

## **Governor's Advisory Committee for Western North Carolina Recovery**

March 14, 2025 | 10 a.m. to noon  
Western Carolina University – Cullowhee, NC  
A.K. Hinds University Center, Multipurpose room

### **AGENDA**

- 10:00 Call to Order and Introductory Remarks  
Sen. Kevin Corbin (presiding) and Mayor Esther Manheimer, Co-Chairs  
Welcome from Western Carolina University – Chief of Staff Melissa Canady Wargo
- 10:10 Updates  
Director Matt Calabria, Governor's Recovery Office for Western North Carolina
- 10:15 Presentations & Discussion
- NC Division of Emergency Management (15 minutes)  
Will Ray, Director & Deputy Homeland Security Advisor, NC Department of Public Safety  
Division of Emergency Management (virtual)
  - NC Department of Transportation (20 minutes)  
Alyson Tamer, WNC STRONG, NC Department of Transportation (virtual)  
Wesley Grindstaff, District 14 Engineer, NC Department of Transportation (invited)
  - Brett Howard, Federal Coordinating Officer, FEMA (virtual) and Colonel Brad Morgan, Army Corps of Engineers South Atlantic Division (virtual), will be available to take questions. (10 minutes)
- 11:00 Remarks by Governor Josh Stein
- 11:10 Opportunities for input and guidance
- Legislative requests and actions (10 minutes)
  - Federal requests (15 minutes)  
Jim McCleskey, North Carolina Washington Office Director (virtual)  
Congressional delegation staff including Benjamin Easter for Senator Ted Budd and Harrison Walker & Laura Medlin for Senator Thom Tillis (virtual)
  - Division of Community Revitalization: HUD Action Plan and timeline (10 minutes)  
Secretary Lee Lilley & Deputy Secretary Stephanie McGarrah, Department of Commerce  
Jonathan Krebs, Western North Carolina Recovery Advisor (virtual)
  - Telecommunications infrastructure (5 minutes)  
Secretary Teena Piccione, Department of Information Technology
- 11:50 Next steps and wrap up - Director Matt Calabria
- Summary of action items
  - Input on agenda items for next meeting
  - Next meeting: April 14 at 10 a.m. (virtual)
- 12:00 Adjourn