

MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Membership as of June 2022

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Biographies
<p>Ms. Brenda J. Smith Public Member Representative President Pro Tempore of Senate Appointment 6/30/24</p>	<p>Ms. Smith is a Nurse Clinician (RN) at Duke University Medical Center, where she has served for nearly 30 years.</p>
<p>Representative Carla Cunningham Legislative Representative Speaker of the House of Representatives Appointment 6/30/22</p>	<p>Ms. Cunningham is a Democrat representative from District 106. She has served 5 terms in the House and her occupation is nursing (RN). She serves on the Appropriations for HHS committee and the Vice Chairman of the Health committee. She also is on several health-related non-standing committees (child fatality taskforce and the joint legislative oversight: on HHS, on Medicaid and NC Health Choice, and Access to Healthcare and Medicaid Expansion).</p>
<p>Dr. Chere M. Gregory Public Health Representative Speaker of the House of Representatives Appointment 6/30/22</p>	<p>Dr. Gregory is a physician Senior Vice President and Chief Health Equity Officer at Novant Health.</p>
<p>Dr. Cherry Maynor Beasley Community-Based Organization Representative Governor Appointment 10/15/25</p>	<p>Dr. Beasley (PhD) is the Interim Dean of CHS, Associate Dean of the McKenzie-Elliott School of Nursing, Chief Nursing Officer, and Endowed Professor at UNC Pembroke. Dr. Beasley also serves on the North Carolina Future of Nursing Taskforce, the North Carolina Action Committee of the Health Care Quality Commission, Southeastern Health Board of Trustees, and the GlenFlora Board of Directors.</p>
<p>Senator Don Davis Legislative Representative President Pro Tempore of Senate Appointment 6/30/24</p>	<p>Mr. Davis is a Democrat from District 5 where he has served 6 terms in the Senate. He is a member of the Health Care standing committee. He has a background in the military and in the field of education.</p>
<p>Representative Donna White Legislative Representative Speaker of the House of Representatives Appointment 6/30/22</p>	<p>Ms. White is a Republican representing District 6. She has served 3 terms in the House. She is also a registered nurse, and is a Chairman of the Appropriation HHS committee, Chairman of the Health committee, and is a member of the Families, Children, and Aging Policy committee. She is also a member of non-standing committees, including the Child Fatality Task force, the joint legislative oversight committee on HHS, and the joint legislative committee on Access to Healthcare and Medicaid Expansion.</p>

<p>Dr. Gary R. Gunderson Health Related Agency Governor Appointed 10/15/22</p>	<p>Dr Gunderson (M.Div., D.Min., D.Div.) oversees spiritual care services and supervises six departments at Wake Health: CareNet Counseling, Chaplaincy and Clinical Ministries (including the Clinical Pastoral Education program), FaithHealth Education, Community Engagement, the Center for Congregational Health and FaithHealthNC. He has extensive experience in faith based public health and government efforts.</p>
<p>Senator Gladys Ashe Robinson Legislative Representative President Pro Tempore of Senate Appointment 6/30/24</p>	<p>Ms. Robinson is a Democrat serving District 28. She has served 6 terms in the Senate. She is a member of the Appropriations committee on HHS, the Health Care committee, and is a non-standing committee Advisory Member of the joint legislative oversight committee on HHS and is a member of the joint legislative oversight committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice.</p>
<p>Ms. Hattie Gawande Human Services Agency Representative Governor Appointment 10/15/22</p>	<p>Ms. Gawande is the Senior Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Advisor at NC DHHS.</p>
<p>Ms. Jaunice Laurore Health Care Provider Representative Speaker of the House of Representatives Appointment 6/30/22</p>	<p>Ms. Laurore is a Clinical Nurse Manager at UNC's REX Healthcare where she has worked for over 30 years.</p>
<p>Dr. Jimmy Tate Health Care Provider Representative President Pro Tempore of Senate Appointment 6/30/24</p>	<p>Dr. Tate (Ed.D.) is the former president of the Roanoke Chowan Community College and Chief of Staff at NC Central University. He has served on several boards and commissions. He currently teaches in the Political Science department at UNC.</p>
<p>Dr. Lawrence R. Wu Public Health Representative Speaker of the House of Representatives Appointment 6/30/22</p>	<p>Dr. Wu is the Medical Director at BCBSNC. He is a family physician with over 20 years in clinical practice, and has served as clinic director in the HIS, Kaiser Permanente, and Duke Family Medicine. He also serves on a variety of committees: NC Advisory Committees on Cancer Care and Coordination, as well as Diabetes, the NC Colorectal Screening Roundtable steering committee, and is on the Board of Directors of Urban Ministries.</p>
<p>Dr. Natasha Adams-Denny Health Care Provider Representative</p>	<p>Dr. Adams-Denny is an OBGYN for Atrium Health. She is the site-based medical director at Atrium Health Women's</p>

<p>Governor Appointment 10/15/23</p>	<p>Care Creek Pointe OB/GYN and Atrium Health Women's Care Union OB/GYN.</p>
<p>Dr. Olugbemiga E. Jegede Health Care Provider Representative President Pro Tempore of Senate Appointment 6/30/23</p>	<p>Dr. Jegede is the Area Medical Director for the Cone Health Medical Group. He is board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics and serves on the NC Council on Sickle Cell Syndrome and the Cone Health Physician Council for Health Equity.</p>
<p>Mr. Ramon P. Llamas Public Health Representative Governor Appointment 10/15/22</p>	<p>Mr. Llamas (MPH) is the Chief Strategy Officer for the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health.</p>