

Governor's Advisory Committee on Western North Carolina Recovery

August 21, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Virtual

AGENDA

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| 10:00 | Call to Order and Introductory Remarks
Mayor Esther Manheimer (presiding) and Senator Kevin Corbin, Co-Chairs |
| 10:10 | Renew NC Program Updates
Stephanie McGarrah, Deputy Secretary for Community Revitalization, NC
Department of Commerce |
| 10:20 | Remarks
Governor Josh Stein |
| 10:30 | Renew NC Program Updates (continued) |
| 10:40 | Economic Indicators for Western North Carolina
Andrew Berger-Gross, Senior Economist, Labor & Economic Analysis Division, NC
Department of Commerce |
| 11:10 | USDA Rural Development Recovery Programs
Robert Hosford, Director of State Operations for Rural Development, U.S.
Department of Agriculture |
| 11:30 | Recovery Updates
Director Matt Calabria and Chief Deputy Director Emily Gangi, GROW NC |
| 11:50 | 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, September 25, 10:00am – 12:00pm (in person, Mars Hill University) |
| 12:00 | Adjourn |