

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

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