



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Monday, October 11, 2021

2:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Work Session - Meeting Held Remotely

Work Session Meeting Materials

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Matt Calabria

Chairman Matt Calabria called the meeting to order 2:04pm

Present: 7 - Chair Matt Calabria, Vice-Chair Vickie Adamson, Commissioner Susan Evans, Commissioner Maria Cervania, Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, Commissioner James West, and Commissioner Shinica Thomas

Staff Present: David Ellis, County Manager; Allison Cooper, County Attorney; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners; Toni Womack, Senior Executive Assistant; Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager; Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer; Ashley Jacobs, Chief Information & Innovation Officer; Duane Holder, Chief Community Health and Vitality Officer and Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager.

Others Present: Danya Perry, Director, Equitable Economic Development, Wake County Economic Development; Michael Haley, Senior Vice President, Economic Development, Raleigh Chamber Executive Director, Wake County Economic Development; Verna Best, Social & Economic Vitality Program Manager; Pat Sturdivant, Executive Director, Capital Area Workforce Development; Dr. Scott Ralls, President, Wake Technical Community College; Dr. Nicole Mushonga, Assistant Physician Director/Epidemiology Program Director and Jennifer Brown, Public Health Assistant Division Director.

1. Agenda

Attachments: [Final Work Session Agenda 10-11-2021.pdf](#)

2. Upward Mobility: Partnership Update

Attachments: [Upward Mobility Partners Update - Oct 2021.pdf](#)

Mr. Danya Perry yielded the introductions to Michael Haley to provide background on Upward Mobility and topic of Economic Mobility.

Mr. Haley shared The Partners for the Upward Mobility program:
WakeTech Community College
Wake County Economic Development
Capital Area Workforce Development
Social & Economic Vitality - Wake County
NC Cooperative Extension

He shared the successes of the partners in the community, the impact of economic mobility, the mission: "our region is a great magnet, but has a poor ladder." He shared the importance of talent, workforce, diverse economy, education and improvement of economic mobility in the County.

He shared the 13 Building Blocks of Upward Mobility. He shared the dependency that each building block has on each other in order to be successful.

Ms. Verna Best shared information on the Social and Economic Vitality (SEV) community centric collaborative.

She shared the social and economic vitality values (six). She highlighted two values that lift up the relevance of the partner's roles as it relates to upward mobility: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Authentic Community Voice. She shared the core framework of the upward mobility building blocks: Life Coaching, Entrepreneurship and Capacity Building.

She shared the Programmatic Strategies of Life Coaching focusing on the components of Mindset, EEASI (Empowering Entrepreneurs and Seeding Innovation) and Co-Hub.

She shared some of the 2020 Successes:
Thriving Families
Thriving Organizations
Thriving Businesses
Thriving Communities

Ms. Best turned her portion of the presentation to Ms. Pat Sturdivant, Executive Director of Capital Area Workforce Development (CAWD) Board.

Ms. Sturdivant shared the mission of CAWD and the five key elements:
Create a highly effective workforce; Provide employers with productive,

skilled workers; Offer citizens training and employment opportunities; Promote job satisfaction and economic vitality; and enable all citizens to contribute to the prosperity of the community. She shared how CAWD's program overlays with the Upward Mobility Building Blocks and identified similarities. Employment and Training are two of CAWD's key competencies.

She shared Who we Serve;

She shared Center Locations;

She shared Career Center Services focusing on three key areas: Talent Engagement, Talent Development and Talent Employment Solutions; She shared importance of focusing on the individual and designing plans that are appropriate for each person;

She shared Outcomes Snapshot focusing on key data points: Adults Served, Youth Served and Employers served;

She shared number of Adults served: 53,376;

She shared number of Youth Served: 455; and

She shared number of Employers served: 3,828

She shared CAWD's Upward Mobility Focused Projects: Vulnerable Populations and Returning Citizens

She shared six general areas of CAWD's upward mobility needs as it pertains to Workforce Development: Influence more employers to become partners; Focused recruitment; Better access to training; Increased flexible access to workforce services; Expanded resources for youth and Improved access to workforce information in schools.

Ms. Sturdivant turned her portion of the presentation to Mr. Danya Perry, Director of Economic Development.

Mr. Perry shared Wake County Economic Development's Program of Work Pillars (Small Business Support, Talent & Workforce Development and Inclusive Economic Mobility) and Building Blocks (Direct engagement and Convening Discussions).

He shared highlights of work in the area of small business and entrepreneurship programs focusing on Black/Hispanic Business Momentum.

He shared work being completed through the Triangle Diversity, Equity & Inclusivity Alliance program. He shared an update on DEI conferences held and the successes of each event.

He shared the Inclusive Economic Mobility work focusing on targeted growth area businesses; launching program titled "A Better Wake" to

dismantle systemic racism; and Support Live Well Wake program which focuses on implementation of equity-centered practices for vulnerable populations.

Mr. Perry turned his portion of the presentation to Mr. Scott Ralls, President of Wake Tech Community College.

Mr. Ralls shared background of Wake Tech's program being named "The Ladder College". Wake Tech is the only college in the region whose focus is on Wake County. Upward mobility is a pillar of Wake Tech.

He shared three broad ladder steps that pertain to Employment, Training and Post Secondary Education.

He shared Wake Tech is deliberate with providing "Ladder Economics" which is key to economic mobility through Career Mapping, Foothold Training, Aligned Dual Enrollment, Stackable Degrees, Work-Based Learning, Recovery/Career mapping, Strategic Workforce Transfer and Degree Plus Skills.

He shared a few successes of Ladder Economics through partnerships. He shared the core element of Wake Tech's Strategic Plan is the importance of reaching students in every part of Wake County and rallying around them to make connections in vulnerable and economic areas.

He shared partnerships with organizations to eliminate food, transportation, housing and technology insecurities to rally around students as well as community.

Mr. Perry thanked Ms. Best, Ms. Sturdivant, Mr. Haley and Mr. Ralls and highlighted their success in the work of upward mobility and acknowledging strategies, best practices of going from good to great and then he opened the floor for questions.

Chair Calabria thanked the members for their work and noted that work on economic mobility is complicated and the landscape involves (under-privileged, low income areas) use of different initiatives to bring an individual and family members back together to achieve positive outcomes.

Commissioner Thomas shared comments of appreciation to Mr. Ralls (Wake Tech) for the work with Advising and Career Centers, BioTech, and Laddering concept (8 accelerated programs) and said she hears about these programs throughout the community. She shared she would like to visit the Advising Center. She shared appreciation to Mr. Perry (Economic Development), regarding the diversity conference with great panelists. She

asked about small business and entrepreneurship support, how can these organizations work with local and state government agency programs in order to grow. She thanked Ms. Sturdivant and Ms. Best (NC Works and CAWD) for the ability to attend a CAWD meeting and to see the work that is being done with underemployed. She asked if COVID is changing the way they do their work in the community.

Ms. Sturdivant shared that delivery of services has been challenging due to COVID. Identified services are now provided virtually and CAWD is working more with employers requesting flexibility for opportunities that allow employees to work from home (this is a new trend as a result of COVID).

Commissioner West shared comments as it relates to getting individuals more engaged in these programs. He noted the great work that is being done; however, there needs to be more thought about alignment. He shared that doing collective impact work is difficult. He shared comments on how the question needs to be asked, who is leading which piece of the collective impact work and who gets the credit for the work. He shared he would like to see more tangible outcomes. He shared there needs to be more meaningful engagement of our community and due to gentrification, we need to do a demographic analysis to see where the barriers to engaging the community members exist.

Commissioner Cervania thanked the panel for their presentations and addressing the needs regarding the Building Blocks of Upward Mobility. She noted that accountability for these programs helps everyone in the community. She shared the importance of living wages. She asked the panel what was their perspective as it pertained to closing the wage gap and addressing the concept of receiving a respectable wage.

Mr. Ralls shared Wake Tech completed an audit of institution and increased wages to \$15.00 per hour. He shared influence on wages is driven by the economy not particularly employers. He shared being able to connect to opportunities is important.

Ms. Best shared agreement with Commissioner Cervania regarding community advocacy on giving and receiving a living wage and noted education on this matter is important.

Commissioner Evans thanked the panel for their collaborative work. She shared the fact that the strategies were very thought-out. She commented that even though this type of work may take time on a broad scale, this collaboration still gives her hope that success is forthcoming. She shared that the Wake Tech slide regarding reaching and rallying around students was spot on and thinks this concept will make change in lives.

Commissioner Hutchinson shared his appreciation for the panel and their work on upward mobility. He asked a question regarding COVID environment and how persons are choosing to not return to work due to COVID environment. He wanted to know what businesses are doing with this and how has the workforce along with businesses changed.

Ms. Sturdivant shared national labor market information with competitors has been helpful.

Ms. Ralls noted enrollment drops have been among vulnerable students and they are trying to increase these numbers.

Mr. Haley shared exacerbation of labor issues is due to employees not feeling comfortable returning to the office.

Vice Chair Adamson shared her thanks and appreciation to the panel for their collective work, noting that the team has given her hope seeing how the work is genuine and top notch.

Commissioner West shared comments on whether employees feel appreciated when climbing the corporate ladder.

Mr. Ralls shared conversations about "fishing" to reach individuals provided opportunities to screen people to these locations.

Chair Calabria thanked the panel for their efforts and noted that their work is reflective on prosperity. He emphasized that everyone has to feel the prosperity of the community.

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

3. Ordinance Prohibiting Discrimination in Public Accommodations and Employment

Attachments: [Draft NonDiscrimination Ordinance 10.11 worksession.pdf](#)

Chair Calabria welcomed Allison Cooper, Deputy County Attorney, to join this discussion.

Ms. Cooper, shared that the County Attorney's assistance for working on the draft Resolution to Enact an Ordinance Prohibiting Discrimination in Public Accommodations and Employment (HB2) Bill.

She shared background of the House Bill Ordinance. She shared by law, we are still preempted from regulating access to public accommodations.

HB2 moratorium is in place.

This rule cover three things:

Discrimination in public accommodations

Private Employment

Public Bidding Process

The application process will apply to County limits and is complaint driven; meaning any complainant who feels discriminated against will need to file the complaint with the County Manager's office. The County Manager's office will determine if the complaint is in their jurisdiction then County Manager's office will initiate conciliation process.

She shared this Ordinance will not create a litigation process; not giving any private party a right of action to file suit; not circumventing any legal remedies.

She shared the effective date for proposal of this Ordinance is February 1, 2022.

Chair Calabria shared his overview noting that he, Commissioner Adamson, and staff have been doing research and work on this ordinance for a few months. He thanked Ms. Cooper for the work that the County Attorney's office has done regarding this Ordinance.

He noted the underlying principle is that no one should be discriminated against because of who they are. Noting that having access to talent is top priority and having an safe, secure, environment that is welcoming. This is the right thing and the smart thing to do. Inclusion covering all aspects of race, sex, pregnancy, LGBTQ, veterans, disability, age, religion, etc. The Ordinance does require that any organization wishing to do business with the County will need to certify they are not a discriminatory company as a condition of submitting a bid to the County.

Wake County will do business with organizations who are inclusive and welcoming.

He shared that this Ordinance will accomplish three things:

Local level protection for residents.

Sets norms and expectations within our community.

Communicate to everyone what Wake County is about.

He welcomed Vice Chair Adamson to join the discussion. Commissioner Adamson thanked the Chair and noting that the Ordinance is important work and makes a difference in people's lives and in the community. She shared that she wants Wake County to be known as a welcoming

organization.

She noted that she is honored that this Ordinance is being brought forth on National Coming Out day. She thanked the Chair and Commissioners for work on this Ordinance and feels this is a giant step forward for Wake County.

Commissioner West asked if we have done a disparity study to look at data showing that no one is excluded from bidding process.

County Manager Ellis noted that Emily Lucas, Chief Finance Officer, will provide response. Ms. Lucas shared the disparity study that Wake County does look at how Wake County procures goods and services and if there's a disparity among advertisement and receipt of bids, bid responses and how we reach out to minority business owners and interact with the business community for our procurement.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Chair Calabria and Vice Chair Adamson on Ordinance. Celebrating diversity is an expression of what we believe and he fully supports the Ordinance.

Commissioner Evans shared support of the Ordinance. She shared this Ordinance can make sure that all residents feel appreciated and all services are available to them and residents are not discriminated upon.

Commissioner Cervania shared thanks and support of Ordinance. She shared this Ordinance was done intentionally to look at everyone to garner love and peace. She shared she values being part of a group of people who support seeing everyone for who they are. She asked community to look at this Ordinance through a positive lens.

Commissioner Thomas shared her sentiments and thanks for the Board bringing this Ordinance forward. She shared thanks to the Board for their tenacity. She noted when she brought the Crown Act and Natural Hair Discrimination to the Board, she received support and she appreciates the Board's ability to work together. She also shared that she's proud to be part of this group.

Chair Calabria shared that this Ordinance will be on the October 18, 2021 Board of Commissioner's Meeting Agenda.

4. Bonds for Parks, Greenways, Recreation and Open Space

Attachments: [PGROS October 11 BOC Work Session.pdf](#)

Chair Calabria welcomed Ms. Emily Lucas to discussion on funding update to 2018 Parks, Greenways, Recreations and Open space (PGROS) Bond and future PGROS update.

Ms. Lucas thanked Community Services, Tax Administration, Finance and Budget staff for their support of this presentation.

She shared Purpose and Agenda

She shared 2018 PGROS Bond Recap;

She shared Greenway & Open Space Funding Status;

She shared Park Projects Budget;

She shared Parks Project Budget = \$79,520,000 separating out original estimate, current estimate and anticipated completed date;

She shared future funding options: Future General Obligation Bonds; Use of Rollback Property Taxes; Sales Taxes and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding.

She shared the Future General Obligations Bonds (Opportunities and Challenges);

She shared the Anticipated General Obligation (GO) Referenda Calendar;

She shared Rollback Property Taxes noting definition of deferred taxes based on the difference between the present use value of a property and its market value.

She shared Rollback Tax Considerations;

She shared Sales Tax (or other General Fund Sources);

She shared ARPA Funding noting What we Know and What we still are learning.

She shared Next Steps of:

Finalizing FY2021 financials and update debt/capital model;

Continue research funding eligibility and options;

Understand PGROS needs not funded by 2018 GO Bond and lastly,

Present update/additional recommendations to Board of Commissioners in calendar year 2022.

Commissioner West asked whether HUD Census Tracts and Opportunity Zones are one and the same?

Ms. Lucas confirmed they are not the same.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Ms. Lucas and staff for the presentation. Noting how the announcement of Apple coming to the Triangle has had an impact for Wake County in terms of the open space preservation.

He shared encouragement for the staff to find opportunities to preserve

land and searching funds. He noted that the rollback tax as funds available for mitigation develop a policy and bring it back to the commission for review and or approval for use of open space.

Commissioner Thomas shared appreciation for acronym explanations.

Commissioner Cervania shared comments regarding acronym explanation and thanked Ms. Lucas for the ledger of bonds information.

Vice Chair Adamson thanked Ms. Lucas for bringing this information forward. She shared a comment that rollback taxes impacts farmers and the farmers are viewing this as a penalty. She supports the use of money going to parks and grants for conservation districts (25%-50%). She shared this funding would benefit the farmers.

Commissioner West shared a comment that the rollback tax is a deferment and he agrees there is a benefit for farmers but not sure why grants wouldn't be used.

Commissioner Hutchinson agreed with use of rollback funds for conservation easements and buying development rights.

Commissioner West shared agreement with suggestion made by Commissioner Hutchinson regarding use of funds for conservation easements,

Vice Chair Adamson shared there are 700 working farms in Wake County and they are worth preserving.

Chair Calabria supports use of rollback taxes and noted it's a recurring stream of non-recurring expenditures. He invited staff to think of additional projects and verifying that funding streams are allocated to ambitions.

Ms. Lucas thanked the Commissioners for their comments.

5. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Attachments: [October 11 ARPA BOC Work Session.pdf](#)
[ARPA Project Department Requests - Initial Project List.pdf](#)

Ms. Lucas shared the purpose of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) to provide an update to the commissioners on the ARPA plan.

She shared the ARPA Funding Recap noting what the County is to receive, the general purpose of the funding, and the deadline to spend CRF funds.

She shared ARPA Funding Process Recap

Ms. Jennifer Brown shared Public Health Response Update and Tools highlighting the Assessment, Interventions and Treatment;
She shared Wake County Testing Trends - Monthly;
She shared COVID-19 Surveillance & Testing Objectives;
She shared Testing/Surveillance Strategy as of June 2021 to current;
She shared Surveillance, Contact Tracing, Case Investigation & Testing Expenses;
She shared COVID-19 Vaccination Objectives;
She shared Wake County Vaccine Status as of September 30, 2021 noting percent of total population rate of partially vaccinated of 67.5% and Fully Vaccinated persons of 64.4%;
She shared Vaccination Strategy as of June 2021 and current strategy;
She shared Vaccination Expenses.

Commissioner Evans shared a question regarding decreasing availability of employees and that we were scaling back on strike team operations - are we running into issues finding enough persons to fill positions.

Dr. Nicole Mushonga noted there is a challenge with securing nurses. She shared they are working with Human Resources and strike team vendors in order to provide resources to community.

Commissioner Evans shared a comment regarding contact tracing operations - is Wake County responsible for every person or only those who we have tested?

Dr. Nicole Mushonga confirmed Wake County is responsible for all cases that come back positive. She shared that everyone receives a notification from the state and what next steps are.

Commissioner Evans shared that contact tracing demands on the Wake County Public School System is overwhelming. How much of the tracing is taking place at school level versus Wake County staff.

Dr. Mushonga confirmed that Wake County Public Schools provides updates regarding exposures and Wake County then works with families to provide updates. Wake County is currently working with the NC Contact Tracing system.

Commissioner Cervania shared comments regarding 5 - 11 year olds coming up for vaccination. Will Wake County provide these services but also want people to seek these from other providers as well.

County Manager Ellis confirmed that he has been in contact with Cathy Moore, Wake County Superintendent, regarding this process.

Commissioner West shared a comment regarding vaccine hesitancy and resistance. He asked what type of transfer of learning are we providing regarding engagement and participation process.

County Manager Ellis shared that we have learned quite a bit and the lessons that have been learned will be applied to entire organization.

Ms. Brown shared the Strategy Changes highlighting Mass Testing & Vaccination, Transition Phase, Surge Responses and Regional & Focused Responses with Surge Capacity.

She shared How Expenditure Estimates Were Developed
She shared Response Strategy & Monthly Average Expenditures from November 2020 - January 2022
She shared COVID-19 Expenditure Breakdown for the period of October 2021 - January 2022 noting four expenditure categories: Workforce, Vaccine Delivery, Testing and Operational costs

She shared Funding Streams & Response Strategy
She shared FEMA COVID-19 Public Assistance Program
She shared Summary

Commissioner West asked question regarding long term care facilities and what has been done to manage this vulnerable community.

Dr. Mushonga confirmed Wake County is actively working with long term care facilities and providing testing and monitoring to these facilities.

Chair Calabria shared a comment on testing component and the rate of money spent is the highest element equaling \$7-\$12 million. As an eligible cost will the \$7-\$12 million per month be backed out by using ARPA funding.

Ms. Lucas said FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) will assist so there will not be a backing out from the balance sheet. The net cost comes out to about \$5-\$7 million because as we spend we are also receiving new funds to replace them.

Ms. Lucas shared information on County Department Funding Process & Recommendations as it pertains to ARPA funds

She shared total number of requests (110) projects submitted to Department ARPA Portal for eligibility
She shared Assessment and noting criteria team used
She shared suggested breakdown of projects for use of ARPA funding

She shared first funding recommendation is Community Health & Vitality (64%)

She shared first funding recommendation is Education (10%)

She shared first funding recommendation is Economic Strength (9%)

She shared first funding recommendation is Great Government(8%)

She shared first funding recommendation is Growth & Sustainability (3%)

She shared two recommendations from list provided for use of the funding is to be sent to Cooperative Extension and Human Services (whole family care for residents)

Commissioner Thomas shared question regarding community partner network. Ms. Lucas shared Wake County is looking at community health & vitality network and assessing what do we provide, versus the agency that provides the service and making sure the two are connected to make sure agencies are collectively doing the same work while not duplicating efforts.

Commissioner West shared that the presentation showed action strategies and he sees real outcomes; stating this work is community building.

County Manager Ellis said this program is modeling the Healthy Opportunities grant that Wake County applied for.

Chair Calabria asked for three follow ups:

A breakdown of costs in particular to the \$12million for the Social Determinate of Health Network;

The foundation model for use of ARPA funds;

Golden Leaf fund that came out of tobacco settlement.

Ms. Lucas stated funds have to be expended by December 21, 2024.

Putting the funds in a mechanism creates a challenge as the base funding still needs to be used but ARPA funds have an expiration date.

Chair Calabria asked for a town by town breakdown showing the percentage of the population within poverty line based on their needs assessment.

Commissioner Cervania asked where did the request for social determinant of health network come from?

Ms. Lucas shared that the request came from County Manager's office recognizing efforts and strategies could have been more coordinated.

Commissioner Hutchinson shared accolades to Ms. Lucas and Mr. Duane Holder for work on this. He shared that this confirms that funds can be directed to social determinant of health.

Mr. Duane Holder explained that Housing and Affordability created Hotels to Housing program and under that model they housed 300 people. The services for homeless individuals or close to homeless provided insight. This program would give resources to houses for case management and child care.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked that a report back is given to the Commissioners at a later date.

Vice Chair Adamson is excited about Health care network. She shared her support of this program as it pertains to providing shelter beds for the homeless.

Ms. Lucas shared Public Safety Pilot Projects focusing on providing stability, telehealth, housing:

Coming Home pilot program = \$600,000

EMS Navigation Line = \$1.5m (this is an initiative that supports Community Health & Vitality Board or Great Government goal)

Supportive Housing = \$310,000

COOP Update = \$300,000

Ms. Lucas shared the Economic Strength Projects naming two programs: Capital Area Workforce Development (CAWD) and Reentry Expansion

She shared the Education Projects - Wake Tech: recommend allocating \$4.2million

She shared Great Government Projects: Fire Services Recruitment (\$2.3million) and Community Engagement (\$1million)

She shared Growth & Sustainability Project: Community Services \$650,000 and Ponderosa Wastewater Upgrades \$500,000

Commissioner West asked if HBCU's have received COVID dollars. Asking if any partnerships can be done with HBCU's.

County Manager confirmed that he will sit down with HBCU's to see if any collaboration can be done.

Ms. Lucas shared summary that all projects:

Meet defined eligible ARPA purposes;

Address some aspect of one or more Board goals areas; and

Continue to support recovery activities.

Ms. Lucas shared next steps if funding is approved on October 18, 2021:

Fine Tune project amounts and budget/accounting structures;

Discuss with departments how project funding will be monitored; and

Ensure departments are capturing demographic and outcome metrics.

Vice Chair Adamson asked if groups who were not previously funded have been given the opportunity to get funding later.

Ms. Lucas confirmed yes that would be possible.

Commissioner Evans thanked staff who reviewed the requests and who will review material off-line noting how impressive the list was.

Commissioner Cervania thanked Ms. Lucas for her leadership on this material. She commented she needs clear communication on what projects are being funded and those that are not.

Commissioner Hutchinson shared this funding project is a silver lining to COVID. He shared comment that success will be forthcoming for this project.

Chair Calabria echoed Commissioner Hutchinson and said that it is clear they listened to the Board when making this report.

Commissioner West added that these projects are the things that have been needed.

Ms. Ashley Jacobs shared information on Community Engagement
She shared County Survey and Multi-Jurisdictional information
She shared Community Funding Application Funding Process noting application period is October 25 - November 30.
She shared Community Funding Available
She shared Funding Summary

Vice Chair Adamson asked who will pick the projects?

Ms. Jacobs confirmed staff will review applications and make recommendations to the Board in Jan. 2022.

Commissioner West shared comments that training will be needed for certain organizations so they can submit the applications.

Ms. Jacobs said contact information will be provided for applicants to submit their application through the portal.

Ms. Lucas shared Funding Summary total started at \$215.95 million remaining balance is \$100.67 million
She shared Other Considerations.
She shared next steps.

County Manager Ellis emphasized that he wants a decision to be made on this so that it does not run parallel to the budget process.

Vice Chair Adamson noticed community funding application period is five days.

Ms. Lucas confirmed the application period is five weeks.

Commissioner Thomas asked what is the timeline to get back to staff with feedback.

Ms. Lucas shared November 1 can be set for appropriation; instead of October 18th, which was the initial date, if additional time is needed.

Commissioner Thomas is open to changing feedback to November 1st date as long as it doesn't impact application date.

Chair Calabria offered that only if there is no slowdown on the policy side November 1st might be a good choice.

Commissioner Hutchinson agrees to have staff work on community funding and report back to commissioners.

County Manager Ellis asked for feedback/comments by noon on Friday.

Vice Chair Adamson offered an amendment to move forward with community funding next week

Ms. Lucas offered an amendment to Vice Chair Adamson's amendment, can this be added to October 18th and everything else goes to November 1, 2021.

Ms. Lucas confirmed the two items on the 18th will pertain to Community Funding.

Commissioner Thomas asked that the information not be piece meal to them.

Commissioner Evans thinks comments should be sent by Friday at noon and proceed with plan to approve on October 18th. She is leaning towards keeping due date October 18, 2021.

Commissioner West agreed about the time sensitivity and is concerned about the quality of the process. Asked for clarity on what will he be required to provide?

County Manager Ellis confirmed that feedback is due on presentation given by Ms. Lucas.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked for spreadsheet by Wednesday October 13, 2021 and presentation materials to be sent to Commissioners on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Chair Calabria will circle back with Manager Ellis and Vice Chair Adamson to confirm consensus of group.

Vice Chair Adamson is okay with moving due date for commissioner responses forward by one day.

Chair Calabria opened the floor for general items.

Commissioner West shared comment regarding potential property tax assistance program. He shared initial concept of a form of grant assistance for individuals meeting eligibility criteria. He shared request approval of this "4-hour rule" request.

Chair Calabria took roll and all approved.

Commissioner Thomas shared that today is International Day of the Girl and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on this Board.

Chair Calabria adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Womack
Senior Executive Assistant
Wake County Board of Commissioners

Adjourn

Rollcall

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Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, Commissioner James West,
and Commissioner Shinica Thomas