

Governor's Advisory Committee for Western North Carolina Recovery

April 14, 2025 | 10 a.m. to noon
Virtual via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

- 10:00 Call to Order and Introductory Remarks
Sen. Kevin Corbin (presiding) and Mayor Esther Manheimer, Co-Chairs
- 10:10 Remarks by Governor Josh Stein
- 10:20 Updates
Director Matt Calabria, Governor's Recovery Office for Western North Carolina
- 10:30 Blue Ridge Parkway Restoration
Superintendent Tracy Swartout, National Park Service
- 10:50 Small Business Recovery
Small Business Needs Assessment Findings
Colin Kiser, Economic Development Partnership of NC and Dan Gerlach, consultant
- Resources from Small Business Development Technology Centers, Small Business Centers, and N.C. Department of Commerce are provided as attachments*
- 11:10 Wildfire Mitigation
Greg Hicks, Assistant Commissioner/State Forester, NC Forest Service, NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- 11:30 Additional Opportunities for input and guidance
- State legislative requests and actions
 - Federal requests
- 11:50 Next steps and wrap up - Director Matt Calabria
- Summary of action items
 - Input on agenda items for next meeting
 - Next meeting: May 12 at 10 a.m. (in person – location TBD)
- 12:00 Adjourn