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**Minutes from District 13 ExComm Meeting  
March 23, 2026 via Zoom 7:30pm**

Attendance (NO QUORUM MET)

Harnett County	Roger Farina	Franklin	Rose Holmes
	Carolyn Elmore		Sid Reynolds
	Lynn Danke		Jennifer Paylor
			Teri Sparrow
Johnston	Jean Casanave	Wake	Kyle Burns
Granville	Deborah Gaul		Mindy Sportsman
GUEST:	Luke Kunkle		

Central Committee Update:

Roger opened the meeting with a Central Committee update, meeting held on March 22, 2026. They interviewed and voted on a new NCGOP Executive Director. As soon as the employment contract is signed, they will announce the successful candidate.

163.106.1 There was a review of the document planning to be sent to the NCGA. It was requesting they make a change to the law that will not allow a candidate to file for office unless they have had that party's affiliation for a year prior to the candidacy; a waiver can be sought by the candidate to the party for exception.

Last election, 17 races involved Democrats running as Republicans.

Senator Ford is the liaison between the Central Committee and the NCGA; he will take the document from point A to B for further action.

District Update:

So far, five counties have passed a resolution to close the primary elections; Person, Franklin, Johnston, Granville and Lee. Roger was confident that Harnett would also pass it.

There was much discussion on the resolution passed in Mecklenburg and Wake counties banning sex offender felons from serving in positions of leadership with the party. That resolution will also be presented at the convention April 11th.

In that discussion it was mentioned that District 1 chair, Harvey West stepped down and they



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appointed Mary Helen Warren to replace him.

### Candidate Vice Chair Update:

Two candidates were on the call to introduce themselves. Mindy Sportsman and Luke Kunkle. There was not a quorum to take a vote so this will be done at a later time.

Mindy Sportsman background: Medical Freedom advocate and activist especially during covid lockdowns. With her Two Citizen Moms following, she was instrumental in helping to pass the Medical Freedom Resolution and Abolition of Abortion Resolution last year at the State Convention. Married 33 years, 54 years old, Christian, realtor, former American Airlines employee; lives off Mitchell Mill Road, Zebulon area of Wake County.

Luke Kunkle background: Nathaniel Greene Society president, launched Carolina Men's Forum, says he has a growth mindset, sets high standards, and wants to assemble a team to do under 40 outreach. Married, 29 years old, father of 3 children, attends Cornerstone Presbyterian in Burlington, lives in Caswell County.

Members asked each candidate a few questions. The position requires learning agility, strategic problem solving, communication and leadership skills.

Carolyn Elmore asked a question about keeping the current location for the district convention. Roger indicated that a venue committee needs to be created and a search started just after this year's convention. There was not enough time to make the change this year.

There was short discussion on whether to call another Executive Committee meeting before the convention.

Sidney Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Lynn Dahnke seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm

Respectfully submitted—Jean Casanave, Secretary CD13