Wake Forest Board of Commissioners
Work Session Meeting Minutes

The Wake Forest Board of Commissioners met on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026,** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Board Room at Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S Brooks Street.

Mayor Clapsaddle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Ben C. Clapsaddle, Commissioner Keith Shackleford, Commissioner Sliwinski, Commissioner Faith Cross, Commissioner Danny Hupp, and Commissioner Adam Wright.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Members Present:

Town Manager Kip Padgett
Assistant Town Manager Candace Davis
Assistant Town Manager Aileen Staples
Assistant Town Manager Allison Snyder
Town Attorney Nathan McKinney
Town Deputy Clerk Ella Dowtin
Police Chief Julius Jefferson
Fire Chief Ron Early
Public Facilities Director Mickey Rochelle
Engineering Director Tim Watson
Organizational Performance Director Lisa Hayes
WFCAA Director Brian Harrell
WFCAA Community Engagement Manager Zoe Taylor
Fire Captain Daniel Gregory
Budget and Performance Director Michelle Daniels
Grants Program Manager Jack Cassidy
Planning Director Jennifer Currin
Planner II Rayvon Walker
Deputy Police Chief Brandon High
Police Captain Chris Minor
Projects and Programs Manager Kari Grace

Presentations

1.1 Commissioner Daniel Hupp's Swearing In

1.2 Proposed ADA Transition Plan Presentation

Facilities Director and ADA Coordinator Mickey Rochelle introduced the Town's ADA transition plan and the work completed with Precision Infrastructure Management. Mr. Rochelle reported that the Town has been actively addressing ADA barriers since 2023, with many barriers already remediated. He explained that GIS dashboards are being developed to track ADA barriers and remediation across rights-of-way, facilities, parks, and greenways. Mr. Rochelle advised that staff will provide quarterly progress reports and an annual report each December detailing barriers removed and ADA expenditures. Mr. Rochelle introduced Charlie Szold of Precision Infrastructure Management and invited the Board to ask questions.

Mr. Szold presented the Town's ADA Transition Plan and explained the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), particularly Title II, which requires equal access to municipal programs, services, activities, facilities, and rights-of-way. He described the transition plan as a long-term framework for identifying barriers, assigning responsibility, prioritizing improvements, and achieving greater accessibility over time. Mr. Szold recognized the Town's existing progress, including having an ADA Coordinator, and noted that Wake Forest is currently between the "defined" and "repeatable" stages of ADA maturity. He reviewed findings related to programs, policies, communications, and digital accessibility, including inconsistent nondiscrimination language, lack of standardized reasonable-modification and effective-communication policies, inconsistent staff training, inaccessible PDFs, missing alt text/captions, and unclear accommodation procedures. Mr. Szold recommended standardized ADA policies and notices, consistent staff training, accessible-content practices, ADA requirements in procurement and contracts, and continued evaluation of the Town's website. Mr. Szold reported that the rights-of-way assessment identified approximately 30,000 barriers, including about 22,000 vertical height displacements and approximately 4,300 curb ramps assessed, most of which were noncompliant. He also identified 192 locations missing required curb ramps. Mr. Szold advised an estimated total rights-of-way remediation costs at approximately $23.1 million, while emphasizing that this should be viewed as a long-term investment rather than an immediate new expenditure. Many improvements can be incorporated into already-planned capital projects and maintenance activities.

Mr. Szold identified potential funding sources, including grants, Powell Bill funds, NCDOT funding, and the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All program. He also reported findings from facility, park, and greenway assessments, including 356 ADA barriers at 15 prioritized facilities, 285 barriers across parks and approximately 16.8 miles of greenways, and other accessibility issues involving parking, routes, entrances, playgrounds, sports facilities, and amenities. Mr. Szold summarized community engagement results, noting that sidewalks and accessible parking were the respondents' primary concerns, while acknowledging the survey's small sample size and recommending additional outreach.

Mr. Szold recommended prioritizing barriers based on risk, pedestrian activity, traffic, disability prevalence, and other community priorities. He emphasized the importance of establishing governance, maintaining accessibility dashboards, incorporating ADA requirements into procurement and contracts, and regularly updating the transition plan as laws, regulations, and best practices evolve.

Mr. Szold requested that the Board adopt the ADA Transition Plan as the Town's official Title II compliance plan, authorize staff to implement identified priorities, and direct that the plan and grievance procedure be made publicly available.

Mr. Szold concluded that adoption of the plan would establish a documented, measurable, and defensible commitment to accessibility and provide the Town with a structured long-term approach to ADA compliance.

Commissioner Hupp expressed strong support for the ADA Transition Plan and appreciation for the Town's commitment to accessibility, drawing on personal experience with ADA since its enactment in 1990. He asked whether the proposed outreach to the disability community would include state-level organizations and schools. Mr. Szold advised he supported using community outreach as a fact-finding tool to better understand the specific needs of residents with disabilities and help inform budget and implementation priorities. Commissioner Sliwinski asked whether information gathered during prior inclusive playground outreach, including discussions related to Joey Wiggins Park, could supplement the relatively small 30-response community survey. Mr. Szold advised he supports incorporating existing community feedback into the transition plan where appropriate.

1.3 Age Friendly Community and Action Plan Update

Consultant Ann Welton provided an update on the Town's Age-Friendly Community initiative, and the work completed over approximately the previous two years. She advised that the Age-Friendly Initiative is intended to improve Wake Forest for all ages and stages of life, not solely older adults. Ms. Welton noted that the initiative also encompasses individuals with disabilities, parents with strollers, and other residents with varying mobility and accessibility needs. Ms. Welton reviewed the initiative's history and accomplishments and explained that the first year of the initiative focused on community needs assessment. The committee customized an AARP survey for Wake Forest and collected more than 1,200 responses over a three-month period. Efforts were made to obtain input from residents of different ages and backgrounds through digital and paper surveys, community events, focus groups, and listening sessions, including outreach to teenagers. Ms. Welton advised the resulting needs assessment was presented to the Board in May 2025 and became the foundation for the initiative's strategic plan. Ms. Welton explained that AARP's eight domains of livability were consolidated into six areas for the Town's purposes. Beginning in September, the committee reviewed one domain each month, examining community needs, existing Town efforts, challenges, and opportunities for improvement.

Ms. Welton presented the resulting Age Friendly Strategic Plan, explaining that each section identifies strategies, action items, and priorities. She emphasized that implementation would occur incrementally, with the goal of achieving several measurable accomplishments each year rather than attempting to implement every recommendation simultaneously. Ms. Welton noted that the plan had been distributed to Town staff for review and that staff provided feedback identifying areas where recommendations were already addressed through existing Town plans, policies, or programs. Ms. Welton emphasized that the proposed actions were intended to complement and operate under the Town's existing strategic plan rather than create a separate or conflicting planning structure.

Ms. Welton stated that successful implementation would require continued involvement from community volunteers because Town staff did not have sufficient capacity to independently implement every recommendation. She expressed her intention to remain involved and maintain community participation throughout implementation.

For fiscal year 2026–27, Ms. Welton identified development of a Senior Resource Guide as the committee's top priority. She explained that a previous resource guide maintained by Resources for Seniors Inc. had not been updated since 2022, creating a need for current, centralized information regarding health care, caregivers, and other services. Ms. Welton reported that work on the guide was already underway, including information gathering, volunteer assistance, proofreading, and coordination with the Town's Communications staff. The goal was to have the guide printed and distributed to the community before the end of 2026.

Ms. Welton stated that the initiative had now entered the implementation phase covering Years 3–5 and that numerous additional recommendations remained to be addressed. She expressed a desire to work closely with Town staff and the Board to determine priorities and continue making incremental progress.

Regarding the future of the Age-Friendly Community Committee, Ms. Welton stated that the committee had been instrumental in accomplishing the work to date but that the Board should determine how the committee should be structured going forward. She offered to answer questions and provide additional information.

Commissioner Cross thanked Ms. Welton and praised the committee's work, describing it as highly focused and productive. Based on approximately six months of participation, Commissioner Cross stated that the committee brought substantial expertise and knowledge to the process and successfully incorporated perspectives representing different stages of life. Commissioner Cross expressed support for continuing the Age-Friendly Community Committee and suggested that it could operate similarly to the Northern Wake Food Security Team by bringing together subject-matter experts and community members to help address identified needs.

Commissioner Cross specifically expressed enthusiasm for the Senior Resource Guide and a proposed intergenerational event. Mayor Clapsaddle invited Organizational Performance Director Lisa Hayes to provide guidance regarding how the committee should be structured and whether it should operate similarly to other Town boards or commissions, including parameters concerning membership and operation.

Ms. Hayes explained that staff is seeking directions from the Board regarding whether the Age-Friendly initiative should continue through the existing committee structure or transition to a formal advisory board. She advised that once the Board determines the desired structure, staff could develop the appropriate expectations, procedures, and framework for the group.

Commissioner Sliwinski inquired about the end date of the committee. Ms. Hayes clarified that the existing committee had no specified end date. The Town's contractual relationship is with Ann Welton, who recruited community members to assist with the work. Ms. Hayes characterized the committee as a working group that had compiled information and developed the Age-Friendly plan, which was now being presented to the Board for directions on how to proceed.

Ms. Hayes explained that continuation of the committee would not control Town funding. The funding associated with implementation would remain under the control of Town staff and would be governed by the Age-Friendly Plan and decisions of the Board. Ms. Hayes confirmed that the initiative is currently in year 3.

Ms. Hayes also explained that the Board could establish different forms of community involvement if desired, including task forces focused on particular age groups or priorities. Commissioner Sliwinski asked for clarity on the setup of the committee and groups. Ms. Hayes described the Northern Wake Food Security Team as a more informal model as it does not maintain a formal membership roster, meets periodically, and brings together community partners and organizations based on the work being addressed.

Ms. Hayes noted that the Board could establish parameters for a continuing Age-Friendly committee concerning membership, meeting procedures, minutes, and terms if the Board chose to do so.

Regarding the consultant, Ms. Hayes clarified that the $1,000-per-month cost was associated with the consultant rather than the committee itself. The consultant contract began in September 2024 and expired in July 2026. Any continuation of the consultant relationship would require further Board consideration and would not automatically resume.

The Commissioners generally expressed support for continuing the Age Friendly Community Committee and recognized the value of the work completed to date. The discussion focused primarily on determining the appropriate governance structure rather than whether the initiative should continue.

Town Manager Kip Padgett advised that a formal Advisory Board would need to be established by ordinance, while a committee could be established directly by the Board with parameters determined by the Board. Also, Mr. Padgett advised that, regardless of the structure selected, the Board should establish basic parameters for the committee, including membership, terms, and how it operates.

A motion to extend the committee was made and seconded but subsequently withdrawn after discussion established that a formal motion was not necessary at that stage. The Board reached consensus to direct Town staff to develop and return with options and recommendations for the future structure, membership, and operation of the Age Friendly Community Committee. Staff was asked to return with recommendations at the September Board work session, with consideration of incorporating the committee's implementation role into the Age Friendly strategic plan.

The Board also noted that the Age Friendly strategic plan was expected to return for consideration in mid-September.

1.4 Presentation on Traffic Calming Policy Update Considerations

Engineering Director Tim Watson presented policy updates to the Town's traffic calming policy, originally adopted in May 2020. He reviewed the current three-level approach, which emphasizes neighborhood involvement and progresses from low-cost measures to higher-cost infrastructure. The current policy does not permit vertical deflection devices such as speed bumps, speed humps, or speed tables, which were allowed under the former 2009 policy. Mr. Watson explained the advantages and disadvantages of vertical deflections. Speed bumps can reduce 85th-percentile speeds by approximately 5–8 mph but may increase emergency response times by roughly 10 seconds per device. The policy therefore balances traffic safety with emergency response considerations.

Mr. Watson reviewed current eligibility criteria for residential traffic calming, including a speed limit of 25 mph or less, average annual daily traffic (AADT) of 4,000 vehicles or fewer, and roadways generally no wider than 40 feet and no more than two travel lanes. The primary speed metric is the 85th-percentile speed, representing the speed at or below which approximately 85% of vehicles travel.

Mr. Watson reviewed existing traffic-calming measures:

- **Level 1:** Police enforcement, neighborhood awareness campaigns, and temporary radar speed signs. These measures can reduce speeds but generally have limited long-term effectiveness once enforcement or devices are removed.
- **Level 2:** Signage, pavement markings, advance warning devices, and formalized on-street parking. These measures can influence driver behavior but generally provide limited speed reduction.
- **Level 3:** Physical measures such as center medians, chicanes, chokers/bump-outs, mini-roundabouts, and intersection diversions. Mr. Watson noted that some are difficult or costly to retrofit, can affect parking or emergency access, or may have limited effectiveness under certain traffic conditions.

Mr. Watson discussed speed cushions as a potential alternative to traditional speed bumps. Unlike a full-width speed bump, speed cushions contain gaps that allow wider emergency vehicles to straddle the devices. Mr. Watson stated that other municipalities have generally reported little to no emergency response delay, although some delay may occur. He recommended adding speed cushions as a Level 3 option for further evaluation.

Mr. Watson proposed Marshall Farm Street as a pilot project, noting that historical speed data provides a strong basis for comparison. Resurfacing had resulted in the removal of the roadway's speed bumps, and subsequent data showed substantial increases in speeds on several segments. Mr. Watson proposed installing speed cushions where the final speed bump had been removed, along with center medians and a choker at other locations. The combination would allow the Town to evaluate the relative effectiveness of multiple traffic-calming treatments.

The proposed pilot would collect approximately three months of speed data. Mr. Watson anticipated using the results to inform an updated traffic calming policy, potentially incorporating speed cushions as an approved measure, with policy recommendations expected in early 2027. He indicated that installation could potentially occur in September.

Commissioner Wright expressed strong support for the proposed pilot and for reconsidering the Town's current prohibition on speed humps. Commissioner Wright acknowledged having supported the current policy but stated that, based on subsequent experience and available information, the policy may have been too restrictive. Commissioner Wright emphasized prioritizing roadway safety and made a motion to proceed with the Marshall Farm Street pilot project.

ACTION:
Mover: Commissioner Wright moved to proceed with the Marshall Farm Street pilot project.
Seconder: Commissioner Cross
Vote: Motion carried 4-0

Fire Chief Ron Early stated that emergency response impacts had historically been a significant concern with traditional speed humps. He noted that he had been involved in discussions with Mr. Watson regarding the proposed project and viewed the new speed-cushion approach as practical because it could improve community safety without creating the same level of emergency-response delay associated with traditional speed bumps.

Chief Early expressed support for conducting the pilot and evaluating the various measures before determining which should become part of a permanent policy. He emphasized the need to balance residents' desire for lower speeds with the Fire Department's need to maintain timely emergency response and avoid future infrastructure needs caused by increased response times.

Police Chief Julius Jefferson stated that vertical deflection devices would have a greater operational impact on fire and EMS vehicles than on police vehicles. Police vehicles can slow for and recover from speed humps more readily, so the devices would have relatively little effect on police response. Chief Jefferson supported evaluating the measures, particularly from the perspective of fire and EMS operations.

The Board discussed using the pilot to directly measure emergency-response impacts. Commissioners suggested timing fire apparatus on Marshall Farm Street before and after installation of the traffic-calming measures and, if practical, documenting the comparison with video. This would provide the Board and public with a clear visual and quantitative assessment of any response-time impacts.

1.5 Presentation of LEGISLATIVE CASE RZ-25-03, 3832 Rogers Rd Rezoning, a rezoning request filed by Michael Birch, to rezone 2.98 acres located at 3832 Rogers Rd, being Wake County Tax PIN(s) 1749884789, from Wake County's Residential-30 (R-30) to Neighborhood Mixed-Use Conditional District (NMX-CD).

Planner II Rayvon Walker presented rezoning case RZ-25-03 for approximately 2.98 acres at 3832 Rogers Road, located between Rogers Branch Road and Marshall Farm Road. The property is currently zoned Wake County Residential-30 (R-30), contains a single-family dwelling, and is outside the Town's corporate limits and ETJ. An annexation petition for the property is scheduled for Board consideration at a future meeting. The applicant, Michael Birch, with Worth Mills representing the case, requested rezoning to Neighborhood Mixed-Use Conditional District. The property is surrounded primarily by residential zoning and single-family development, including the Heritage subdivision.

Mr. Walker reviewed the proposed permitted and conditional uses, which consist primarily of office and service uses, with several commercial uses and one educational and one residential use. He explained that the applicant declined to provide a site master plan, despite staff's recommendation that one be included as part of the conditional rezoning. Under the UDO, a conditional rezoning without a site master plan may proceed only through specified use conditions and limitations. The applicant may, however, present additional conditions for the Board's consideration during the public hearing. Mr. Walker noted that the applicant had submitted additional conditions for consideration and that they were included in the agenda materials.

Mr. Walker reported that staff determined the rezoning request was generally inconsistent with the adopted Community Plan for two primary reasons:

- **Land Use Plan:** The property is designated Mixed Residential, which calls for a broad range of housing types, from single-family to multifamily development. The proposed conditional zoning would permit only live-work units as a residential use and therefore does not provide the variety of residential options contemplated by the plan.
- **Activity Center:** The property is located at the edge of a designated activity center. The Community Plan envisions activity centers as focal points where residents can gather, socialize, live, work, and shop, with uses such as restaurants, cafés, breweries, and art galleries that create a distinct sense of place. Mr. Walker stated that the proposed use conditions do not include several of these uses and instead include uses such as banks, credit unions, financial services, and religious institutions that would not necessarily generate the public gathering spaces and pedestrian activity envisioned for an activity center.

Mr. Walker noted that a site master plan could have allowed staff to work with the applicant to incorporate appropriate amenities, gathering areas, and other activity-center characteristics into a potential development.

Mr. Walker reported that the Planning Board considered the request and the applicant's additional conditions at its July 14 meeting. The Planning Board voted 7–0 to recommend denial, finding the request inconsistent with the comprehensive plan and not in the best public interest. Mr. Walker advised the staff also recommended denial of the rezoning request, concluding that the proposal was inconsistent with the comprehensive plan and not in the public interest.

1.6 Sustainability Plan Draft Recommendations Presentation

Projects and Program Manager Kari Grace presented an update on the Sustainability Plan, including the project background, completed work, draft recommendations, and anticipated next steps. Ms. Grace explained that the plan is a 10-year framework intended to balance Wake Forest's social, economic, and environmental needs. Ms. Grace advised the recommendations address both sustainable Town operations and sustainable practices within the broader community.

Ms. Grace described four draft strategy areas:

- **Built Environment and Energy:** Improve energy performance and expand renewable energy, including efficiency measures, electrification, renewable-energy feasibility studies, and improved public information about solar resources.
- **Resilient and Healthy Community:** Protect natural systems and biodiversity and strengthen social and physical resilience. Potential actions include continued urban forestry, drought-tolerant/native landscaping, expanded flood monitoring, resilience hubs, a heat action plan, and public education.
- **Resource Conservation:** Reduce waste and food waste, improve recycling, and increase water efficiency. Potential actions include standardized recycling at Town facilities, efficient water fixtures, expanded e-waste/shredding events, food-waste collection, Repair Cafés, and improved awareness of existing food-waste drop-off sites.
- **Transportation and Mobility:** Strengthen multimodal and clean transportation options through regional transit partnerships, expanded EV charging, microtransit evaluation, a bike-lending library, staff EV education, and Safe Routes to School partnerships.

Ms. Grace clarified that the examples presented represent only a sample of the draft actions; the complete draft recommendations will be presented to the public at open houses on August 27, with free GO Wake Forest microtransit rides available to attendees who have an account. Also, Ms. Grace noted that additional public feedback will inform refinement of the plan and subsequent implementation recommendations.

Commissioner Hupp praised the sustainability discussion and encouraged the Town to expand engagement and partnerships with local colleges, high schools, and agricultural programs/departments. Also, Commissioner Hupp advised of supports using GO Wake Forest microtransit to facilitate participation in the upcoming public engagement events.

Mayor Clapsaddle asked whether Wake Forest public schools have a composting policy or program that the Town could learn from or potentially participate in, given the volume of food served by schools. Ms. Grace responded that the school system recently created a sustainability position, and the Town is beginning to establish relationships with that staff member. She indicated that collaboration could involve sharing successful practices and identifying joint initiatives. Mayor Clapsaddle emphasized that the outreach should also include charter and private schools, which operate separately from the public school system and encouraged consideration of school partnerships as the Town develops any composting-related policies or initiatives. Finally, Mayor Clapsaddle expressed interest in the proposed bike-lending library, particularly whether it could include e-bikes and e-scooters and suggested the concept could also benefit Town staff traveling around the community. Safety, including helmet use, was notes.

2. Discussion of Monthly Financial Report

2.1 Discussion of Financial Summaries

CFO and Assistant Town Manager Aileen Staples explained that August is the only month without a monthly financial summary because the Town is closing out the fiscal year and completing the annual audit. Ms. Staples reported that year-end accruals were completed the prior week, with additional revenues still being received and the books being finalized. Also, Ms. Staples advised that interim financial information is expected to be provided to the Board within the next couple of weeks. Finally, Ms. Staples advised the final audited financial report is anticipated for presentation at the November Board meeting.

3. Review of Draft Agenda for Upcoming Regular Meeting

3.1 Draft Agenda for BOC Regular Meeting August 18, 2026

4. Other Business

5. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Cross advised she attended a maternal and child health town hall hosted by the Wake Forest Rotary Club and the event reviewed the 2025 maternal and fetal mortality report, including presentations from public health representatives regarding countywide maternal and child health initiatives. Commissioner Cross highlighted resources and support available throughout pregnancy and the postpartum period, noting the information was relevant to the Town's broader age-friendly/all-ages, all-stages efforts. Commissioner Cross advised the event was informative and identified the public health department as a valuable community resource.

Commissioner Shackleford had no report.

Commissioner Sliwinski advised Announced that the Human Resources Council is accepting nominations for Good Neighbor of the Year through August 16th and announced the Mental Wellness Fair, scheduled for September 26 from 1:00–4:00 p.m. at the Wake Forest Renaissance Center. Commissioner Sliwinski reported on state budget funding benefiting local projects, including approximately:

- $500,000 for the Wireless Research Center.
- $250,000 for the DuBois campus.
- $350,000 for the Boys & Girls Club in Wake Forest.
- $1.2 million designated for a driver's license office in either Wake Forest or Rolesville; he expressed support for locating it in Wake Forest.

Commissioner Sliwinski reported attending a listening session concerning the proposed WakeMed/Atrium Health merger and raised concerns about how the merger could affect plans to bring a hospital/healthcare facility to Wake Forest. He emphasized that a hospital in Wake Forest would provide not only healthcare services but also economic and transportation benefits and expressed concern that current proposed investments may not adequately address Wake Forest's needs. Commissioner Sliwinski encouraged Board members to review the merger, communicate with Wake County commissioners, and consider the implications under the state Certificate of Need process. Commissioner Sliwinski stated that he intends to continue advocating for healthcare capacity in Wake Forest and for facilities serving the broader northern Wake County region. Commissioner Cross agreed that the WakeMed/Atrium merger could provide significant benefits to Wake County but emphasized the need for hospital beds and healthcare services within Wake Forest, rather than requiring residents to travel 30–45 minutes through traffic. Commissioner Cross also supported evaluating the merger's direct impact on Wake Forest versus Wake County as a whole. Mayor Clapsaddle agreed that the healthcare issue is a regional concern, noting potential impacts on Wake Forest, Youngsville, Franklin County, and Granville County. Also, Mayor Clapsaddle indicated that the Board may consider preparing a written response regarding the merger and its implications for the region. Mayor Clapsaddle advised he would circulate a draft to the Board for review and seek consensus in time to meet the applicable county timeline.

Commissioner Hupp expressed appreciation to the Mayor, fellow Commissioners, and Town staff for their support and guidance during his first six weeks of service as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Wright had no report.

Mayor Clapsaddle commended Town staff for their work during a busy June/July period, particularly the successful July 4 fireworks event and Friday Night on White despite challenging weather. Mayor Clapsaddle thanked Commissioner Hupp for representing the Town at a memorial flag-raising ceremony in his stead and commended the Fire Department Honor Guard for its participation. Finally, Mayor Clapsaddle thanked the Wake Forest Police Department for inviting him to attend its recent awards and promotion ceremony and praised the department for its service to the community.

Town Deputy Clerk Ella Dowtin had no updates.

Town Manager Kip Padgett provided an update concerning Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which governs federal consideration of impacts to historic resources from federally involved projects. He reported that federal requirements are under review and may be tightened or changed, potentially including elimination of certain public-comment requirements and changes to the role of the State Historic Preservation Office. Mr. Padgett noted that such changes could affect the Town's ability to participate in the review process for projects affecting historic resources and reported that the matter has been brought before the Historic Preservation Commission, which is preparing a response during the current public-comment period. Finally, Mr. Padgett advised that the Board will receive a response in the coming weeks and may determine whether to provide additional Town comments.

6. Adjournment

The Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Duly approved in open session this 15th day of September 2026.

(ATTEST)

TOWN OF WAKE FOREST INCORPORATED SEAL FEB. 20, 1909 NORTH CAROLINA

Evelyn Wright, Town Clerk

Ben C. Clapsaddle, Mayor