



# **NORTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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Agenda  
Economic Development Board Meeting  
November 29-30, 2007  
Asheboro, North Carolina

## **Thursday, November 29, 2007**

- 2:00 p.m. Departing Hampton Inn - Asheboro  
Tour of Seagrove Pottery and the Victory Junction Gang Camp
- 5:00 p.m. Return to the Hampton Inn/ Free Time
- 5:45 p.m. Depart for the NC Zoological Park  
Behind the Scenes Tour of the Zoo
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner Meeting – Zoo Board Room
- 9:00 p.m. Return to Hampton Inn

**Friday, November 30, 2007**

***The Board Meeting will be held at the Randolph Electric Membership Corporation***

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast – at the Hampton Inn  
Check out and travel to the Randolph Electric Membership Corporation office
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Announcements  
*Chairman Jordy Whichard*
- 8:40 a.m. Commerce Department Updates and Activities  
*Jim Fain, Secretary of Commerce*
- 9:30 a.m. An Economic Overview  
*Chris Harder, Senior Economist, Policy, Research & Strategic Planning Division*
- 9:45 a.m. Break

**Session Topics: Current Happenings and New Initiatives**

- 10:00 a.m. Status of the North Carolina Drought  
*Stephanie McGarrah, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Research & Strategic Planning Division*
- 10:15 a.m. North Carolina's Workforce Initiatives  
*Chris Rolfe, Chair, Workforce Commission*
- 10:45 a.m. UNC Tomorrow  
*Leslie Boney, Associate Vice President for Economic Development Research, Policy, and Planning, The University of North Carolina*
- 11:15 a.m. Selection Committee's recommendation for Board consideration  
*Chairman Whichard*
- 11:50 a.m. Wrap-up  
*Chairman Whichard*
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn