

Governor's Advisory Committee on Western North Carolina Recovery

July 14, 2025 | 10 a.m. to noon
University of North Carolina at Asheville
Blue Ridge Ballroom – 202/203
Highsmith Student Union
1 University Heights, Asheville, NC 28804

AGENDA

- 10:00 Call to Order and Introductory Remarks
 Senator Kevin Corbin (presiding) and Mayor Esther Manheimer, Co-Chairs
- Welcome from the University of North Carolina at Asheville
 Chancellor Kimberly van Noort
- 10:10 Remarks
 Governor Josh Stein
- 10:20 Recovery Updates
 Director Matt Calabria, Governor's Recovery Office for Western North Carolina (GROW NC)
- 10:35 RenewNC Housing Program
 Stephanie McGarrah, Deputy Secretary for Community Revitalization, NC Department of Commerce
- 11:05 Long-Term Economic Recovery Planning for Western North Carolina
 Sharon Decker, Senior Advisor for Long-Term Recovery, GROW NC
 Dan Gerlach, Consultant to the Tapestry Collective
- 11:35 Building a More Resilient Western North Carolina
 Marlena Byrne, Acting Chief Resilience Officer, NC Department of Environmental Quality
- 11:50 Next Steps and Wrap Up - Director Matt Calabria
- Summary of action items
 - Input on agenda items for next meeting
 - Next meeting: Friday, August 8, 10 am (virtual)
- 12:00 Adjourn