

Governor's Advisory Committee on Western North Carolina Recovery

April 20, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 10:00 Call to Order and Introductory Remarks
Mayor Esther Manheimer (presiding) and Senator Kevin Corbin, Co-Chairs
- 10:05 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Awards for Helene Recovery Projects
Brian Strong, Director, North Carolina State Parks, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
- 10:20 Remarks
Governor Josh Stein
- 10:30 Renew NC Housing and Commercial District Revitalization Program Updates
Stephanie McGarrah, Deputy Secretary for Community Revitalization, NC Department of Commerce
- 10:50 Governor Stein's Helene Phase Three State Budget Recommendations
Director Matt Calabria, Governor's Recovery Office for Western North Carolina (GROW NC)
- 11:05 Arts Sector Recovery Updates and the Future of the Region's Arts Ecosystem
Katie Cornell, Executive Director, ArtsAVL
- 11:25 Recovery Updates
Director Matt Calabria and Chief Deputy Director Emily Gangi, GROW NC
- 11:50 Next Steps - Director Matt Calabria
- Input on agenda items for next meeting: What needs and programs would committee members like to discuss?
 - Next meeting: Friday, May 22, 10:00am – 12:00pm (in person, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Asheville)
- 12:00 Adjourn