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"We believe the public has a right to know how its state government has handled this important issue of drinking water supplies and public health."

*Frank Holleman, senior attorney for the Southern Environmental Law Center, opposing a move by Duke Energy lawyers to block the public release of a partial deposition concerning potential groundwater contamination near one of the company's coal ash pits.*

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## **News Summary**

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### **Coal Ash**

Duke Energy is asking a federal judge to make the sworn statements of a state environmental toxicologist off-limits to the public amid an ongoing lawsuit between environmentalists and the energy company over coal ash. In a motion filed in a North Carolina U.S. District Court Tuesday, Duke Energy argued the deposition of Dr. Kenneth Rudo is "largely hearsay" and that releasing publicly would affect the firm's right to a fair and impartial trial. Company lawyers point to the heavy media attention surrounding coal ash cleanup and contamination, which has drawn the concern of nearby well owners who have received mixed safety advice from the state about their water. North Carolina's environmental and health agencies last year agreed that neighbors of a Duke Energy coal ash pit shouldn't drink their well water for their own health -- a decision Gov. Pat McCrory's appointees reversed in March, Rudo testified in a sworn statement. "I think the primary reason for my disagreement with (the reversal) is that, number one, we had already gone through an extensive months-long vetting process to reach consensus ... between the two departments on how to protect these folks in these areas," Rudo said earlier this month. "And decisions had been made at the top of both departments as of last year to tell these folks that had levels that were agreed upon by both departments for hexavalent chromium, to not drink their water." Duke Energy Corp. lawyers on Tuesday argued his words may be inadmissible in court and could prejudice a jury in the looming lawsuit over whether pollutants are seeping from coal ash pits at Duke's Buck power plant near Salisbury into groundwater in violation of federal law. In April 2015, North Carolina officials issued letters to the owners of 330 water wells near Duke Energy's coal-burning plants that their well water

was too contaminated with the heavy metals vanadium and hexavalent chromium to use. Both can occur naturally in soil or as a result of industrial byproducts like coal ash, the waste after coal is burned to generate electricity. Some wells showed hexavalent chromium levels many times higher than the state's warning level -- a one-in-a-million risk for a person to develop cancer over their lifetime, according to state officials. But a risk reassessment led to a decision that the earlier warnings were based on a standard much stricter than nearly anywhere else in the country, state health director Dr. Randall Williams said. In March, the state Department of Health and Human Services reversed its earlier warning -- telling homeowners who draw from 235 of the wells that their water is "as safe to drink as water in most cities and towns across the state and country." What the new letters didn't say is that there are no federal standards for vanadium or hexavalent chromium that municipal water systems must meet, environmentalists said.

Rudo's deposition should be kept private because it is incomplete, Duke Energy lawyers argued in court papers. Attorneys for the country's largest electric company had little opportunity to question him on July 11 and a follow-up deposition hasn't been set, they said. "With hours of questions still to be asked, lawyers are just beginning to challenge Dr. Rudo's motives, his claims and his credibility," Duke Energy spokeswoman Paige Sheehan wrote in an email. Lawyers from the Southern Environmental Law Center, who are suing Duke Energy in the case, are responsible for a "reckless campaign to create fear and confusion around coal ash by cherry picking court documents in order to manipulate the media and the public," Sheehan wrote. SELC lawyers have released earlier depositions of state employees involved in the conflicting advice over to neighbors of coal ash pits. SELC wanted to do the same with Rudo's testimony, which is why Duke Energy lawyers asked a judge to stop them. (Tyler Dukes, WRAL NEWS, 7/19/16; Emery P. Dalesio, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 7/19/16).

## **CSX Hub**

The \$272 million CSX rail hub once destined for Johnston County will instead go to Rocky Mount after state officials approved \$122.1 million in state financial incentives for the project Tuesday. Gov. Pat McCrory and other state officials announced the move Tuesday morning at N.C. Wesleyan College, ending a tumultuous six months that pitted family farms against the jobs and tax revenue the project promised and threatened to cost North Carolina the project altogether. The regional container hub, called the Carolina Connector, will route and reroute freight from trucks and trains to final destinations up and down the east coast and across the country. It's expected to bring 149 jobs to the Rocky Mount area, which has the second highest unemployment rate in the state. The jobs will pay an average wage of \$64,047. The state's Economic Investment Committee unanimously approved the financial awards which include: \$110 million in performance incentives from the N.C. Department of Transportation, \$7.8 million in intermodal tax credits and \$4.3 million in Job Development Investment Grants, or JDIGs. To receive the awards, CSX must meet hiring goals and must invest \$160 million in the facility by Dec. 31, 2024. It also must keep the 876 jobs it already has in the state. According to officials, CSX was also considering competing locations in South Carolina and Virginia.

The project was originally planned for 450 acres between Selma and Micro. CSX and Department of Transportation officials say it will decrease traffic on interstates by removing trucks could help the state land large manufacturers. "The Carolina Connector will be a game-changer for our state's economy, supporting North Carolina's agriculture, ports and position as the Southeast's No. 1 state for manufacturing jobs,"

McCrorry said in a statement Tuesday. But no one consulted the property owners until the project was announced in January, and CSX immediately ran into opposition as property owners pledged not to sell, claiming threats of eminent domain from the railroad spiked early negotiations. Within weeks, the Selma site lost support from the Johnston County Board of Commissioners, and Gov. McCrorry declared it non-viable. Economic development directors in Goldsboro, Rocky Mount and South Carolina all then expressed interest in the project.(Drew Jackson, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 7/19/16).

### **Intermodal Direct**

CSX is launching a new intermodal rail service between the Port of Wilmington and the railroad's terminal in Charlotte, company and state officials said Tuesday. N.C. Gov. Pat McCrorry said in a statement that the service, called the "Queen City Express," will be the only direct freight rail service into the greater Charlotte area from a Southeastern port. The term intermodal refers to the combining of transportation modes, such as trains, trucks and ships. Intermodal hubs allow containers of goods to be easily transferred between modes. "The introduction of this new service," McCrorry said, "will facilitate the efficient, cost-effective movement of goods between the global marketplace and one of the most significant economic centers in the southeastern United States." Norfolk Southern also has an intermodal yard in Charlotte, but the CSX service will be the only direct one into the city, said N.C. Ports Authority Executive Director Paul Cozza in an interview. He said all others are somehow routed and connected to other areas. "We've had a bunch of customers asking for it," Cozza said of the Queen City Express, which will begin this fall with service twice a week. "As demand grows, we'll grow with it." One intermodal train will take 280 trucks off the road, according to the N.C. Ports Authority. Transit will be overnight, providing better transit times to the city, Cozza said.(Rachel Stone, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 7/19/16).

### **Bodycam Footage**

The N.C. Conference of District Attorneys has thrown its support behind the state's new law regulating the release of police body cameras and dashboard recordings. In a release issued Tuesday, the advocacy organization for the state's 44 elected district attorneys and their staffs said it supports keeping those recordings out of the public eye. The law, which Gov. Pat McCrorry signed last week and takes effect on Oct. 1, allows people who are recorded by police, or their representatives, to see footage only if law enforcement agencies agree or a court orders it released. "We believe it provides procedural safeguards to protect citizens and crime victims' privacy while allowing processes for public access to the information," the organization's statement said. "As ministers of justice, district attorneys have the responsibility to protect the integrity of every investigation to ensure that every suspect is afforded the right to a fair trial. This legislation ensures that any suspect in a criminal investigation will have the right to a full and fair investigation without part of the evidence being released to the public before any decision is made by professionals on whether to proceed with prosecution or any other action."

Organizations seeking more transparency have been critical of the North Carolina body camera law. As he signed the bill, McCrorry described it as a balance between improving public trust in the police and respecting the rights of officers. Under the law, a police chief or sheriff would decide whether to grant access to body or dashboard camera recordings. The law enforcement agency can consider a number of factors, including whether disclosure may harm someone's reputation or jeopardize someone's safety, or if confidentiality is "necessary to protect either an active or inactive internal or criminal

investigation or potential internal or criminal investigation." If access is denied, the subject can seek a court order to be allowed to see the video. A court order also will be required for the general release of police camera footage. Even law enforcement agencies that want to release the footage must obtain a Superior Court judge's order. "It is important to the administration of justice that video related to alleged criminal conduct be treated as evidence, and not be released out of context, to the court of public opinion, before an investigation is completed and a charging decision is made," said Andrew Murray, immediate past president of the Conference of District Attorneys.(Anne Blythe, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 7/19/16).

### **Video Access**

Community activists are hoping the Greensboro City Council reviews a resolution that calls for the repeal of a state law that denies public access to law enforcement video footage. A draft of the resolution has been reviewed by the Community-City Working Group. Activists now hope the city council will take up the issue. Community activist Lewis Pitts drafted the resolution and says its passage would be a symbolic protest against the bill.(THE NEWS & RECORD, 7/19/16).

### **Medicaid Proposal**

Many North Carolina pediatricians warn that proposed changes to Medicaid would spell disaster for children's health and pediatric practices. The state is asking the federal government for permission to privatize Medicaid, the government health insurance program that covers low-income children, some of their parents, the elderly and the disabled. About 1.9 million people are enrolled. More than 1,800 comments had been submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services by midday Tuesday. Collection of public comments is one of the steps required as the federal government considers the state's request to move to managed care for Medicaid. Two themes emerged from the comments: that the state should expand Medicaid and insure more people as allowed under the Affordable Care Act, and that Community Care of North Carolina, the state's Medicaid management system that assigns patients to a "medical home" or main doctor's office, is better than the overhaul state officials proposed. Only a handful of comments supported the proposed changes. Most asked the agency to reject the proposal, and many of those comments came from pediatricians and their employees.

Ken Lewis, executive director of the N.C. Association of Health Plans, which supports the changes, said such opposition is rooted in fear of the unknown. "Forty some-odd states have Medicaid managed care," Lewis said. "I don't see the physicians, particularly the pediatricians, have been overwhelmed or put out of business." Lewis said he is setting up meetings with health care provider groups to talk about their concerns. The state Department of Health and Human Services said the comments gathered as part of the public process would be helpful to the agency and to federal officials. The department and most state legislators want to move the program away from fee-for-service, where doctors and hospitals are paid for each visit, procedure and device. Instead, the state would pay set per-patient fees. Statewide managed care networks and regional networks of doctors and hospitals called "provider-led entities" would compete for patients. The federal government pays about two-thirds of the state's Medicaid costs and must approve the changes. The comment period ends Wednesday.(Lynn Bonner, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 7/19/16).

### **Cleveland Convention**

Resources: [COLIN CAMPBELL: Field report from the Republican National Convention](#)

The Republican Party platform adopted this week blasts the Obama administration's policy on transgender bathroom use -- one of several areas where the party's national agenda closely matches the priorities of GOP leaders in the North Carolina legislature. More than 20 states are suing to stop the directive by federal agencies that schools must let transgender students use bathrooms and locker rooms corresponding to their gender with which they identify. The Republican platform says the federal directive is "illegal, dangerous, and ignores privacy issues." The 66-page platform also voices support for requiring a photo ID to vote, reforming and lowering taxes and "comprehensive regulatory reform." A North Carolina member of Congress, Rep. Virginia Foxx of Banner Elk, was among the co-chairs of the platform committee that authored the document. "North Carolina has been taking a lead on these issues already," Foxx said. "North Carolina has a lot to teach us." Also from Cleveland:

- **True Blue:** U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan tried to emphasize party unity Tuesday morning in a talk with North Carolina's convention delegation. "How many of you had in your mind, at the beginning of this campaign, perhaps another candidate?" Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican, asked the crowd. When a number of hands shot up showing a large contingent wasn't initially supportive of Donald Trump, Ryan said simply, "Fine." Then, he tried a sports analogy that quickly fell flat. "OK, how many of you are for N.C. State primarily? How many support North Carolina?" he asked. "One of our teams from our state goes to the championship, we root for them, right?" When that suggestion was greeted with a resounding "no," Ryan winced. "Come on, work with me here. Good grief," he said.
- **Early Exit:** A North Carolina Republican delegate who called Donald Trump "a danger to the country" is leaving the GOP convention. "I made the party establishment very unhappy with my anti-Trump expressions," Bob Orr said Tuesday night. "I've had all the fun I can have." Orr, a former state Supreme Court justice and GOP gubernatorial candidate, chaired Ohio Gov. John Kasich's North Carolina campaign. Though open about his concerns about Trump, Orr angered party officials when he told a WRAL TV reporter that the nominee was dangerous and "singularly unqualified to lead this country." State GOP Executive Director Dallas Woodhouse said Orr "hasn't been a good Republican for a long time." Orr said he'd "put his Republican credentials up against anybody."
- **On Board:** U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis was set to cast a ceremonial vote for fellow Sen. Marco Rubio's presidential bid on Tuesday, but he said he's supporting presumptive nominee Donald Trump. Tillis spoke to The News & Observer as he checked into the North Carolina delegation's hotel near the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Based on the state's March primary results, Tillis is one of six delegates bound to Rubio, who ended his presidential bid months ago. "I told Marco, I don't really like his chances at the point," Tillis said. "I'm going to be supporting Mr. Trump." Tillis downplayed concerns that the GOP is still bitterly divided over whether to support Trump. "It's the typical process of coming together," he said. Asked to discuss Trump's strengths as a candidate, Tillis spoke instead about the billionaire's Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton. "What's amazing is Sen. Clinton's candidacy," he said, referring to Clinton's dip in polls in key swing states. "She seems to have hit a plateau."

- **Fisher Perspective:** Ada Fisher is a Salisbury conservative who sits on the Republican National Committee. But as an African-American, she can identify with those who think the justice system is unfair. She said her son Charles was 12 when he was riding his bike and stopped and questioned by two police officers. "I said, 'If this child was white you wouldn't have stopped him,'" Fisher says she told the police. She said such cases are a reason for the perception that the system is unfair. But she doesn't think there's a reason to attack police or anyone in authority. "Black lives matter, I'm all for that," she says. "But so do the lives of everyone else matter."

(Colin Campbell, THE NEWS & OBSERVER; Cullen Browder, WRAL NEWS; Jim Morrill, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 7/19/16).

### **DNC Attendance**

Attorney General Roy Cooper, the Democrats' nominee for governor, will not be attending the party's national convention in Philadelphia next week. Deborah Ross, the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate is going, but only for a day -- next Wednesday. Her staff said they were still "nailing down her schedule" for Philadelphia. Cooper's campaign said he'll remain in the state next week. "He's focused on talking to voters here in North Carolina," said Cooper campaign spokesman Ford Porter. North Carolina is shaping up as a battleground state in the 2016 presidential race, with the most recent polls giving Democrat Hillary Clinton a slight lead over Republican Donald Trump. But both presidential contenders have high unfavorable ratings nationally, so many down-ballot candidates -- including those in North Carolina -- are keeping their distance. Gov. Pat McCrory's campaign announced he would not attend this week's Republican National Convention in Cleveland. He did fly to Cleveland for an event that was held before the full convention started on Monday. U.S. Sen. Richard Burr plans to be at the convention on Wednesday only. Both Republicans are running for re-election this year and polls suggest potentially close races for McCrory-Cooper and Burr-Ross. (Tim Funk, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 7/19/16).

### **Transportation Formula**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners on Monday unanimously approved a resolution asking the General Assembly to revise its formula for awarding transportation dollars for work in the state's counties. Commissioner Tom Coulson proposed the resolution and hopes other counties in eastern and western North Carolina also adopt it so the General Assembly can recognize the majority of the state's counties aren't being served under the Strategic Transportation Investments' formula developed in 2013. "The only thing strategic about the formula is it strategically takes more money from east and west counties," Coulson said. He doesn't want to engage in a battle with the General Assembly, but he wants acknowledgement that rural eastern and western counties are being short-changed. The legislation changed the transportation funding formula so it places more emphasis on congestion and population and less on intrastate road improvements, Coulson said. The Martin County Board of Commissioners has adopted a similar resolution. (Ginger Livingston, THE DAILY REFLECTOR, 7/19/16).

### **Campus Speech**

A student Christian organization at N.C. State University says it has dropped its lawsuit against four campus administrators because the university has changed its policies on student speech on campus. Grace Christian Life argued that requiring students to get a

permit to pass out pamphlets and fliers on campus violated free speech rights and that administrators enforced the rule unfairly. The organization filed suit in April. It was represented by Alliance Defending Freedom, a conservative Christian organization based in Arizona that has been involved in numerous legal fights over religion, abortion and other issues across the nation. In early June, U.S. District Judge James C. Dever III issued an order that blocked NCSU administrators from enforcing the policy on campus that required any student or off-campus guest to obtain a permit to distribute fliers or solicit people in public places. Alliance Defending Freedom, in announcing that the lawsuit had been settled, said the solicitation permitting process had been changed recently and no longer requires a permit for non-commercial speech. The settlement also specifies that N.C. State must pay \$72,500 in attorneys' fees to lawyers who represented Grace Christian Life. "N.C. State did the right thing in revising its policy to reflect this instead of continuing to defend its previous policy, which was not constitutionally defensible," Tyson Langhofer, ADF senior counsel, said in a statement. The NCSU non-commercial solicitation policy had been in place since 1993. In its challenge of the policy, Grace Christian Life argued that its members were treated differently from other students because they were part of a religious organization. They contended that they were told more often than others that they must remain at their assigned table in the Talley Student Union building while representatives of other organizations were seen wandering around handing out literature and collecting signatures on petitions. Attorneys representing N.C. State disputed those claims, saying the policy had been put in place to help the university manage communal student gathering places, such as the Talley Student Union, and recognize any potential safety problems. They also likened the permitting process to making reservations at a restaurant. Before Dever issued his order to block enforcement of parts of the solicitation policy, he suggested that NCSU officials might change the policy and make the lawsuit unnecessary. "These are adults, adults on a campus, a state-run campus, and before they can talk with anyone or solicit them in some way like, 'Come join our club,' they have to get a permit?" Dever asked attorneys for NCSU at a hearing in June. Fred Hartman, a spokesman for NCSU, said the university had "revised and clarified its solicitation policy to better align with our intent and application of the procedure. "N.C. State chose to settle this matter outside of the courtroom," Hartman said. "Continuing to defend this lawsuit -- a suit essentially regarding an administrative process -- could have potentially driven up legal costs significantly and taken away resources better served in other areas."(Anne Blythe, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 7/19/16).

### **Wake Districts**

North Carolina General Assembly leaders have asked a U.S. District judge to allow elections in the state's second-most populous county to proceed, using maps that were blocked by an appeals court earlier this month. Senate Leader Phil Berger and House Speaker Tim Moore on Monday asked U.S. District Judge James Dever to hold off on redrawing the maps for Wake County education board and commission districts before the Nov. 8 elections, saying changing them now could create voter confusion. A 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel blocked the legislature-approved maps July 1, saying they likely were drawn to benefit Republicans. Revised districts would require the full General Assembly approve them in a special session. If lawmakers do not act, Dever or the State Board of Elections could redraw maps.(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 7/19/16).

### **Preliminary Injunction**

Attorney General Roy Cooper says a North Carolina company that charged advance fees to restore old vending machines but didn't finish jobs is banned from accepting payments until consumers are satisfied. Wake County Superior Court Judge Donald Stephens entered a preliminary injunction on Monday barring Antiquities Vending Company of Granite Falls and its owner, Alan Huffman, from advertising or entering into agreements with consumers for the purpose of accepting advance payment for antique restoration work. The Consumer Protection Division heard from consumers who said Huffman misled them about when their restoration work would be completed and avoided attempts to contact him about missed deadlines. In other instances, Cooper's office said Huffman told consumers their antiques were on their way, but shipping companies said no such shipments had been scheduled.(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 7/19/16).

### **Flood Zones**

New maps for Dare County are removing thousands of homes and lots from flood zones, creating a need to update local building codes that until now accounted for more rising water. According to maps released last month, 15,970 buildings are either removed from a flood zone or placed in a zone where the hazard is reduced. The preliminary maps show entire neighborhoods in Nags Head, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills are suddenly not so prone to surging water. The Federal Emergency Management Agency requires that each state produce the maps about every 10 years. The new maps will not take effect for 18 months to two years, after an appeal period and time for local governments to update ordinances. "Regardless of what the maps say, there is a flood risk in Dare County," said Donna Creef, director of the Dare County Planning Department. When the new maps take effect, the height required for the first floor of a building -- or base flood elevation -- would be cut in half in many cases. In the Kitty Hawk Landing neighborhood, for example, the first floor must be more than 9 feet above mean sea level, said Rob Testerman, director of planning and inspections for the town of Kitty Hawk. That could be reduced to about 5 feet. Dare County and its towns will have to adjust the ordinances to account for the new maps in the next few months, Creef said. Municipalities may impose rules to keep homes higher than state maps call for. Bottom floors now only good for parking or storage could be enclosed for living space. That may require code changes, she said. Building height limits may change.(THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT, 7/19/16).

### **Named**

N.C. FreeEnterprise Foundation Executive Director Joe Stewart was elected president of the Association Executives of North Carolina (AENC) at the group's annual business meeting held Monday in Virginia. Established in 1955, Association Executives of North Carolina provides career development and peer-to-peer networking for individuals working in trade and professional association management. AENC members run organizations that represent a wide variety of industries and interest areas across North Carolina.(NEWS RELEASE, 7/19/16).

### **Association Post**

The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has elected North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall as a national officer of the association, the nation's oldest nonpartisan professional organization for state officials. Marshall will serve on the Executive Board as Secretary until July 2017. As a NASS member, Marshall has been involved in issues ranging from securities regulation to business identity theft

prevention. Marshall served as President of NASS in 2015 and currently serves as Co-Chair of NASS's Securities Committee.(NEWS RELEASE, 7/19/16).

### **Closing**

A logistics company center in Charlotte is closing later this year. The decision by Genco to close its Comcast test and repair facility will eliminate the jobs of 53 people. Genco is a third-party logistics provider. A spokeswoman said that the customer that Genco supports in Charlotte has decided it no longer needs the services Genco provides. A notice filed with state government says the shutdown is expected to be effective Sept. 15. The spokeswoman said those who are losing their jobs will be provided with a severance package and career counseling support.(THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 7/19/16).

### **Wastewater Spill**

A power failure Saturday night led to a 1,500-gallon overflow of diluted wastewater into Stewart Creek in Coates, the Harnett County Department of Public Utilities announced. The spill lasted nearly three hours, the department said. "Harnett County immediately initiated pump-and-haul procedures while portable generators were put into place," a press release said. The department notified the N.C. Division of Water Quality, and the incident is under review.(THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER, 7/19/16).

## **Legislative Studies and Meetings**

Items in **Bold** are new listings.

**LB:** Legislative Building

**LOB:** Legislative Office Building.

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

### **Monday, July 25**

- 1 p.m. | House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding Solutions, 544 LOB.

### **Monday, Aug. 1**

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

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

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### **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.
- 2 p.m. | The Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Policy Subcommittee of the UNC BOG meets via video conference originating at UNC General Administration, Conference Room C, 910 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill. Contact: Joni Worthington, [919-962-4629](tel:919-962-4629).
- **2 p.m. | The Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the North Carolina State Ports Authority meets via teleconference. The**

**teleconference will be available in the Board Room of the North Carolina Maritime Building, 2202 Burnett Blvd., Wilmington.**

**Tuesday, July 26**

- 11 a.m. | The Safety and Security Training Subcommittee of the UNC BOG meets via video conference originating at UNC General Administration, Conference Room A, 910 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill. Contact: Joni Worthington, [919-962-4629](tel:919-962-4629).

**Wednesday, Aug. 10**

- 10 a.m. | The state Irrigation Contractors' Licensing Board holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, 1109 Dresser Court, Raleigh.
- 10 a.m. | The Medical Care Commission holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Dorothea Dix Campus, Wright Building, Room 131, 1201 Umstead Dr., Raleigh.
- 10:30 a.m. | The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission of the DOJ holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Wake Technical Community College, 321 Chapanoke Road, Raleigh.
- 2 p.m. | The N.C. Medical Care Commission holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Dorothea Dix Campus, Wright Building, Room 131, 1201 Umstead Dr., Raleigh.

**Friday, Aug. 12**

- 9 a.m. | The State Ethics Commission holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Capehart Crocker House, Commission Meeting Room, 424 N. Blount St., 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, Aug. 25**

- 9:30 a.m. | The N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Authority will be meeting at the Nature Research Center, 121 West Jones 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.
- 4 p.m. | The state Social Work Certification and Licensure Board holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, 1207 S. Cox Street, Suite F, Asheboro.

### **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.

### **Wednesday, Nov. 16**

- 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.

### **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, July 25**

- Staff Conference.

### **Friday, July 29**

- 10 a.m. | E-7 Sub 1105 ...Application for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to G.S.62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69, Dobbs - Commission Hearing Room, 2nd floor, Room 2115.

### **Monday, Aug. 1**

- Staff Conference.
- 2 p.m. | T-4567 Sub 1 ...Application for Certificate of Exemption to Transport Household Goods, Dobbs - Commission Hearing Room, 2nd floor, Room 2115.

### **Tuesday, Aug. 2**

- 2 p.m. | W-1058 Sub 7 ...Application for Rate Increase, Avery County Courthouse, 200 Montezuma Street, Newland.

### **Monday, Aug. 8**

- Staff Conference.

### **Monday, Aug. 15**

- Staff Conference.

### **Monday, Aug. 22**

- Staff Conference.

### **Monday, Aug. 29**

- 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, 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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### **Wednesday, July 20**

- **10:30 a.m. | Gov. Pat McCrory attends Carolina Nonwovens grand opening, 1106 J.W. Abernathy Plant Road, Maiden; 5:30 p.m. Attends award presentation, China Grove Town Hall, 333 N. Main Street, China Grove. Contact: govpress@nc.gov or [\(919\) 814-2100](tel:9198142100).**

### **Sunday, July 31**

- TBD | The N.C. Bankers Association hosts 80th Annual North Carolina School of Banking, The Friday Center, Chapel Hill. The event ends August 5.

### **Sunday, Sept. 11**

- TBD | The N.C. Young Bankers Annual Conference, Omni Hotel, Charlotte.

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

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