



### **YOU DON'T SAY...**

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*Tom Ross, former UNC system president and now a fellow at Duke University, at a panel discussion on nonpartisan redistricting.*

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## **News Summary**

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### **McCrory Budget**

Gov. Pat McCrory and State Budget Director Andrew Heath will release more details of the governor's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year at 10 a.m. Friday at the N.C. National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh. The "budget announcement" appeared in McCrory's schedule for Friday, released at 9 p.m. Thursday. Rumors about the release spread through the Legislative Building earlier Thursday. Josh Ellis, a McCrory spokesman, said copies of the full budget wouldn't be available Friday but that "plenty of details" would be discussed. It wasn't clear when the full budget book would be released or posted online. The development comes three days before the start of the General Assembly's short legislative session, which begins Monday. McCrory has released some information about his proposed budget in recent days, including his education priorities. McCrory's spending plan is expected to increase average teacher pay to more than \$50,000 by providing an average 5 percent salary boost. The governor also recommends providing bonuses to teachers and principals with a greater share going to veteran teachers. Among other education proposals, McCrory is expected to seek \$2 million for a scholarship program to attract math and science teachers. He

also wants to spend an additional \$5 million on scholarships for 300 additional students with disabilities.

McCrorry has outlined budget proposals in the health care arena. He wants the state to fund emergency housing for adults with substance abuse problems and mental illness, as well as invest in recovery and drug courts. McCrorry also wants to work on the state's heroin and prescription drug use epidemic by providing more money for prevention and treatment. He will urge the General Assembly to expand Medicaid and state services for older adults, including those with Alzheimer's, as well as for residents with developmental disabilities and autism.

State budget officials have estimated state government will end this fiscal year with a \$237 million surplus, giving lawmakers extra cash to spend. While Republican leaders in the House and Senate agree that teacher raises will be a priority this year, a potential budget battle is brewing over which state employees receive raises and how much. Rep. Tricia Cotham, D-Mecklenburg, told the Insider this week that she worried teachers wouldn't get much of a bump. "I remain optimistic that there will be some type of raise, but I'm concerned that the raise will be too low, basically like the \$750 tip they received last year," she said. Meanwhile, Rep. Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, said he planned to pursue raises for employees of the courts system. Senate leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, said salary issues will depend largely on available revenue. Berger also said during a news conference this week that areas remain in state government where salaries present problems in recruitment and retention of qualified workers and that there would be an effort to deal with those areas. "I'm not prepared to tell you which they will be," Berger said. He added that the Senate hasn't been "enamored with the idea of across-the-board raises." "I think that'll be something that will result in a good bit of discussion as we're going forward with what I hope will be a fairly short, short session," he said. The State Employees Association of North Carolina has called for 5 percent raises for active state employees and cost-of-living adjustments for retirees.(Patrick Gannon, THE INSIDER, 4/22/16).

### **Economic Development**

For years, automakers including Honda, Hyundai, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Toyota and Volkswagen have targeted the South for the construction of new automobile assembly plants. North Carolina, however, has not seen a new plant in more than 20 years. Hoping to reverse that trend, the North Carolina Economic Developers Association this week announced its 2016 short legislative session priorities, with "funding for mega site development that will meet automotive plant parameters" topping the list. "NCEDA's goal is to ensure that our state's economic development efforts continue to encourage economic prosperity and job creation for all North Carolinians," said Ernie Pearson, NCEDA president. In addition to advocating for auto plant site funds, the NCEDA has other goals for lawmakers, including an increase of the Job Development Investment Grant Program, which provides grants to companies moving to, or expanding within, North Carolina. Critics of JDIG say using incentives to pick winners and losers in economic development is bad policy. They also contend the program has been lopsided toward urban areas. The NCEDA recognizes the need to boost rural job creation and argues JDIG must be fine-tuned to smaller projects in rural areas. Part of that could be establishing a clearer definition of rural areas, which it supports. NCEDA is also appealing to lawmakers to consider numerous pro-business tax credits, particularly reinstating the state research and development tax credits, which will support the recruitment and expansion of high-tech companies. As for the session's most controversial issue, H.B. 2, the NCEDA says it recognizes the issue's complexity. "The

business community is split on this and for that reason we have not taken a position," said John Peterson, NCEA executive director. "Our members are on the front line of job creation and keeping North Carolina competitive in the rapidly changing economic market. They are focused on generating economic impact, investment and jobs."(Dan Boylan, THE INSIDER, 4/22/16).

### **Fishing Fight**

Rep. Jimmy Dixon, R-Duplin, didn't mince words when he told a legislative committee and a group of fishermen gathered there this week that commercial and recreational fishermen must end their "turf battle" over access to fish in North Carolina waters. Dixon told the House Select Committee on Wildlife Resources that he hoped the future of fisheries management would focus on the status of the various species of fish, with an emphasis on collecting data that is verifiable. "Because no longer than I've been involved in this issue, I've seen very well-intended people saying exactly the opposite thing, and the time for that to stop is now," Dixon said. "This resource belongs to the people of North Carolina, and we need to begin to look at the resource and all of the different species and begin to plan and make decisions based on that." Dixon suggested that recent changes in the management structure and personnel at the Division of Marine Fisheries, along with the new select committee that will focus on the issue, make now a good time to forget the past squabbles between recreational and commercial fishermen. Braxton Davis, director of the Division of Coastal Management, recently was promoted to lead the Division of Marine Fisheries as well. Former DMF director Louis Daniel recently resigned. Davis, who started in his new role this week, said he appreciated Dixon's comments. "I think there's a real interest in everybody coming together and working together and trying to build consensus," he said of the fishing battle, acknowledging that fisheries management is complicated and much is at stake for all types of fishermen. Rep. Pat McElraft, R-Carteret, welcomed Davis to his new position during the meeting. "I think you'll be fair for our commercial and our recreational fishermen, and I think that's what we need," she said. Dixon reiterated his statements about focusing on the resource for the future, rather than the bad blood of the past. "I want to take the Hatfields and McCoys out of this issue and start getting down to the data-based, science-driven facts and figures on what kind of fish are out there and how we need to manage it, so that it is truly sustainable for the future," he said.(Patrick Gannon, THE INSIDER, 4/22/16).

### **H.B. 2 Lawsuit**

A transgender high school junior from Winston-Salem and a lesbian couple from Charlotte have joined a lawsuit challenging House Bill 2. The move comes two days after a federal appeals court ruled that a policy barring a transgender boy from using the boy's restrooms at his Virginia high school was discriminatory. The North Carolina student, Hunter Schafer, 17, was one of three plaintiffs who joined two transgender state residents and a lesbian law professor challenging H.B. 2. The ACLU of North Carolina and gay rights advocates Lambda Legal announced the additions in a release Thursday. Schafer, a junior at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts High School in Winston-Salem who was diagnosed with gender dysphoria in ninth grade. By her sophomore year she was using the girls' restroom and feminine pronouns. At the School of the Arts she lives in the girls' dorm, but because of H.B. 2, the lawsuit contends, she could be forced to use the boys' restroom, "which would cause her serious anxiety and expose her to threats of harassment and violence." The other added plaintiffs are a married lesbian couple who live in Charlotte -- Beverly

Newell, 45, a real estate agent, and Kelly Trent, 39, a registered nurse. They contend they experienced discrimination when a fertility clinic where they had scheduled an appointment canceled it, saying it does not serve same-sex couples. "It's unnerving to know that we could be turned away by any business for being a same-sex couple and have no recourse because of HB2," Newell said in the release. The three join a lawsuit that was filed several weeks ago in federal court in the U.S. Middle District of North Carolina.

In related developments:

- H.B. 2 controversy erupted in the Republican presidential race Thursday, with U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz attacking Donald Trump over his criticism of the state's actions over transgender bathrooms. Trump was asked about H.B. 2 during a town hall hosted by NBC's "Today Show." "North Carolina did something that was very strong, and they're paying a big price," he said. "Leave it the way it is. North Carolina, what they're going through, with all of the business and all of the strife -- and that's on both sides -- you leave it the way it is. ... People go, they use the bathroom that they feel is appropriate. There has been so little trouble." It wasn't clear whether Trump was talking about the state restrictions or the Charlotte ordinance. The Trump campaign could not be reached. But responding to another question, Trump said Caitlyn Jenner, a transgender woman, could use any bathroom that she wants at New York's Trump Tower. Cruz wasted little time attacking Trump. "Donald Trump is no different from politically correct leftist elites," Cruz said in a statement. "Today, he joined them in calling for grown men to be allowed to use little girls' public restrooms." Democrats pounced on Trump's comments. "Pat McCrory's discrimination law is so extreme even Donald Trump won't support it," state party Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds said in a statement. Sen. Ronald Rabin of Harnett County, one of a few GOP officials in the state who have endorsed Trump, said the candidate's comments aren't likely to sway GOP lawmakers. "I don't think he's been fully read into what the law's all about," Rabin said. "When he finds out what it's like he'll probably change his mind again. I stand fully behind the law."
- NBA Commissioner Adam Silver on Thursday again said H.B. 2 is "problematic" for the league, but he is confident lawmakers will "do the right thing." Speaking on ESPN's Mike & Mike morning radio show, Silver said the NBA is more interested in working with local businesses and governments to effect change in the law than setting ultimatums about the 2017 All-Star Game, which is to take place in Charlotte.
- H.B. 2 treats LGBT people as "second-class citizens" and has raised scrutiny of federal funding in education, transportation and health programs, the state's three congressional Democrats said Thursday in a letter to Gov. Pat McCrory and legislative leaders. U.S. Reps. Alma Adams, G.K. Butterfield and David Price signed the letter. It urges lawmakers "in the strongest possible terms" to repeal H.B. 2.
- The list of national companies that have joined a Human Rights Campaign petition calling on legislators to repeal H.B. 2 has grown to 180. Companies added this week are Alcoa Inc., BASF Corp., Ben & Jerry's, Cascade Engineering, Dansko, Etsy, Green Mountain Power, Kickstarter, KPMG LLP, Live Nation Entertainment, New Belgium Brewing, New Seasons Market, Osceola Music, Patagonia, Self-Help, The Fresh Market, Vanguard, Warby Parker and

Xerox Corp. The Keep N.C. Safe Coalition, which supports H.B. 2, says it has gathered signatures from 393 business leaders, but it has released the names of only 68, most of them small companies.

- The N.C. Values Coalition, which supports H.B. 2, says it has filed public records requests for several Charlotte officials about communication related to that law. The group said its request seeks to "uncover any communications" among Mayor Jennifer Roberts, City Council members, Attorney General Roy Cooper and Treasurer Janet Cowell. It also wants communication between the city's elected officials and the Human Rights Campaign, Equality NC and the Charlotte LGBT Chamber of Commerce. In a news release, the coalition said the "bullying and manipulation tactics" used by the HRC and Equality NC have been "absolutely shameful."
- Charlotte has ended a 20-year-old program that required contractors hired by the city to have anti-drug programs for employees. The city said it believes such programs are prohibited under H.B. 2, which bars municipalities from "regulation or controlling a contractor's employment practices," according to an April 1 memo written by City Attorney Bob Hagemann. The Drug Free Workplace ordinance was passed in September 1995. Minutes from the meeting show that Gov. Pat McCrory, then a City Council member, was one of the ordinance's biggest supporters.
- More than 250 anti-sexual assault and domestic violence groups have come out against H.B. 2, saying it does nothing to reduce assault but increases the risk of violence against transgender people. The groups said the needs of survivors of violence are being used to justify marginalizing transgender people, according to a statement Thursday initiated by the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women. The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the North Carolina Coalition to Against Sexual Assault are among the groups that put their names on the statement.

(THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/22/16; THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 4/22/16).

### **Evidence Rule**

A North Carolina State Bar panel seemed to make progress Thursday on whether prosecutors should be required to turn over evidence of innocence after a person is convicted. At issue is a model rule recommended by the American Bar Association that requires prosecutors to turn over such evidence. In 2009, the State Bar rejected the rule, which the ABA says has been adopted in some form in 13 states. The five-member ethics subcommittee took no votes but appeared to reach a majority consensus that all attorneys, not just prosecutors, should be required to turn over evidence of innocence. "If we have evidence that someone is innocent, I think that's a pretty strong indictment of our system if we don't try to do something about that," said defense attorney Colon Willoughby, a former prosecutor who advises the subcommittee. Acting U.S. Attorney John Bruce took the strongest stance against the rule, saying he didn't think it was the job of the ethics committee to micromanage the actions of prosecutors. "We all believe that innocent people should be free," said Bruce, who said he was not on the subcommittee in his official capacity. "I don't think we need to draft a rule to send a message." Defense attorney Brad Bannon asked the State Bar in January to reconsider the ABA rule, which requires prosecutors to come forward if they find "new, credible and material evidence" that an innocent person is serving time. The subcommittee

didn't set a date for its next meeting. The panel is the first step in a lengthy process that involves the full ethics committee, public comment, the full State Bar Council and finally, the state Supreme Court.(Martha Waggoner, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 4/21/16).

### **McCrorry Liaison**

The short session will see a new legislative lobbyist roaming the General Assembly halls on behalf of Gov. Pat McCrorry -- Leah Burns. Burns replaces Ryan Minto, who departed earlier this year to work government affairs for UnitedHealth Group. She'll work alongside Fred Steen, McCrorry's legislative director. Burns, a Louisiana native, joined McCrorry's staff as a research assistant in April 2013 before being named a legislative assistant in May 2014, according to her online biography. On March 2, she filed as a legislative liaison for the governor with the Secretary of State's Office. A 2013 Elon University graduate, Burns participated in student government, interned in Washington, D.C., at a political lobbying firm and served as a page to the Louisiana Legislature. Over the weekend, Burns tweeted that her favorite Sunday night activity was "watching @VeepHBO and comparing characters to people we know." Critics consider the HBO program "Veep," which stars Julia Louis-Dreyfus, one of the funniest political TV programs in years.(Dan Boylan, THE INSIDER, 4/22/16).

### **UNC Bookstore**

UNC-Chapel Hill will outsource its 100-year-old bookstore to Barnes & Noble in a \$30 million, 10-year deal announced Thursday. Employees, faculty and students argued against turning the UNC Student Stores over to private management, but university officials said Thursday that the deal will quadruple the earnings that go to student scholarships. Forty-eight full-time store workers will still be employed at their current salary, either by Barnes & Noble or by the university, UNC said in its announcement. UNC said Barnes & Noble forecasts an annual payment to the university of more than \$3 million and will guarantee that amount for the first two years. After debt service and other expenses, the store will net \$1.75 million to \$2 million annually for need-based scholarships. The contract includes a \$1 million signing bonus that will go to scholarships. The store was not losing money. It is self-supporting and has generated more than \$27 million in student scholarships in the past 60 years, including \$400,000 last year. According to an email, UNC had discussed the option of using Amazon as a virtual textbook provider. Ives wrote in the email that Amazon broke off the talks because of House Bill 2. Ives said he could not comment on that Thursday but confirmed Amazon was a bidder.(Jane Stancill, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/22/16).

### **Redistricting**

Creating an independent redistricting commission might make intellectual sense. It might cut down on the partisan rancor that occasionally envelops the state. It might help voters get more excited about more competitive elections. Although none of that has persuaded lawmakers over the past two decades, there is something that might: fear. "The most important argument, in my view, is fear of the unknown," said John Hood, president of the John William Pope Foundation, part of a conservative network of think tanks and advocacy groups. Hood was helping to brief a panel of 10 retired judges who have been tapped by the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy and Common Cause North Carolina to experiment with drawing congressional districts through a nonpartisan -- or at least bipartisan -- redistricting commission. Large swings in people moving into the state and to populous areas will mean big swings for the

state's politics, said Hood and other experts, who spoke throughout Thursday. "People have some history now to look at that shows neither party is going to be in control forever," said Tom Ross, a former UNC system president who is a fellow at Duke. (Mark Binker, WRAL NEWS, 4/21/16).

### **DMV Offices**

The Division of Motor Vehicles will close the only two offices where state employees issue car titles and registration stickers to vehicle owners -- and convert the offices to private businesses that contract with DMV. The vehicle registration office on the ground floor of the DMV headquarters building on New Bern Avenue in Raleigh will close for more than a week, starting Friday. A similar office in Charlotte is slated to make the switch later this year. When the New Bern Avenue office reopens May 3, it will become one of 127 privately-run operations across the state that DMV calls license plate agencies. Kelly Thomas, the motor vehicles commissioner, said the 17 staff members at the office will be shifted to other duties in DMV's call center and help desk. (Bruce Siceloff, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/22/16).

### **Ad Complaint**

Attorneys for Gov. Pat McCrory have asked that an ad criticizing the governor's track record on environmental issues be taken down. The ad, which was made and paid for by the North Carolina Environmental Partnership, is reported to have run on broadcast TV stations across the state, including WBTV. Since the ad started airing, attorneys for McCrory have sent WBTV a letter saying claims made in the ad are false and calling video used in the ad 'deceptive.' The ad says that McCrory, through the Department of Environmental Quality, is "considering the elimination of buffers that protect our waterways from dangerous pollution." In the ad, an image of a pipe dumping a seemingly toxic substance into a body of water is shown. In their letter, attorneys for McCrory say articles cited in the ad do not contain the same claims made in the ad's voice over. The McCrory campaign also claims video of the governor signing a bill is not video of him signing a bill that the ad refers to as the 'Pollution Protection Act.' "It's shameful that this secretive group with ties to Hollywood stars and out-of-state billionaires like Tom Steyer used footage of the governor signing a law to protect residents of group homes from abuse to falsely attack the governor," campaign spokesman Ricky Diaz wrote in an email. A spokesman for the North Carolina Environmental Partnership said the group stands by its ad. "We've documented every assertion. We've provided that documentation to the stations," spokesman Rob Perks said by email. (Nick Ochsner, WBTV, 4/21/16).

### **Confederate Monuments**

Amid a national push to remove Confederate monuments and rename streets and buildings, the liberal Southern Poverty Law Center released a report Thursday cataloging government-sponsored symbols of the Confederacy. North Carolina topped the list with 90 Confederate monuments -- tied with Georgia for second place in the country behind Virginia, which has 96 monuments. Add in the places, buildings and roads named for Confederate leaders, and North Carolina has a total of 140 things that honor the losing side of the Civil War. Wilmington has the state's highest number of Confederate honors with 14 listings on the report, most of which are streets. The report appears to miss several Confederate street names in Raleigh. The historically black South Park neighborhood near downtown includes Lee Street, Bragg Street and Hoke Street, all named for Confederate generals. Last year, the legislature passed a bill making it

harder to remove historical monuments and memorials, including Confederate war memorials. Any local governments seeking to remove "objects of remembrance" on public property will have to first get the legislature to pass a law authorizing the move.(Colin Campbell, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/21/16).

### **Named**

The board of directors for the N.C. Press Association and N.C. Press Services has hired a new executive director, Philip Lucey, who begins his new role May 2. Most recently, Lucey was executive director for six years at the New Mexico Press Association. In New Mexico, he led the lobbying effort in the state legislature and acted as the face of the industry, according to a news release. In North Carolina, Lucey will focus on sales development, lobbying and administration of the association's affairs. "I am ready to put my experience in newspaper association management over the last 12 years to work to protect and promote all of the NCPA members," he said in the release. "My goal is to ensure NCPA members are proud of their association and to all work together to further our interests." Lucey was chosen from a long list of candidates, according to the association. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut.(THE INSIDER, 4/22/16).

### **Jobs**

Gov. Pat McCrory announced Thursday that the N.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority approved 17 grant and loan requests totaling \$4,905,420. The requests include commitments to create a total of 161 new jobs across the state. The RIA reviews and approves funding requests for grant and loan programs. The programs are operated by N.C. Commerce's Rural Economic Development team. Grants support infrastructure development, building renovation and site improvements. Since its creation in 2013, the authority has approved \$90 million in awards.(NEWS RELEASE, 4/21/16).

### **WCU Chancellor**

Western Carolina University Chancellor David Belcher notified the campus community Thursday that he has been diagnosed with a small brain tumor. The tumor is affecting Belcher's speech and expression, according to an email that went out to the campus Thursday. Belcher said in the email that he and the university's executive council have a plan "to ensure that we continue to move the university forward." Belcher was hired in 2011 to replace John Bardo.(Julie Ball, ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, 4/21/16).

### **BBQ Lunch**

Thursday was Sen. Thom Tillis' turn to provide lunch for his fellow Republican senators, and he brought in a caterer from North Carolina. The senator from Mecklenburg County picked a prominent Eastern North Carolina-style barbecue restaurant: Parker's of Greenville. Owner Billy Parker drove to Washington, D.C., with enough pork barbecue, fried chicken and fixings to feed all 54 GOP senators. "It was an honor to treat my colleagues to a fantastic North Carolina meal and show them what real barbecue tastes like," Tillis said in a news release. Tillis also gave the senators gift bags filled with other food products made in his home state: Cheerwine soda from Salisbury, peanuts from Nash County, Scott Farms sweet potatoes from Lucama, Texas Pete from Winston-Salem and Sun Dog 130 Corn Whisky from Concord. The bags also included swag from eight N.C. public universities.(Colin Campbell, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/21/16).

### **Flu Deaths**

The number of North Carolinians dying from a flu-related illness has increased to 40 for the 2015-16 season, state health officials said Thursday. There was one death for the week that ended April 16. There were two additional deaths from previous weeks of the season, which officially began Oct. 1 and ended March 31. Alexandra Lefebvre, spokeswoman for the state Department of Health and Human Services, has said it is likely that flu activity will continue for weeks. (Richard Craver, WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL, 4/21/16).

## Legislative Studies and Meetings

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Items in **Bold** are new listings.

**LB:** Legislative Building

**LOB:** Legislative Office Building.

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

### **Monday, April 25**

- 3 p.m. | The Legislative Research Commission, 1027/1128 LB.
- 4 p.m. | TIME CHANGE: The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, 544 LOB.

### **Wednesday, April 27**

- 9 a.m. | TIME CHANGE: House Committee on Appropriations, 643 LOB.

## N.C. Government Meetings and Hearings

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### **Monday, May 2**

- 8:30 a.m. | The NC Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission, holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, 1700 Tryon Park Dr., Raleigh.

### **Wednesday, May 4**

- 10 a.m. | The NC Board of Chiropractic Examiners holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Board Office, 174 Church St, NE, Concord.
- 3 p.m. | The DEQ Environmental Management Commission holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, NC Department of Environmental Quality, 217 West Jones 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, May 25**

- 3 p.m. | The DEQ Environmental Management Commission holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Training Room (#1210), DENR Green Square Office Building, 217 West Jones St., 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**

Dobbs Building  
 430 North Salisbury Street  
 Raleigh, North Carolina  
 More Information: <http://www.ncuc.commerce.state.nc.us/activities/activit.htm>

### **Monday, April 25**

- Staff Conference.

### **Monday, May 2**

- Staff Conference.
- 2 p.m. | E-22 Sub 530 ...Petition for Arbitration of Unresolved Issues Between Fresh Air Energy, Ecolplexus and Dominion Power North Carolina, Dobbs - Commission Hearing Room, 2nd floor, Room 2115.

### **Monday, May 9**

- Staff Conference.

### **Tuesday, May 10**

- 10 a.m. | T-4615 Sub 0 ...Application for Certificate of Exemption to Transport Household Goods, Dobbs - Commission Hearing Room, 2nd floor, Room 2115.

### **Wednesday, May 11**

- 7 p.m. | E-7 Sub 1101 ...Petition for Certificate for 6MW Solar (Woodleaf Site) Located at the Intersection of 801 and Old US 70, Rowan County, City of Salisbury City Hall, Council Chambers, 217 S Main St., Salisbury.

### **Monday, May 16**

- Staff Conference.
- E-7 Sub 1101 ...Petition for Certificate for 6MW Solar (Woodleaf Site) Located at the Intersection of 801 and Old US 70, Rowan County, Dobbs - Commission Hearing Room, 2nd floor, Room 2115.

### **Tuesday, May 17**

- 10 a.m. | G-40 Sub 130 ...2015 Annual Prudency Review/Annual Gas Cost, Dobbs - Commission Hearing Room, 2nd floor, Room 2115.

### **Monday, May 23**

- Staff Conference.

### **Tuesday, May 31**

- Staff Conference.

## **UNC Board of Governors**

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, May 27**

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, Board Room, Center for School Leadership Development, 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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### **Friday, April 22**

- **10 a.m. | Gov. Pat McCrory and State Budget Director Andrew Heath make budget announcement, N.C. National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, 1636 Gold Star Dr., Raleigh.**
- **6:30 p.m. | Gov. Pat McCrory attends N.C. State Parks 100th Anniversary at Fort Macon State Park, Fort Macon State Park Visitor Center & Fort, 2303 East Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach.**
- 7:15 p.m. | Fort Macon State Park hosts North Carolina State Parks Centennial Celebration, Fort Macon State Park, 2303 East Fort Macon Road Atlantic Beach. The event concludes April 24.

### **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.

### **Tuesday, April 26**

- TBA | The state Department of Cultural and Natural Resources holds a public hearing on a monument to commemorate the achievements of African-Americans, Wilmington.

### **Tuesday, May 3**

- TBA | The state Department of Cultural and Natural Resources holds a public hearing on a monument to commemorate the achievements of African-Americans, Raleigh.

### **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.