital that they need to meet the needs of one of the fastest-growing communities in the country. He shared that WakeMed serves many patients who can not afford healthcare, and WakeMed is committed to giving them the same access and quality care that those who have needs are able to access. He shared that they face powerful competition from two large competitors, one that is owned by the State of North Carolina and one that has all the resources of Duke Health. He shared that this new partnership will mean Wake County will still be served by three strong systems. He shared that there will be more competition, not less. He shared that for more than 65 years, WakeMed has met the competition and challenges that healthcare faces. He shared that WakeMed provides excellent care and serves everyone regardless of their ability to pay. He shared that WakeMed can not continue to go it alone due to federal, state, and other cuts.

Theresa Plaster - NA

Joshua Ward - Physician, shared concerns about the WakeMed merger, thanked the board for approving the delay of the vote

Margaret Bratton- Vice Chair, WakeMed Board of Directors, shared that it would be a thoughtful decision to partner and do more for patients, explored WakeMed's options, making sure WakeMed can continue to provide services from a position of strength, and committed to continuing the conversation.

Octavia Rainey - SE Raleigh, mistake made when talking about WakeMed, she gave history of hospital in the 1960's, Fair Housing Act passed, WakeMed did with courtesy and kindness. They served black people before Rex Hospital. They have not forgotten about St. Agnes Hospital. She agrees with the merger of Wake Med and Atrium. She shared that WakeMed does other things in the community. They provide youth programs and help preserve our history. They opened up their doors during COVID.

Dan Blue - WakeMed Board, spoke on behalf of WakeMed, served for 10 years, and in support of the merger of WakeMed and Atrium.

Dr. Brian Klausner, Public Health Physician for WakeMed, shared that innovative modules to better manage patients and work to merge population health. Unique leadership dedicated to serving high-risk, confident in leadership and the board of directors, he has worked with Atrium and shared partner collaborations.

Tom Oxholm - 12 years on WakeMed Foundation, shared comments on the Money Commission and indigent care.

Sharon Edmundson - NA

Sig Hutchinson - former WC Commissioner, trust, leadership, and partnerships. Yes, trust WakeMed. Shared comments on the leadership of Donald Gintzig. He shared that healthcare is changing, and we need to be ready. He shared that the time is right for a new partnership to expand quality healthcare.

Elyse Rioux - NA

L.R. - NA

Carolyn Gregg - NA

Rebecca Moore - NA

Michael Rudin - asked for more time to deliberate on the WakeMed merger.

Damian Gu - shared comments about the AHNP proclamation requests, and asked the board to vote against the WakeMed merger.

Victoria Madrigal - NA

Mary Dulberg - NA

Ruby Floyd - SE Raleigh, not in support of WakeMed merger, shared WakeMed and Atrium's policies, same level of care for all patients, requires WakeMed BOD review of financial policies.

Adam - NA

John Adcock - Holly Springs, no public engagement, concerns about the Wake Med merger.

Regular Agenda

19. Presentation of the County Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

Attachments: [Recommended Budget Agenda Item.docx](#)

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners receives the Recommended Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for consideration and approves the following:

- 1. Instructs the County Manager to organize a process for receiving virtual public comments on the recommended budget; and**
- 2. Holds public hearings on the budget on**
 - a. Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wake Commons Building, and**
 - b. Monday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Wake County Justice Center; and**
- 3. Holds budget work sessions on Monday, May 11 at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Wake County Justice Center Room 2800; and**
- 4. Considers the budget for adoption on Monday, June 1 during the Board of Commissioners' regular meeting, which begins at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 7 - Chair Mial, Vice-Chair Jackson, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Stallings, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Waters

Appointments

- 20. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee**

Attachments: [ACHCAC Item Summary 4.19.26.pdf](#)
[ACHCAC Member List 4.19.26.pdf](#)
[ACHCAC Applicant Roster 4.14.26.pdf](#)
[ACHCAC Applicant packet 4.14.26.pdf](#)
[ACHCAC Board Choices 4.14.26.pdf](#)

- 1 Reappointment:
 - Kay Castillo
- 1 Resignation:
 - William Lamb

**** (Vice Chair Jackson is the primary assigned board liaison)**

21. City of Raleigh - Dix Park Commission

Attachments: [Dix Park Commission Item Summary 4.19.26.pdf](#)
 [Dix Park Commission Member List 4.19.26.pdf](#)
 [Dix Park Commission MOU.pdf](#)
 [Dix Park Commission App. Roster 4.19.26.pdf](#)
 [Dix Park Commission Applicant Packet 4.19.26.pdf](#)
 [Dix Park Commission Board Choices 4.19.26.pdf](#)

- 1 Vacancy:
 - _____
- 1 Recommendation made by multiple Wake County Commissioners:
 - Damon Circosta, to fill vacant seat

22. Energy Advisory Commission

Attachments: [EAC Item Summary 4.19.26.pdf](#)
 [EAC Member List 4.19.26.pdf](#)

- 1 Reappointment:
 - Jeffrey Lippard
 - 1 Term Completion:
 - Larry Nunnery
- ** (This board does not have a commissioner liaison assigned)**

23. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Attachments: [JCPC Item Summary 4.19.26.pdf](#)
 [JCPC Member List 4.19.26.pdf](#)

- 2 Vacancies:
 - _____, Parks and Rec Designee
 - _____, Chief of Police (local) / Designee
 - 1 Reappointment:
 - Duane Holder, County Manager Designee
- ** (Commissioner Thomas is the primary assigned board liaison)**

24. Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

Attachments: [Nursing Home CAC Item Summary 4.19.26.pdf](#)
[Nursing Home CAC Member List 4.19.26.pdf](#)
[Nursing Home CAC App. Roster 4.19.26.pdf](#)
[Nursing Home CAC App. Packet 4.19.26.pdf](#)
[Nursing Home CAC Board Choices 4.19.26.pdf](#)

- 6 Reappointments:
 - Anne Schick
 - Sarah Lynn Raha
 - Carol Derrenbacher
 - Bennet Cotton
 - Sandra Deutsch
 - Marilyn House

***** (Commissioner Waters is the primary assigned board liaison)***

25. Town of Apex Planning Board

Attachments: [Town of Apex Planning Board Item Summary 4.19.26.pdf](#)
[Town of Apex PIng Board Member List 4.19.26.pdf](#)
[Town of Apex PIng Board M. Spanioli Application 4.15.26.pdf](#)
[Town of Apex Planning Board Candidate Application 4.24.26.pdf](#)

- 1 ETJ Vacant seat:
 - _____
- 1 Recommendation received by the Town of Apex
 - Mark Spanioli to fill ETJ vacant seat

***** (This board does not have a commissioner liaison assigned)***

26. Upcoming Vacancies for June 2026

Attachments: [June Vacancies for Legistar 2026.pdf](#)

**(All applications are due by the close of business on May 14, 2026)
Appointments made June 1, 2026**

- **Agricultural Advisory Board = 6 Reappointments**
- **Capital Area Workforce Development = 9 Reappointments + 2 Term Completions**
- **City of Raleigh Design Review Commission = 1 ETJ Vacancy**

- City of Raleigh Planning Commission = 1 Term Completion + 1 Recommendation
- Durham-Wake Counties Research and Production Service District Advisory Committee = 3 Reappointments
- Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team = 3 Reappointments
- Fire Commission = 1 Reappointment + 1 Term Completion
- Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority = 1 Reappointment
- Library Commission = 3 Reappointments
- Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee = 1 Vacancy (District 5)
- Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees = 1 Reappointment
- Wendell Planning and Zoning Board = 1 Reappointment + 1 Term Completion

Other Business

27. Reports from Advisory and Regional Boards

Attachments: [Advisory and Regional Boards Item Summary.docx](#)

Commissioner Waters salutes Wake Ed Partnership for their recent Symposium that was held on Friday, May 1st. She shared that this was an opportunity to uplift great work that is being done in the public schools. She shared that year round, they do great work to ensure that educators have classroom supplies. She shared that she volunteered along with Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls. She shared that they have an Amazon Wish-List

Commissioner Stallings shared that she attended the Quarterly Wake County Drug Overdose Opioid Coalition meeting to get updates on the overdose prevention work that is happening. She shared that the good news is that we are moving in the right direction with drug overdoses, as they are decreasing. She shared that on June 24th, there will be an Opioid Settlement Community Meeting.

Commissioner Adamson shared that she attended GRVCB monthly meeting and ribbon cutting for the Omni Hotel. She shared that there was a ribbon cutting for the new Plaza in front of Martin Marrietta Center, and it

has mobility access. She shared that students designed the garden with native plants. She shared they had their monthly Live Well Wake Action meeting, and there were questions about funding re: Wake Med, and what will happen. She shared that Live Well Wake received ARPA. She shared that she attended Inter-City in Phoenix, Arizona.

Vice-Chair Jackson shared that Passage Home completed the Workforce Development cohort, and she attended the culminating celebration. It was amazing to see their mission alive and to hear the stories of impact. She shared that Passage Home is thriving and really helping neighbors in our community, and secured Kerwin Pittman as the keynote speaker. She shared that he was there to inspire and speak to the cohort members. She shared that they are really proud of what the new leadership at Passage Home has been able to do. She shared that as a board, they have been able to celebrate all that has been done in the past year. She shared that the next cohort starts at the end of May and is looking for people to come and be trainers and contribute to the content. She shared that this is an invitation for her fellow board members and the public that Passage Home is looking to connect the members of their cohort with different kinds of experiences with people in the community. She shared that this is an opportunity

Commissioner Evans shared that she attended the Housing Symposium, where there were many nonprofit partners and municipal partners. She shared that they spent the day listening to a variety of panels of experts with expertise in many areas. She shared accolades with the Wake County Housing Department. She shared that she attended a ribbon-cutting for the Birch and Branch apartment neighborhood that provides affordable housing. She shared that Wake County was a funding partner. She shared that she attended the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Awards luncheon for students in Johnston and Wake counties. She shared that she participated in the RISE Collaborative at Dix Park. She shared that RISE is a nonprofit organization that helps incarcerated women get reacclimated in the community. She shared that they provide a lot of support services. She shared that the event highlighted an art project entitled "Stitching Stories." It was a compilation of art pieces that originated when 62 women in prison worked together on crocheting things that represented their lives and experiences. It is currently being redesigned into a traveling mosaic tile art. She shared that she attended the Inter-City Visit sponsored by the Raleigh Chamber.

Vice-Chair Jackson recognized the United Holy Church of America for celebrating 140 years. She shared that she attended the Preservation of Hope ceremony. She acknowledged that she visited farmers in Wake County and had an opportunity to connect with some of the challenges they are facing, their perseverance, and the way they are pivoting. She shared

that farmers are an important contribution to our community. She shared that she attended Green Hope High School, where high school seniors are thinking about Civic Engagement, Economics, and their role in it. She shared that Triangle Trails held a Summit that highlighted Open Space, green canopies, and trails. She shared that there are 300 miles of trails in Wake County.

Commissioner Stallings shared that she had an opportunity to share remarks at the Southeast Promise Groundbreaking. She shared that she is going to be a part of a Mental Health Task Force in Apex, called the Peak Resilience and Well-being Task Force. This task force is being launched to share awareness and support for people dealing with stressors or any mental health issues. She shared that the first community event will be on May 29th in support of Mental Health Awareness Month. She shared that NAMI will be the keynote speaker. She shared that Earth Fest in Apex was a great event.

Commissioner Waters shared that May is Foster Care Awareness Month. She also shared that this Nurses Appreciation Week, as well as Teacher Appreciation Week, and a salute to all educators who came downtown on May 1st to advocate for all children across our state. She shared that she attended the NC Foundation for Public School Gala. She shared that she appreciates being a part of the Ligon Legacy Committee and ensures to weigh in on their project. She shared that she attended her 1st Kentucky Derby event.

Vice-Chair Jackson recognized that this week kicks off Small Business Week, and small businesses are vital to our community. She shared that the comment period is open for Public Libraries. She shared that the NC Black Alliance is celebrating its 20th year.

Commissioner Adamson shared that she attended the NC Foundation for Public Schools gala, and one of the things they also do is when the State of North Carolina cuts funds for teachers, they pick up the funding.

Commissioner Thomas acknowledged that this week, May 3rd-May 9th, is Professional Clerks to the Board of County Commissioners. She shared that she wanted to shout out as Manager Ellis talked about our staff and how important it is for Team Wake to be recruited and retained. I did want to shout out all of the hard work that our Clerk and our Deputy Clerk do. She shared that they are models and both serve with the association and are models for other clerks across the state. She thanked both Yvonne and Toni for the work that they do. She shared that with all the recognition that we do, she wanted to make sure that they acknowledge and recognize them.

Chair Mial shared that he attended the Boys and Girls Club event, and it is always a joy to attend and listen to what the children share about their inspirations and hardships. He shared that he attended the Inter-City Visit in Arizona and learned so many different things that help Wake County make sound decisions. He shared that Commissioner Waters gave a great speech at the Birch and Branch ribbon-cutting event. He shared that he spoke at the Good Hope Baptist Church, where he shared the Historical Proclamation. He shared that the church is 162 years old and that his mother, uncle, cousins, and Vice-Chair Jackson attended the event. He shared that it was a great homecoming at Good Hope for everyone. He thanked the Communications team, always sharing great writing points. Thanked the clerk's team for what they do to support the board.

28. Other Reports from Commissioners

Attachments: [Other Reports Item Summary.docx](#)

Closed Session

Interim Attorney Askew shared that there was no need for a Closed Session.

Manager Ellis shared that it is Public Service Recognition Week and thanked all of the Wake County Public Service employees.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne C. Gilyard, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board