



North Carolina General Assembly
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

December 20, 2023

Elizabeth Biser
N.C. Department of Environmental Quality Secretary
1601 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1601

Dear Secretary Biser:

The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations Subcommittee on Hurricane Response and Recovery ("Subcommittee") requests your appearance to testify on January 23, 2024, in the Legislative Building Auditorium. The hearing will begin at 10:00 A.M.

In your role as Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, you have unique knowledge of the Flood Resiliency Blueprint. **Specifically, please provide updated information pertaining to:**

- Bidding process and criteria to hire the contractor;
- Blueprint process and timelines to completion;
- Online decision support tool purpose, intended users, and current and future data sources;
- Basin-specific action strategies, gap analysis, and flood resilience measures;
- Process to date and the initial draft blueprint; and
- Composition and input of the Principal Advisory Group and Technical Advisory Groups.

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

Each witness who is to appear before a subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations must file with the Subcommittee Clerks a written statement of proposed testimony and accompanying materials. **This must be filed by close of business one week before your appearance. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the exclusion of your written testimony and materials from the hearing record and/or the barring of your oral presentation of the testimony.** Your oral testimony should not exceed fifteen minutes and should summarize your written remarks. Responses to questions at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes per response.



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A witness appearing before the Subcommittee must include with their written testimony, a current resume summarizing education, experience, and affiliations pertinent to the subject matter of the hearing.

Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel to advise them concerning their 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 Subcommittee.

To fully prepare for this hearing, your testimony must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word (docx) or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format to NCGAGovOps@ncleg.gov no later than January 16, 2024. Accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including assistive listening systems, interpreters, and materials in alternate formats, may be arranged by contacting the Subcommittee Clerks in advance of the hearing.

Should you or your staff have any questions or need additional information, please contact Brooke Mason at 919-733-5977.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brent Jackson in cursive.

Sen. Brent Jackson

Handwritten signature of John Bell in cursive.

Rep. John Bell