



North Carolina General Assembly
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

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sent via email

Stephanie McGarrah
Deputy Secretary for Community Revitalization
N.C. Department of Commerce
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Raleigh, NC 27699-4301

Dear Ms. McGarrah:

The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations Subcommittee on Hurricane Response and Recovery requests your appearance to testify April 2nd, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Legislative Building Auditorium.

In your role as Deputy Secretary for Community Revitalization ("Division") of the N.C. Department of Commerce, you are uniquely qualified to discuss Helene recovery in North Carolina.

Please prepare a presentation that includes the following information:

- Total funding obligated, encumbered, expended, and remaining for each program administered by the Division;
- For the Single-Family Housing Program, a financial projection or analysis to determine whether available funds will cover the expected number of eligible homes;
- Steps taken by the Division to ensure that financial obligations do not exceed available funds;
- Any opportunities for additional funding for any program administered by the Division; and
- Other topics related to Helene recovery as appropriate.

Please read this letter carefully to ensure that you comply with all hearing requirements and that you understand your rights as a witness.

The Commission requests that you present a 15-minute PowerPoint. In addition to the PowerPoint presentation, you are permitted to make an opening statement.

Each witness who is to appear before the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations must file with Commission Staff a written statement of proposed testimony. This must be filed by 10:00 am five business days before your appearance. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the exclusion of your written testimony from the hearing record, the barring of your oral presentation of the testimony, or both. Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel to advise them concerning their



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constitutional rights but accompanying counsel shall not directly respond to questions. We reserve the right to place any witness under oath. Finally, witnesses may obtain a transcript copy of their testimony given in open, public session, or in a closed session only when authorized by the Commission.

To fully prepare for this hearing, your testimony and PowerPoint must be submitted electronically to NCGAGovOps@ncleg.gov in Microsoft Word (docx), PowerPoint (pptx), or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format no later than 10:00 am March 26, 2026.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including assistive listening systems, interpreters, and materials in alternate formats, may be arranged by contacting Commission Staff in advance of the hearing.

Should you or your staff have any questions or need additional information, please contact Haley Phillips (haley.phillips@ncleg.gov).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brent Jackson in cursive script.

Sen. Brent Jackson
Co-Chair

Handwritten signature of Brenden Jones in cursive script.

Rep. Brenden Jones
Co-Chair