

Governor's Advisory Committee on Western North Carolina Recovery

July 17, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Student Services - Building W460, room 135
Watauga Campus – Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute
460 Community College Drive
Boone, NC 28607

AGENDA

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| 10:00 | Call to Order and Introductory Remarks
Senator Kevin Corbin (presiding) and Mayor Esther Manheimer, Co-Chairs |
| 10:05 | Welcome
Dr. Mark Poarch, President, Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute |
| 10:10 | Draft Long-Term Economic Recovery Plan for WNC
Sharon Decker, Tapestry Collaborative
David Jackson and Dr. Laura Leatherwood, Long-Term Economic Recovery Subcommittee Co-Chairs |
| 10:55 | State Budget Appropriations for Helene Recovery
Forrest Gilliam, Legislative Director, GROW NC |
| 11:05 | Recovery Updates
Director Matt Calabria and Chief Deputy Emily Gangi, Governor's Recovery Office for Western North Carolina (GROW NC) |
| 11:20 | Remarks
Governor Josh Stein |
| 11:25 | Next Steps - Director Matt Calabria <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Input on agenda items for next meeting: What needs and programs would committee members like to discuss?• Next meeting: Friday, August 21, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (virtual) |
| 11:30 | Adjourn |