

Governor's Advisory Committee on Western North Carolina Recovery

January 9, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Foundation Performing Arts Center – Tanner Seminar Room
Isothermal Community College
172 Rapid Court, Forest City, NC 28043

AGENDA

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| 10:00 | Call to Order, Remarks, and Introduction of New Members
Mayor Esther Manheimer (presiding) and Senator Kevin Corbin, Co-Chairs |
| 10:10 | Welcome
Dr. Margaret Annunziata, President, Isothermal Community College |
| 10:15 | Recovery Updates
Director Matt Calabria, Governor's Recovery Office for Western North Carolina (GROW NC) and Chief Deputy Director Emily Gangi, GROW NC |
| 10:40 | Regional Recovery Coordination: Engagement Team Based in Western North Carolina
Scott Elliott, Deputy Director for Engagement, GROW NC |
| 10:50 | Progress on Landslide Mapping and Early Alert System Development
David Korte, Landslide Hazards Program Manager, NC Department of Environmental Quality |
| 11:15 | Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: Process for Homeowner Acquisitions, Elevations, and Infrastructure Project Applications
Will Ray, Director, Division of Emergency Management, NC Department of Public Safety |
| 11:40 | Remarks
Governor Josh Stein |
| 11:50 | Next Steps - Director Matt Calabria <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary of action items• Input on agenda items for next meeting• Next meeting: Monday, February 9, 10:00am – 12:00pm, virtual |
| 12:00 | Adjourn |