



## Leadership North Carolina

### Class XXIX Government Session

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## Session Goals

1. Provide a framework of federal, state, and local governance structures.
2. Define the political landscape in NC, the impact of changing demographics, and the importance of civic engagement.
3. Highlight the roles, responsibilities, and interactions among federal, state, and local governments and the people they serve.
4. Demonstrate the operation and authority of the NC General Assembly in government decisions and state operations.
5. Explore how government connects to education, health and human services, economic development, and the environment in NC and highlight opportunities for engagement.

## Planning Committee

### Naomi Irvin, Program Chair

Chief of Staff - Government Markets  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina  
Wake

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Regulatory Affairs Manager  
Duke Energy

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Chief Communications and Marketing Officer  
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City Manager  
City of Washington

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Senior Account Executive  
Dial Insurance

Each planning committee for the Class XXIX program year is made up of members from LNC Class XXVIII.

## Tuesday, November 2, 2021

2:25 – 2:30 pm	<a href="#">Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Afternoon Presentation</a>	
2:30 – 4:30 pm	North Carolina: In Search for Wakanda (Optional) <a href="#">Advance RSVP required</a>	Dr. Henry C. McKoy Jr. <i>Lead Entrepreneurship Faculty and Director of Entrepreneurship School of Business North Carolina Central University</i>
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Break <a href="#">Grab your favorite beverage to enjoy during the social.</a>	
4:55 – 5:00 pm	<a href="#">Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Class Social</a>	
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Class Social (Optional) <a href="#">Advance RSVP required</a>	

## Wednesday, November 3, 2021

8:25 – 8:30 am	<a href="#">Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Wednesday Program</a>	
8:30 – 9:00 am	Setting the Stage	Naomi Irvin <i>Chief of Staff - Government Markets Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina LNC Class XXVIII Alumna and Class XXIX Program Chair</i>
		Conitsha Barnes <i>Regulatory Affairs Manager Duke Energy LNC Class XXVIII Alumna and GOV Session Co-Chair</i>
		Jodi Phelps <i>Chief Communications and Marketing Officer The University of North Carolina at Pembroke LNC Class XXVIII Alumna and GOV Session Co-Chair</i>
9:00 – 10:00 am	Political Trends and Public Policy Implications of the National Partisan Divide	John N. Davis <i>Editor John Davis Political Report</i>
10:00 – 10:30 am	Morning Break <a href="#">Stay logged in, mute mic and camera.</a> <a href="#">Return at 10:25 am for bonus content.</a>	
10:30 – 11:45 am	Civics 101	Kara Millonzi <i>Albert and Gladys Hall Coates Distinguished Term Professor of Public Law and Government UNC School of Government</i>
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	Lunch <a href="#">Stay logged in, mute mic and camera.</a> <a href="#">Return at 12:40 pm for bonus content.</a>	
12:45 – 1:15 pm	Building Connections	LNC Class XXIX

1:15 – 2:15 pm	Broadband and the Legislative Process	<p>Jeff Sural  <i>Senior Broadband Policy Advisor  US Department of the Treasury  LNC Class XXVII Alumnus</i></p> <p>The Honorable Dean Arp  <i>Representative, District 69  North Carolina General Assembly</i></p> <p>Erin Wynia  <i>Director of Government Affairs  NC League of Municipalities</i></p>
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Break <a href="#">Stay logged in, mute mic and camera.</a>	
2:45 – 4:00 pm	Legislator for an Hour Simulation	<p>Denise Weeks  <i>Former Principal Clerk  North Carolina House of Representatives</i></p> <p>LNC Class XXIX</p>
4:00 – 4:15 pm	Wrap-Up and Adjourn	
4:15 pm	Office Hours (Optional)	

## Thursday, November 4, 2021

8:25 – 8:30 am	<a href="#">Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Thursday Program</a>	
8:30 – 8:45 am	Class Business	<p>Kelly Swanson Turner  <i>Program Director  Leadership North Carolina</i></p>
8:45 – 9:15 am	Reflections and Learning Team Breakouts	<p>Naomi Irvin  <i>Chief of Staff - Government Markets  Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina  LNC Class XXVIII Alumna and Class XXIX Program Chair</i></p> <p>LNC Class XXIX</p>
9:15 – 10:00 am	Leadership Profile	<p>The Honorable Regina Parker  <i>Chief Judge District Court  State of North Carolina</i></p>
10:00 – 10:30 am	Morning Break <a href="#">Stay logged in, mute mic and camera.</a> <a href="#">Return at 10:25 am for bonus content.</a>	
10:30 – 11:20 am	Opportunities in Public Service: North Carolina Voices	<p>Kevin Leonard  <i>Executive Director  NC Association of County Commissioners  LNC Class XXVI Alumnus</i></p> <p>Schumata Brown  <i>Town Manager  Town of Maysville  LNC Class XXVI Alumnus</i></p>

The Honorable Nimasheena N. Burns  
*County Commissioner  
Durham County  
LNC Class XXII Alumna*

Shelley Read Curran  
*Assistant Town Manager  
Town of Cary  
LNC Class XXVI Alumna*

Martha Paige  
*Town Manager  
Town of Morrisville  
LNC Class XXV Alumna*

The Honorable Weyling White  
*Mayor, Town of Ahoskie  
Executive Director, Care Share Health Alliance  
LNC Class XXVI Alumnus*

11:20 am – 12:20 pm      Lunch  
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12:20 – 2:20 pm      Budgetopolis

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*Senior Manager of Leadership Curriculum Development  
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Julie Brenman  
*Adjunct Instructor, MPA Program  
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2:20 – 2:30 pm      Wrap-Up and Adjourn

2:30 pm      Office Hours (Optional)