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"We are in a state of emergency when it comes to education in North Carolina."  
*Rep. Garland Pierce, on the N.C. Legislative Black Caucus' education tour, examining school district dropout and suspension rates.*  
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## **News Summary**

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### **PayPal Pullout**

In a move that will cost the city hundreds of jobs, PayPal on Tuesday scrapped plans for a new Charlotte operations center in the most dramatic corporate response yet to a new North Carolina law that limits legal protections for LGBT individuals. The payment processor's decision led to renewed calls for Gov. Pat McCrory and the legislature to overturn a measure that has drawn criticism from big companies such as Bank of America and American Airlines as well as sports organizations such as the NBA. The law's backers, however, showed no sign of retreating. They placed blame on Charlotte city leaders who passed an expanded nondiscrimination ordinance that spurred the state legislation. In a volley among gubernatorial candidates, Attorney General Roy Cooper, a Democrat challenging McCrory, said House Bill 2 poses a threat to the state's economy. "These are new, better-paying jobs North Carolina won't get because Governor McCrory has put his political ideology above all else," Cooper said. "It's time to reverse course and take actions to undo the damage." McCrory campaign manager Russell Peck responded that Cooper "continues to side with out-of-state and Washington, D.C., special interests over what's best for North Carolina and its families."

Since H.B. 2's signing March 23, prominent CEOs have signaled opposition, and more added their voices Tuesday. Ric Elias, the CEO of Charlotte-area marketing firm Red Ventures, said he would "seriously reconsider" a planned expansion in North Carolina. In a statement, the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, a public-private venture that recruits businesses to the state, acknowledged "that a number of companies we engage with in our efforts to market the state for business recruitment, tourism and film production have expressed reservations about doing business in North Carolina because of concerns regarding House Bill 2." The organization, chaired by former Charlotte City Council member and McCrory ally John Lassiter, added that it's confident "our state's lawmakers and governor will work together to consider ways to best address the concerns of all parties affected by this legislation, and we encourage timely resolution of this matter."

Republicans who have backed the law gave no indication that they plan any changes. House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate leader Phil Berger said in a statement that Democratic Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts and Cooper should stop their "misinformation campaign" and "start telling the truth about this commonsense bathroom safety law." At a high school in Jamestown, where he was scheduled to talk about education initiatives, McCrory said it's up to individual companies to decide how to deal with the new law, according to The Associated Press.

On Tuesday, PayPal chief Dan Schulman announced in an open letter the company's decision to cancel the Charlotte operations center. "The new law perpetuates discrimination, and it violates the values and principles that are at the core of PayPal's mission and culture. As a result, PayPal will not move forward with our planned expansion into Charlotte," Schulman said. The Economic Investment Committee of the Department of Commerce had unanimously approved \$3.7 million in state incentives for PayPal. PayPal said the new jobs would have an average salary of nearly \$51,000 a year, and the company committed to invest \$3.6 million in its new facility. Schulman said the company is seeking an alternative location for the operations center. Last month, PayPal had said Arizona and Florida were in the running against Charlotte. PayPal also is working, Schulman said, "to overturn this discriminatory legislation." Darlene Heater, executive director of University City Partners, said the cancellation is a blow to the University City area. "We're extremely disappointed," Heater said. "That's 400 jobs that were coming to our area that are no longer coming."

H.B. 2 supporters fired back after PayPal's announcement. "Companies like PayPal who are pushing their radical bathroom policies on states like North Carolina should think twice before they assert themselves into the policy decisions of the state," said Tami Fitzgerald, executive director of North Carolina Values Coalition. Michele Nix, vice chairman of the N.C. Republican Party, accused PayPal of "corporate hypocrisy and bullying," citing the company's past violations of economic sanctions on Cuba, Sudan and Iran. (Rick Rothacker, Ely Portillo and Katherine Peralta, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 4/06/16).

### **Greensboro Resolution**

The Greensboro City Council approved a resolution Tuesday opposing a new state law that revokes legal protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. After more than an hour of heated discussion, the resolution

against House Bill 2 passed 8-1. City Councilman Tony Wilkins cast the lone "no" vote. "The City of Greensboro City Council reaffirms its support for protecting and advancing the constitutional rights and equitable treatment of all residents," the resolution read. The bill, signed into law last month, bans local governments from adopting anti-discrimination rules that include LGBT people, some of which had already been passed in Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh. The law also requires transgender people to use restrooms, showers, locker and changing rooms that correspond to the sex on their birth certificates in public buildings, schools and universities. The part of the bill dealing with bathrooms has gotten the most public attention and debate -- and at Tuesday's meeting supporters of the bill defended it on that basis. Rep. John Blust, R-Greensboro, who voted for the law, made a rare appearance before the council to speak in support of it. "As a parent of a young daughter, I'm not willing to have her and her friends and her teammates have to undress in front of someone with male anatomy," he said. Blust, along with a number of other supporters of the law, was shouted down and mocked by opponents of the law who made up the majority of the audience in the council chamber. Mayor Nancy Vaughan repeatedly asked the crowd to be respectful to supporters and allow them to be heard.(NEWS & RECORD, 4/06/16).

### **Charlotte Mayor**

North Carolina's Republican leaders on Tuesday blamed Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts for the decision by PayPal to drop its plans to open a new Charlotte operations center that would have added 400 jobs. Last month lawmakers passed House Bill 2 as a way to stop an expanded Charlotte nondiscrimination ordinance from taking effect this month. Critics said the city's ordinance would have allowed men posing as transgender women to enter women's restrooms or showers. Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger and House Speaker Tim Moore called it "a radical bathroom policy" by the Democratic mayor and City Council. "The governor warned her the legislature would take immediate action to protect North Carolina families," they said in a joint statement. "If Jennifer Roberts, (state Attorney General) Roy Cooper and the far-left Political Correctness Mob she's unleashed really care about the economic future of her city, they'll ... start telling the truth about this commonsense bathroom safety law." Charlotte Republican Rep. Dan Bishop, who helped draft the law, said PayPal's decision was "not about HB2." "It is instead about a frenzy that the mayor and her allies on City Council have whipped up," he said. "I think she might consider that she stop calling in airstrikes on her own position." Asked whether he and fellow legislators bore any responsibility, Bishop said, "I don't have any further comment."(Jim Morrill, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 4/06/16).

### **PayPal Accounts**

Donors looking to support the Republican state Senate leader or the sponsor of House Bill 2 are asked to send online contributions through PayPal, the company that announced Tuesday that it's canceling a Charlotte expansion because of the new law. The campaigns of Senate leader Phil Berger and Rep. Dan Bishop, the Charlotte Republican who sponsored H.B. 2, use PayPal to process campaign contributions. Bishop did not respond to questions Tuesday about whether he plans to continue using PayPal or switch to another service. Berger's campaign could not be reached. According to campaign finance records, Berger has spent

\$1,687 so far this election cycle on PayPal's services. Bishop has spent \$705 with the company. Other Republicans involved in H.B. 2 -- including House Speaker Tim Moore, Gov. Pat McCrory and Sen. Buck Newton -- use other vendors to process campaign contributions, records show. Several supporters of H.B. 2 said they won't do business with PayPal anymore. "Dear PayPal: I am closing my account with your company due to your desire to discriminate against women and children," Rep. Michael Speciale, a New Bern Republican, posted on Facebook on Tuesday.(Colin Campbell, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/05/16).

### **Clergy Group**

Nearly 70 clergy from several faith traditions pledged Tuesday to do whatever they can to overturn North Carolina's controversial new law limiting legal protection for LGBT people. "We are morally outraged about this rarely used political maneuver by the state Senate and House to bypass the will of Charlotte's City Council," the Rev. Robin Tanner, lead minister at the Piedmont Unitarian Universalist Church, said Tuesday at a news conference. "However, we are even more disturbed about the fact that this effort denies entire segments of the population their due protections as citizens." Tanner, who chairs the interfaith Charlotte Clergy Coalition for Justice, said the group would financially support the lawsuit recently filed by the ACLU to challenge H.B. 2. The liberal clergy group, which includes two transgender ministers, will also organize an anti-H.B. 2 rally on April 24. Reached Tuesday, the Rev. Mark Harris, a leading supporter of H.B. 2, blamed the Charlotte City Council and Mayor Jennifer Roberts for going too far in passing the city ordinance H.B. 2 was designed to overturn. Until the city pushed the ordinance, Harris said, "people did feel like everybody had equal protection. ... There was never a true case made of untold numbers of people hurt or in any way mistreated."(Tim Funk, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 4/06/16).

### **Mississippi Law**

Mississippi's governor signed a law Tuesday that allows religious groups and some private businesses to refuse service to gay couples based on religious beliefs. Gov. Phil Bryant signed House Bill 1523, despite opposition from gay-rights groups and some businesses who say it enables discrimination. Some conservative and religious groups support the bill. The measure's stated intention is to protect those who believe that marriage should be between one man and one woman, that sexual relations should only take place inside such marriages, and that male and female genders are unchangeable. The measure allows churches, religious charities and privately held businesses to decline services to people whose lifestyles violate their religious beliefs. Individual government employees may opt out, although the measure says governments must still provide services. "This bill does not limit any constitutionally protected rights or actions of any citizen of this state under federal or state laws," Bryant said. "It does not attempt to challenge federal laws, even those which are in conflict with the Mississippi Constitution, as the Legislature recognizes the prominence of federal law in such limited circumstances."(Jeff Amy, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 4/05/16).

### **Teacher Raises**

Gov. Pat McCrory presented a package of education spending proposals Tuesday that included a 5 percent average teacher pay raise and bonuses that would average 3.5 percent. McCrory said veteran teachers, who got the smallest increases in a 2014 pay plan, would get the bigger bonuses. Teachers with 25 or more years experience would receive \$5,000 bonuses; those with less experience would get \$1,100 bonuses. Principals would be included in the plan for bonuses. The state salary schedule caps base pay at \$50,000 a year for the most experienced teachers without master's degrees. McCrory said his plan would bring average teacher pay to more than \$50,000. He said his proposed education budget would include a \$2 million college scholarship program for students who want to teach math and science. McCrory also proposes an additional \$5 million in private school vouchers for students with disabilities. The teacher raises would cost an estimated \$250 million and the teacher bonuses \$165 million, according to McCrory's office.

The continuing controversy over a new law limiting LGBT protections overshadowed McCrory's education announcement. Logan Smith, communications director for Progress NC Action, said the news conference was McCrory's failed attempt at a distraction. "He has these election year gimmicks," Smith said. "He needs something to change the conversation." McCrory spokesman Josh Ellis said the education presentation was planned long before the PayPal announcement. "This is around the time budgets are rolled out," he said. The legislature is set to return to Raleigh on April 25 to work on a state budget, and teacher raises are expected to be a major topic. McCrory presented his education package at Ragsdale, his former high school in Jamestown, where he announced a plan for major raises for early-career teachers two years ago. Unlike the 2014 event, McCrory made Tuesday's announcement without legislative leaders and other lawmakers who focus on education in attendance. It is unknown whether leading Republican lawmakers support McCrory's plan. Senate leader Phil Berger's and House Speaker Tim Moore's offices did not respond to questions. In January, Moore said teacher raises were likely to be about 2 percent. Sen. Jerry Tillman, an Archdale Republican who helps write the education budget, said he had not heard about McCrory's plan, but wants to raise teacher pay -- "something more than 2 percent" -- with a focus on veteran teachers. Mark Jewell, vice president of the N.C. Educators Association, said his organization hadn't heard the details, but the proposal was not enough to address what he called a "crisis" in public education. "It's going to take more than a 5 percent increase to reverse all the damage that's been done to North Carolina public school children," Jewell said. (Lynn Bonner, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/06/16).

### **Licensing Boards**

A legislative committee Tuesday retreated from a proposal to eliminate or consolidate nearly two dozen occupational licensing boards, saying the issue was more complicated than members realized. The Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee agreed to postpone further discussion until after this year's short session of the General Assembly, which begins April 25. Dozens of people with connections to those licensing boards filled a large meeting room in the legislative office building to argue against the changes, which surfaced last month in a proposed bill drafted in a subcommittee. The limited-government organization Americans for Prosperity has been pushing to curtail some of the

boards, saying the state overregulates some occupations, making it harder for people to find jobs. In some cases, the proposal would move licensing boards into other boards or agencies. Advocates for the boards say regulation protects public health and safety. Sen. Andy Wells, a first-term Republican real estate agent from Hickory, had been shepherding the draft bill, saying the General Assembly is responsible for supervising 58 licensing boards but has little control over what they do. Wells expressed frustration that his subcommittee could not get all the information it sought from the boards. But other members of the committee said they didn't fully understand all the work the boards do until Tuesday's hearing. "It's abundantly clear we need more information," said Rep. Jonathan Jordan, a Republican attorney from Jefferson. "We don't want to be overregulating, but we also want to protect the public health and safety." Rep. Jeff Collins, a Republican financial consultant from Rocky Mount, said most of the licensing boards discussed Tuesday seemed to be necessary. (Dome, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/06/16).

### **Legal Fees**

North Carolina statewide elected officials have approved taking more than \$1 million from a special emergency fund to pay the legal fees of private attorneys who got an abortion ultrasound law overturned. The Council of State voted Tuesday to take money from the state contingency fund to pay lawyers who sued over the 2011 law and for other expenses the plaintiffs incurred. The council is led by Gov. Pat McCrory. Both a federal trial judge and federal appeals court struck down the provision defended by the state that required abortion providers show and describe an ultrasound to a pregnant woman. A judge ordered the state pay the fees and expenses. The council also approved paying \$110,000 to a law firm that sued over permitting procedures for concealed handgun permits. (THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 4/05/16).

### **Education Tour**

Earline Parmon -- a fierce defender of education and Forsyth County's first black state senator -- may be gone, but her work is not finished. The legacy left by Parmon, who represented Forsyth in the General Assembly until last year and died three weeks ago, will be carried on by friends and colleagues in an effort that kicked off Tuesday. The N.C. Legislative Black Caucus is taking Parmon's message on the road for an education tour, examining school districts' dropout and suspension rates. "Education and dropout rates were very important issues for (Parmon)," said Rep. Garland Pierce, chair of the NCLBC and a Democrat from Scotland County. After starting the tour Tuesday in Lexington, Garland and local caucus members stopped at Emmanuel Baptist Church to join with local elected officials and the Minister's Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity. "We are in a state of emergency when it comes to education in North Carolina," Pierce said. Pierce said the group came to Winston-Salem to highlight Forsyth's high number of dropouts and suspensions among minority students. Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools has the highest dropout rate among the state's large, urban districts and the highest suspension rate, according to the Department of Public Instruction's 2014-15 report. (Arika Herron, WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL, 4/05/16).

### **GOP Infighting**

The N.C. Republican Party feud with its own chairman escalated Tuesday with the party accusing him of "apparent unethical and potentially illegal behavior" and circulating petitions for his ouster. Petitions call for Hasan Harnett's removal and for a special party meeting April 30 to do that. The meeting would come a week before the party's state convention in Greensboro, where 30 delegates will be chosen to the national GOP convention in Cleveland. Some Harnett supporters have said they plan to protest outside the 2nd District convention in Sanford, where other delegates will be chosen. Harnett has been under fire since the state party's Central Committee voted last month to censure him. Its resolution of no confidence included eight offenses "deemed harmful to the North Carolina Republican Party." Tuesday's release included an affidavit from Ken Robol, a computer expert who teaches at Pitt Community College in Eastern North Carolina. In the affidavit, he said he told Harnett there were three ways to break into the party's computer system. He said Harnett preferred what Robol called "the brute force attack" method. "This is old and stale information, I deny all accusations," Harnett, of Harrisburg, said Tuesday. (Jim Morrill, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 4/06/16).

### **Possum Drop**

"The Lorax," Dr. Seuss's 1971 fable chronicling the push and pull between capitalism and the environment in fictional Thneedville, has been the subject of many library story-hours, an animated movie and a Broadway musical. On Tuesday, a three-judge panel at the N.C. Court of Appeals mentioned the Seuss character who spoke for the Truffula trees in a case about who could speak for the Virginia opossum, the wild animal that under a North Carolina law enacted in 2015 has no wildlife protections for seven days each year. At issue was whether People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the animal rights group that has been fighting the New Year's Eve Brasstown Possum Drop for more than four years, has standing in North Carolina courts to fight legal issues related to the captivity and use of a possum for the annual event. Attorneys for Gordon Myers, executive director of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, which is tasked with issuing wildlife captivity licenses, argued that PETA did not, hoping to quash the organization's ability to proceed in court. In the end, the three judges said that their weighing of a decision by Wake County Superior Court Judge Bryan Collins was moot after the General Assembly changed state law last year to exclude the Virginia opossum from North Carolina wildlife protections from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2. The ruling Tuesday did not touch on the legality of the 2015 law. That case is pending. (Anne Blythe, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/06/16).

### **Brannon Ruling**

A North Carolina appeals court has upheld jury decisions deciding congressional candidate Greg Brannon gave false or misleading statements while asking people to invest in a now-closed technology company. Two of three judges on a state Court of Appeals panel on Tuesday rejected arguments from Brannon's lawyers that he should get a new trial. A Wake County jury in 2014 concluded Brannon owes two investors more than \$250,000 and another \$132,000 in attorney fees and court costs. Brannon, a Republican, is a Cary obstetrician who ran for U.S. Senate in 2014 and last month. He is running for Congress in the 2nd District. A third judge on the panel sided largely with Brannon. Brannon attorney Mark

Finkelstein says he expects Brannon will appeal to the state Supreme Court.(Gary D. Robertson, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 4/05/16).

### **Blue Cross**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Chief Operating Officer Alan Hughes has resigned as the company continues working to resolve customer problems that started more than three months ago. Blue Cross promoted Chief Financial Officer Gerald Petkau to COO to oversee customer service, claims processing, project management and IT, and Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer Mitch Perry takes on Petkau's former role as CFO. No reason was provided for Hughes' departure. The state's largest health insurer opened the year with about 25,000 customers who were either enrolled in plans they never signed up for or had the wrong amount of money drafted from their bank accounts. Others waited weeks for identification cards to prove to providers that they had health coverage. The company's customer service center was swamped by irate callers. Hundreds of complaints to state officials prompted Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin to order a performance audit of Blue Cross to determine whether any state regulations were violated. That audit is still underway.(WRAL NEWS, 4/05/16).

### **Charges Dropped**

Wake County District Attorney Lorrin Freeman said Tuesday that her office will dismiss all criminal charges brought in the county by the chief of a private police agency who was indicted by a grand jury Monday. Freeman said an initial review showed about 35 pending cases involved charges made by Nova Agency Co. Police Chief Joseph Conover. City County Bureau of Investigation records show 32 arrests by Nova police in the year before Monday's indictment of Conover. The State Bureau of Investigation arrested Conover Monday in Durham, near his home, according to arrest records. He was jailed in lieu of \$2 million bail. The indictments accused Conover of obstructing justice, two counts of accessing computers, three counts of misdemeanor assault, second-degree kidnapping and three counts of willful failure to discharge duties. Freeman did not disclose how long he had been under investigation. Nova contracts primarily with apartment developments and subdivisions to provide security. The company also services stores and industries, according to its website. Company police are empowered by a state law that places them under the Attorney General's Office and gives them the same powers as municipal police or county sheriff's deputies. John Midgette, executive director of the N.C. Police Benevolent Association, said his group, which represents 10,000 municipal officers statewide, has long been concerned about company police. "When you have people who have the right to take people into custody, to secure them and put them in jail and deprive them of their liberty, then you better have someone who knows the law and abides by the law in a system that is transparent and accountable," Midgette said.(Ron Gallagher, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/05/16; WRAL NEWS, 4/05/16).

### **Job Cuts**

MillerCoors has chosen June 3 as the date for the first round of job cuts at its Eden brewery, the company said in a WARN Act notice sent to state Commerce officials. About 85 employees will have jobs terminated on that date, all represented by the Teamsters 391 chapter. Those employees are believed to have bumping rights. MillerCoors is the third-largest private employer in

Rockingham County, trailing Unifi Inc. and Walmart, according to Rockingham economic officials. The company cited decreasing consumer demand as a factor in announcing in September its plans to close the plant after 38 years. At that time, the company said it had 520 plant employees. In the WARN notice, 349 jobs are affected by the closing, with the second round of terminations set for July 29 and the final round Sept. 9.(Richard Craver, WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL, 4/05/16).

### **Travel Ban**

District of Columbia lawmakers will consider banning official travel by city workers to any state with laws that discriminate against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. The city's mayor, Democrat Muriel Bowser, has banned city travel to North Carolina because of a new law that excludes LGBT people from protections against discrimination. The bill introduced Tuesday by independent Council member David Grosso would make the travel ban part of city law. It would apply not just to North Carolina but to any state that approves similar laws. Grosso says it would likely apply to Mississippi because of a law signed Tuesday that allows businesses to refuse service to gay couples.(Ben Nuckols, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 4/05/16).

## **Legislative Studies and Meetings**

Items in **Bold** are new listings.

**LB:** Legislative Building

**LOB:** Legislative Office Building.

More Information: <http://ncleg.net/LegislativeCalendar/>

### **Wednesday, April 6**

- 9 a.m. | The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Subcommittee on Statewide Early Education and Family Support Services, 423 LOB.
- 9:30 a.m. | The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Unemployment Insurance, 544 LOB.
- 10 a.m. | The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Subcommittee on Statewide Early Education and Family Support Services, 423 LOB.
- 10 a.m. | House Committee on Appropriations, Health and Human Services, Subcommittee on Statewide Early Education and Family Support Services, 423 LOB.
- CANCELLED | The Permanency Innovation Initiative Oversight Committee, 414 LOB.
- **2:30 p.m. | The Committee on Municipal Service Districts (LRC)(2015), 544 LOB.**
- 1 p.m. | The Committee on Barriers to Small Business Access to Credit and Capital (LRC)(2015), 1228/1327 LB.

### **Thursday, April 7**

- 9:30 a.m. | The Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee, 643 LOB.

- 1 p.m. | The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, 544 LOB.

### **Friday, April 8**

- 9 a.m. | The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, 1228/1327 LB.

### **Monday, April 11**

- 9 a.m. | TIME CHANGE: The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, 544 LOB.
- 1 p.m. | The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, 544 LOB.

### **Tuesday April, 12**

- 8:30 a.m. | The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, 643 LOB.
- 9:30 a.m. | The Revenue Laws Study Committee, 544 LOB.
- 1 p.m. | The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice, 643 LOB.
- 1 p.m. | The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, Stedman Education Building at the NC Zoo.

### **Wednesday, April 13**

- 9 a.m. | The Committee on Savings Reserve Account (LRC)(2015), 544 LOB.
- 10 a.m. | The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, Subcommittee on Body-Worn Cameras, 423 LOB.
- 1 p.m. | The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements, 544 LOB.
- 2 p.m. | House Select Committee on Education Strategy and Practices, 414 LOB.

### **Thursday, April 14**

- 9:30 a.m. | The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the North Carolina State Lottery, 643 LOB.
- 9:30 a.m. | The Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee, 544 LOB.
- 1 p.m. | The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, 643 LOB.

### **Monday, April 18**

- 1 p.m. | The Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Building and Infrastructure Needs of the State (2013), 643 LOB.

## **Tuesday, April 19**

- 1 p.m. | House Select Committee on Step Therapy, 544 LOB.

## **N.C. Government Meetings and Hearings**

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### **Wednesday, April 6**

- 11 a.m. | The State Board of Elections meets, 441 N. Harrington St., Raleigh.
- 1 p.m. | The Coastal Resources Commission of the Dept. of Environmental Quality holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Hyde County, Ocracoke Volunteer Fire Department, 822 Irvin Garrish Hwy, Ocracoke.
- 5:30 p.m. | The Southern Regional Advisory Committee of the The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries meets, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office 5285 U.S. 70 West, Morehead City.
- 7 p.m. | The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission holds public hearing on rule changes regarding black bear hunting, Western Piedmont Community College, Leviton Auditorium, Moore Hall, 1001 Burkemont Ave., Morganton.

### **Thursday, April 7**

- 8:30 a.m. | The Personnel and Tenure committee meets via conference call originating in Conference Room A, Spangler Center, General Administration, Chapel Hill. Contact: Joni Worthington, [919-962-4629](tel:919-962-4629).
- 5:30 p.m. | The Northern Regional Advisory Committee of the The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries meets, N.C. Department of Environmental Quality Washington Regional Office 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington.

### **Friday, April 8**

- 10 a.m. | The Personnel and Tenure committee meets via conference call originating in Conference Room A, Spangler Center, General Administration, Chapel Hill. Contact: Joni Worthington, [919-962-4629](tel:919-962-4629).
- 10 a.m. | The DHHS Radiation Protection Commission holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Dorthea Dix Campus, Wright Building, Room 131, 1201 Umstead Drive, Raleigh.
- 7 p.m. | The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission holds public hearing on rule changes regarding black bear hunting, Martin Community College, Auditorium #1, 1161 Kehukee Park Rd., Williamston.

### **Monday, April 11**

- **1 p.m. | The Board Development Committee of The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. meets, 1100 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh. Contact: Yvonne Huntley, [919-821-9573](tel:919-821-9573).**
- 6 p.m. | The Oyster and Hard Clam Fishery Management Plans Advisory Committee meets, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries' Central District Office, 5285 U.S. 70 West, Morehead City. Contact Tina Moore, [252-808-8082](tel:252-808-8082).

**Tuesday, April 12**

- **12 p.m. | The Accountability Committee and Finance Committee of The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. meets, 1100 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh. Contact: Yvonne Huntley, [919-821-9573](tel:919-821-9573).**

**Wednesday, April 13**

- 5:30 p.m. | The Finfish Advisory Committee meets, N.C. Department of Environmental Quality Washington Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington. Contact Kathy Rawls, [252-808-8074](tel:252-808-8074).

**Thursday, April 14**

- 6 p.m. | The Shellfish/Crustacean Advisory Committee of the The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries meets, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office 5285 U.S.70 West, Morehead City.

**Monday, April 18**

- **11 a.m. | The Executive Committee of The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. Board of Directors meets, 1100 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh. Contact: Yvonne Huntley, [919-821-9573](tel:919-821-9573).**

**Thursday, April 21**

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.
- 11 a.m. | The Rural Infrastructure Authority of the Dept. of Commerce meets, N.C. Commerce Board Room, 4th floor at 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

**Monday, May 9**

- 5 p.m. | The Coastal Resources Commission of the Dept. of Environmental Quality holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Currituck County, Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education, 1160 Village Lane, Corolla.

### **Tuesday, May 10**

- 10:30 a.m. | The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Wake Technical Community College, Public Safety Training Center, 321 Chapanoke Road, Raleigh.

### **Wednesday, May 11**

- 1:30 p.m. | The DEQ Coastal Resources Commission holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Dare County Government Complex, 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo.

### **Thursday, May 19**

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

### **Wednesday, June 1**

- 9 a.m. | The State Banking Commission meets, Hearing Room, Office of the Commissioner of Banks, 316 W. Edenton St., Raleigh.

### **Thursday, June 16**

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

### **Thursday, June 23**

- 11 a.m. | The Rural Infrastructure Authority of the Dept. of Commerce meets, N.C. Commerce Board Room, 4th floor at 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

### **Thursday, July 21**

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

### **Wednesday, Aug. 17**

- 9 a.m. | The State Banking Commission meets, Hearing Room, Office of the Commissioner of Banks, 316 W. Edenton St., Raleigh.

### **Thursday, Aug. 18**

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.
- 11 a.m. | The Rural Infrastructure Authority of the Dept. of Commerce meets, N.C. Commerce Board Room, 4th floor at 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

#### **Thursday, Sept. 15**

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

#### **Thursday, Oct. 20**

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.
- 11 a.m. | The Rural Infrastructure Authority of the Dept. of Commerce meets, N.C. Commerce Board Room, 4th floor at 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

#### **Wednesday, Nov. 2**

- 9 a.m. | The State Banking Commission meets, Hearing Room, Office of the Commissioner of Banks, 316 W. Edenton St., Raleigh.

#### **Thursday, Nov. 17**

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

#### **Thursday, Dec. 15**

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.
- 11 a.m. | The Rural Infrastructure Authority of the Dept. of Commerce meets, N.C. Commerce Board Room, 4th floor at 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 25**

- 9 a.m. | The State Banking Commission meets, Hearing Room, Office of the Commissioner of Banks, 316 W. Edenton St., Raleigh.

### **N.C. Utilities Commission Hearing Schedule**

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Dobbs Building  
430 North Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina

More Information: <http://www.ncuc.commerce.state.nc.us/activities/activit.htm>

**Thursday, April 7**

- 7 p.m. | E-35 Sub 45 ...Certificate Application Application for a Rate Increase, Jackson County Courthouse, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva.

**Monday, April 11**

- Staff Conference.

**Monday, April 18**

- Staff Conference.

**Monday, April 25**

- Staff Conference.

**Monday, May 2**

- Staff Conference.

**UNC Board of Governors**

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Board Room of the Spangler Center  
910 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill (**remote meeting locations in BOLD**)

More Information: <https://www.northcarolina.edu/bog/schedule.php>

**Friday, April 15**

- **TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, UNC Asheville.**

**Friday, May 27**

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

**Friday, July 29**

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

**Friday, Sept. 9**

- **TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, UNC Greensboro.**

**Friday, Oct. 14**

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

### **Friday, Dec. 2**

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

## **Other Meetings and Events of Interest**

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Items in **BOLD** are new listings.

### **Wednesday, April 6**

- 6:30 p.m. | The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission hold free blue catfish seminar, John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center, Fayetteville.

### **Saturday, April 23**

- 9 a.m. | The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is offering a women-only fly-fishing workshop, Lake Rim's John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center, Fayetteville.

### **Friday, May 6**

- 7 p.m. | The NCGOP holds its State Convention, Koury Convention Center, 3121 W Gate City Blvd., Greensboro. Tennessee Congressman Marsha Blackburn will be guest speaker.

### **Wednesday, May 25**

- 9 a.m. | The NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the North Carolina Veteran's Business Association host Women Veterans Summit and Expo, McKimmon Center at North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

### **Saturday, Oct. 15**

- TBD | The Equality NC Foundation host 10th annual Equality Gala, Marriott City Center, 500 Fayetteville St., Raleigh.