



Western Piedmont Council of Governments

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Bi-Monthly Policy Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 28th, 2026

Catawba County Emergency Operations Center
(100 Government Drive, Newton)

6:00 pm dinner & meeting

Agenda Item	Presenter	Action Requested
Call to Order/Welcome	WPCOG Chair Randy Burns	
Introductions	Chair Burns	
Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Chair Burns	Yes
Intern Presentation	Max Charles	No
Community and Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)	Alison Adams	Yes
Hickory Public Housing Audit Presentation	Rick Hammer, Lowdermilk Church & Co., LLP	Yes
Offer to Purchase 941 11 th Ave Blvd SE, Hickory, NC	Alison Alexander	Yes
Work and Dignity Coalition	Stephanie Hanvey	No
RHA Policy Change – Minimum Monthly Rent	Stephanie Hanvey	Yes
First Budget Revision – Fiscal Year 2026-2027	Andrea Roper	Yes
Executive Director's and Staff Reports		
Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:00 pm - hosted by Town of Granite Falls		
Adjournment	Chair Burns	

Note: Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm at Catawba County Emergency Operations Center. Persons needing special assistance are asked to notify WPCOG at 828-485-4272 before the scheduled meeting date.