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Roderick Watson is a graduate of Smithfield-Selma Senior High School class of 1981. He attended Johnston Community College until joining the United States Air Force in 1984. He attended Community College of the Air Force and served his country faithfully during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He received an honorable discharge in September of 1992. He is married with one daughter and three sons.

Mr. Watson joined the North Carolina Department of Corrections in 1993 at New Hanover Correctional Center as a Correctional Officer. He later transferred to Triangle Correctional Institution in Raleigh, NC. Due to facility closure he transferred to Neuse Correctional Institution in Goldsboro, NC. He remained at Neuse Correctional until promoted to Correctional Sergeant at North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women (NCCIW) in 1997. During his tenure at NCCIW, he was promoted several times. In 1999 he was promoted to Correctional Lieutenant, and he was made Correctional Captain in 2001. In 2005 he transferred to Maury Correctional Institution in Greene County to assist with the opening of a new 1000 bed close-custody male facility. In 2013 he was promoted to Assistant Superintendent for Custody and Operations I at Franklin Correctional. In 2014 he was promoted to Assistant Superintendent for Custody and Operations V and returned to Maury Correctional Institution. He is currently assigned as the Facility Superintendent at Johnston Correctional and Interim Warden at NCCIW.

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Curtis Ladig, CPA, was named president and CEO of Delta Dental of North Carolina in January 2011. Delta Dental of North Carolina is a nonprofit dental insurance company, headquartered in Raleigh since 1970. Its mission is to improve the oral health of the communities it serves in North Carolina. It fulfills its mission by providing dental benefit plans for employer groups and individuals with access to the largest network of dentists in North Carolina and

throughout the United States. Under Mr. Ladig's leadership, the company has grown its customer base by 390% and is one of the fastest growing Delta Dental organizations in the United States.

Shortly after Mr. Ladig's arrival in North Carolina, he initiated the "Smiles for Kids" program with the Delta Dental Foundation. The program provides grants in communities across the state to help at-risk children receive direct oral care services or oral health education they otherwise would not have received. This Smiles for Kids program has now contributed \$366,000 that has helped 165,000 children and their families from the mountains to the sea in North Carolina. Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease amongst our children today, yet it is preventable. Delta Dental is helping our children show up in school healthy and ready to learn, so they are healthy, educated, and ready to work in our communities.

Mr. Ladig received a Bachelor of Science in business administration and accounting from Indiana University Bloomington. He began his career with Ernst & Young, in Louisville, Kentucky, serving many clients in the healthcare and energy industry. Following his EY service, he worked for Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield in Kentucky as the executive director of audit services for eight years, after which he served Delta Dental of Kentucky as the Chief Financial Officer and, later, Chief Operating Officer.

He currently serves on the boards of Leadership North Carolina (Vice Chair; immediate past Treasurer), the Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education, the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and WakeEd Partnership.

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Dr. Jason Cryan serves dual roles at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. As one (of two) Deputy Directors, he serves on the Museum's Leadership Team to advise the Museum Director, to set strategic goals and priorities for the Museum, to address higher-level administrative topics, and to contribute to cross-section initiatives. As the Chief of the Research & Collections section, Jason oversees the Museum's scientific staff, which includes approximately 30 researchers in a variety of biological, geological, and paleontological disciplines. The R&C section staff conduct independent research programs, maintain publicly visible research labs, and maintain and grow the Museum's extensive Research Collections of natural sciences specimens, the Research Library collections, and the Archive holdings.

Jason's academic background includes degrees earned at the University of Vermont (B.A., Zoology) and at North Carolina State University (M.S. and Ph.D., Entomology). He spent two years as a post-doctoral researcher at Brigham Young University. Before accepting his current administration position at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Jason was the Director of the DNA Sequencing Laboratory at the New York State Museum. He taught a popular course on Evolution for several years at the University at Albany (SUNY), is active in public outreach and education, and is the past-President of the Systematics, Evolution, and Biodiversity Section of the Entomological Society of America (ESA). He is currently a Science Policy Fellow for the ESA.

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Andrew J. Taylor is professor of Political Science in the School of Public and International Affairs at NC State University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut and teaches courses in American politics, including Introduction to American Government, the Presidency and Congress, the Legislative Process, Public Choice and Political Institutions, and the Classical Liberal Tradition. He also teaches for the Distance Education program at NC State. He won the College of Humanities and Social Sciences' Poole Outstanding Teacher Award in 1999 and its Outstanding Researcher Award in 2014. Taylor received NC State's Extension Service Award in both 1999-2000 and 2003-2004. He is a native of the United Kingdom.

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John Davis is a political analyst and writer who has followed North Carolina politics for 26 years. He is editor of the weekly *John Davis Political Report*, and he is widely recognized as one of the state's leading authorities on evaluating candidates and predicting the outcome of political races. In the nearly 1500 North Carolina political races since 2000, Davis has a forecast accuracy of 96%.

Davis's 35-year political career includes work at all levels of politics, including mayoral and gubernatorial campaigns as well as legislative, congressional, and presidential campaigns. He has worked with business leaders in over half of the states in the U.S. to create non-partisan political research organizations.

Here in North Carolina, Davis served for 24 years as president of NCFREE, a non-partisan political research organization based in Raleigh, where he was the founding editor of the *Almanac of North Carolina Politics*.

During the 2012 national party conventions, Davis was quoted by dozens of news organizations here in the U.S. and around the world. His interviews included *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, Al Jazeera English (the English version of the Arabic news network), and Radio France Internationale–English Service in Paris.

A native of Graceville, FL, Davis is a graduate of William Carey University in Hattiesburg, MS. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Raleigh. They have five grown children.

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The Honorable David Lewis was first elected to the North Carolina State House in 2002 and represents the 53rd House District which encompasses most of Harnett County, including the City of Dunn and the Towns of Angier, Coats, Erwin, and Lillington.

David was born in Fayetteville and grew up in the Dunn area where he attended Cape Fear High School. He went on to receive his degree in Business Administration from Campbell University, who recognized him for his professional accomplishments and service to his alma mater with their Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013. Of all 170 state lawmakers, David was recently named the #1 business friendly legislator by the North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation.

Rep. Lewis currently serves as the Chairman of the Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Committee and Elections Committee and is well known for his work on the 2013 tax reform legislation. He is a tobacco and cotton farmer by trade and resides in Dunn, NC with wife Michelle and their three children: David Ray, Henry and Tillie.

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Senator Jay Chaudhuri currently serves in the North Carolina State Senate representing parts of Raleigh, Cary, and Morrisville. He has spent his career fighting for and working on behalf of the people of North Carolina. Mr. Chaudhuri served as special counsel to then Attorney General Roy Cooper, where he led an investigation by all 50 Attorneys General that resulted in a landmark agreement with two leading social networking sites to better protect children from Internet predators. Subsequently, he served as general counsel and senior policy advisor to State Treasurer Janet Cowell. During that time, Mr. Chaudhuri served as chair of the Council of Institutional Investors, an association of pension funds with combined assets of more than \$3 trillion that serves as the leading voice for effective corporate governance and strong shareholder rights. Currently, he is an attorney with the law firm Cohen Milstein in Raleigh. Senator Chaudhuri is the first South Asian American to serve in the North Carolina General Assembly.

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Loretta Boniti is the host of "In Focus with Loretta Boniti," which airs every Sunday on Spectrum News. For the past nine years, she has also served as Spectrum News' senior political reporter. In conjunction with her work for the nightly news, she is also the lead contributor for the station's nightly half hour political program "Capital Tonight."

Loretta is a self-proclaimed political junkie. Her love for politics grew during her first on-air job at WDNN in Dalton, GA. There she served not only as a reporter and anchor, but also as the news director.

From there, Loretta moved to Richmond, VA. For four years she covered political news day in and day out for WVIR as their State Capitol Bureau Chief. She also served on the Virginia Capitol Correspondents Association's board, stepping down as President to move to Raleigh.

Loretta is an Emmy-nominated journalist and has won numerous national awards for her work. They include two first-place honors from the National Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors and numerous first place and other honors from RTDNAC and the National Community Broadcasters Association.

Loretta is a New York native and a Syracuse University graduate.

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Mark Coggins is a graduate of Campbell University (B.A. Political Science) and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (M.P.A.) who has worked in the North Carolina General Assembly for over 5 years, starting as an intern and working his way up to Policy Advisor for House leadership. On a daily basis, Mark covers a broad range of policy issues, works to formulate a communication plan with House leadership staff, and manages House Chamber Operations in concert with the Speaker, the Rules Chairman, and the House Principal Clerk.

In his free time, Mark enjoys training for half-marathons, cooking great food, and spending time with his lovely fiancé, whom he will wed in January. He's also known to love coffee and hopes to eventually roast his own. Mark is a native North Carolinian who grew up in Cary and loves all this great state has to offer.

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Fred Aikens is chief of staff to North Carolina Senator Dan Blue and, in that role, supports the full North Carolina Senate Democratic Caucus. He is a retired US Army Colonel, with more than 30 years of service (active and reserve). He has held positions with the NC General Assembly, Department of Transportation, and Department of Correction. He has lobbied or consulted for small businesses in North Carolina and companies outside of North

Carolina in areas dealing with Transportation, Correction, Health and Human Services, and the Department of Defense.

Mr. Aikens has a Bachelors' degree from UNC Wilmington and Master's degrees from UNC Chapel Hill and the US Army War College. He has also completed Harvard University's JFK School of Government Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government and Duke University's Program for Innovations in State and Local Government.

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James White began his career with the North Carolina House of Representatives in 2009. His journey to principal clerk of the House started as a House intern and from that point progressed to increasingly complex roles within the administrative layers of the legislature—serving as House legislative assistant, House committee clerk, and then in 2012 accepting a position working within the House principal clerk's office as an administrative/voting clerk. He is currently the youngest principal clerk in the nation and stays active within the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries. An Oregon native, James has spent the majority of his life living in North Carolina. He currently lives in Durham with his wife Julie and son Lucas, where the three enjoy the area's culinary adventures and active outdoor lifestyle.

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Lydian Altman works with and across various public sector organizations to diagnose, design, develop, and deliver leadership programs and services for public officials through the School's Center for Public Leadership and Governance. Since she joined the School in 1999, her work has included consulting with elected and appointed leaders to create strategic plans, teaching leadership topics, and facilitating retreats for governmental and nonprofit organizations and cross-sector community groups to help them plan and work together to solve public problems. Many of her project-generated articles have been published in ICMA's *IQ Report* and *PM Magazine*, the *American Review of Public Administration*, *Popular Government*, and *PA Times*. Altman holds a BS in industrial relations and an MPA from UNC-Chapel Hill.

The Honorable Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH

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Since being appointed as Secretary of the NC Department of Health and Human Services in January 2017, Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH, and her team have worked tirelessly to improve the health, safety, and well-being of North Carolinians. DHHS is a cabinet-level agency with approximately 16,000 employees and an annual budget of \$20 billion. Among her top priorities are combating the opioid crisis; building a strong, efficient Medicaid program; and improving early childhood education.

Cohen is an internal medicine physician and has experience leading complex health organizations. Before coming to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services she was the chief operating officer and chief of staff at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). She brings a deep understanding of health care to the state and has been responsible for implementing policies for Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Federal Marketplace.

A graduate of Cornell University, she received her medical degree from Yale School of Medicine and a Master's in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health and trained in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Cohen is married to Sam Cohen, a health care regulatory lawyer. The couple has two daughters, ages 4 and 6.

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William V. "Bill" Bell has been the Executive Vice-President/Chief Operating Officer of UDI/Community Development Corporation since June 1996. He was President of UDI/CDC's Board in 1974 and served for ten (10) years in that position.

Bell, a retired IBM Senior Engineer (1996), served as an elected Durham County Commissioner for 26 years (1972-1994; 1996-2000) and chairman of the Durham Board of County Commissioners for 12 years (1982-1994). As chairman of the Durham County Board of Commissioners he was recognized as the architect of the 1992 merger of the then "Durham City Schools System" and the then "Durham County School System" into the now "Durham Public School System" (DPS). He was elected Mayor of Durham, NC, in 2001 and served until December 2017, to become the longest serving Mayor in Durham's history. He chose not to seek re-election in 2017. He is past chairman of the NC Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, an organization of the 27 largest cities in NC with populations of more than 30,000. As one of the charter members in 1989 of GoTriangle, he has served twice as chairman of the GoTriangle Board of Trustees, the regional Transportation Authority responsible for creating a regional transportation system for the region.

He has over the years served on numerous local, state, and national boards and committees, and has been the recipient of many local, state, and national awards and honors.

Born in Washington, DC, Bell attended public schools in Winston-Salem, NC, graduating from Atkins High School in 1957 prior to the integration of Atkins High School. He received his B.S./Electrical Engineering from Howard University in Washington, DC, in 1961 and his M.S./Electrical Engineering from New York University in New York, NY, in 1968. He served in the US Army Signal Corps as a 1st Lieutenant from 1961 to 1963. He has worked as an electrical engineer in both the private and public sectors respectively at Martin Marietta Corporation, Orlando, FL; the US Research and Development Laboratory, Ft. Monmouth, NJ; and the IBM Corporation, Research Triangle Park, NC, where he retired in 1996.

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Jeff Mann is president and chief executive officer of GoTriangle. He joined GoTriangle from the NC Department of Transportation in July 2015. As a deputy secretary at the NCDOT, he oversaw nonhighway transportation modes, which included aviation, bicycle and pedestrian, ferry, public transportation and rail. As GoTriangle's president and CEO, he helps direct more than 200 dedicated employees, providing service with 73 buses, 67 vanpool vans, and 20 paratransit vehicles in Wake, Durham, Orange, Johnston, and Alamance counties.

With almost 20 years of transportation planning and program management experience at NCDOT, Amtrak, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and the N.C. Railroad Company, he'll also help direct planning for the proposed 17-mile Durham-Orange Light-Rail Transit Project between UNC Hospitals, Duke University, the Duke and VA Medical Centers, downtown Durham and East Durham. He is also leading the agency's supporting efforts on the completion of Wake County's Transit Plan. Jeff holds an MBA from Wake Forest University and an undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He and his family live in Raleigh.

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