



NORTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Agenda of the Economic Development Board Meeting February 13, 2008 Raleigh, North Carolina

Legislative Building, Room 1128

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Announcements
Chairman Jordy Whichard
- 8:40 a.m. Commerce Department Updates and Activities
Jim Fain, Secretary of Commerce
- 9:10 a.m. An Economic Overview
Chris Harder, Senior Economist, Policy, Research & Strategic Planning Division
- 9:40 a.m. Status of the North Carolina Drought
Stephanie McGarrah, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Research & Strategic Planning Division
- 9:50 a.m. Status of the Development Hub Study
Chairman Whichard
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- Session Topic: UNC Perspective and "Economic Transformation"
- 10:15 a.m. University approach to economic transformation and UNC Tomorrow
Leslie Boney, III, Associate Vice President for Economic Development Research, Policy, and Planning
- 10:45 a.m. Panel presentation and discussion: Innovative ideas from our UNC campuses
- *Ruthann Cage, NCSU Economic Development Partnership – Supporting Strategic Sectors*
 - *Ron Blackmon, Provost, Elizabeth City State University – Strengthening the Profession*
 - *Scott Daugherty, Executive Director, SBTDC – New Finance Vehicles*
 - *Mike Almond, Director, Appalachian Regional Development Institute, Appalachian State University – Connecting the Local and Regional Dots*
 - *Ted Morris, ECU – Responding to UNC Tomorrow*
- 11:45 a.m. Board discussion: Next steps for universities in economic transformation
Leslie Boney will facilitate
- 12:00 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn
Chairman Whichard