



North Carolina Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Quarterly Meeting Agenda

Friday, August 7, 2026
9:00 am-3:00 pm

4307 Emperor Boulevard, Suite 110
Durham, North Carolina 2770

- 9:00 am Call to Order, Welcome, and Ethics Reminder**
Michael Evola, Council Chair
- 9:05 am Council Mission and Vision**
Michael Evola, Council Chair
- 9:10 am Communication Access Guidelines Reminder**
Hope Turpin Turner, Council Vice Chair
- 9:15 am Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes**
Michael Evola, Council Chair
- 9:20 am Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Capacity Building**
Tony Davis, NCDHHS Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Director
- 9:30 am Joint Task Force Discussion with Department of Public Instruction Leadership**
Carol Ann Hudgens, NCDPI Senior Director of the Office of Exceptional Children
- 9:50 am 10 Minute Break**
- 10:00 am Communication Access Committee Work Session - Long Leaf Room**
Laura Robison, Committee Chair
Committee Members
- 10:00 am Education Committee Work Session - Central Pines Room**
Jennifer Woodard, Committee Chair
Committee Members
- 12:00 pm Lunch**
- 1:00 pm North Carolina Schools for the Deaf Special Updates**
Kristen Todd, North Carolina School for the Deaf Superintendent
Cheryl Iannucci, Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf Superintendent



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- 1:40 pm Communication Access Committee Report**
Laura Robison, Committee Chair
- 1:45 pm Education Committee Report**
Jennifer Woodard, Committee Chair
- 1:50 pm Council Vice Chair Report**
Hope Turpin Turner, Council Vice Chair
- 1:55 pm Council Chair Report**
Michael Evola, Council Chair
- 2:00 pm Old and New Business**
Michael Evola, Council Chair
- Old Business
 - Pursue the amendment of §143B-216.31 to increase Council membership to include a representative from the North Carolina School for the Deaf and the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf.
 - Pursue legislative action for the recognition of ASL as the language of the North Carolina Deaf community.
 - New Business
 - Are there any motions for the Council to consider?
- 2:30 pm Public Comments**
Up to Five (5) Members of the Public
- Up to three (3) minutes each
- 2:45 pm Council Member Responses to Public Comments and/or Announcements for the Good of the Council**
Council Members
- 2:55 pm Closing Remarks**
Michael Evola, Council Chair
- 3:00 pm Adjournment - Next Council Meeting Scheduled for November 6, 2026**