



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, March 3, 2025

9:00 AM Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center 1192 US
Hwy 64 West, Pittsboro, NC 27312

Special Meeting - Legislative Breakfast

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Present: 4 - Chair Karen Howard, Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, Commissioner David
Delaney and Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOMING REMARKS FROM CHAIR HOWARD

*Howard called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the legislative
breakfast at 9:20am.*

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

[25-0105](#)

Receive a presentation on the Chatham County Legislative Priorities

Attachments: [Chatham County Goals 3-3-2025](#)

*County Manager Bryan Thompson presented the Chatham County Legislative
priorities. Thompson reviewed the 2024 accomplishments which included completing
access to broadband and grant funding for digital equity programs.*

*Thompson reviewed the top five legislative priorities including restoring local
down-zoning authority, support for farmland preservation, increased funding for
childcare, and support of affordable housing efforts.*

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

[25-0107](#)

Receive a presentation on the Town of Pittsboro Legislative Priorities

Attachments: [Town of Pittsboro Legislative Priorities - 2025](#)
[Town of Pittsboro Legislative Priorities 1 Pager](#)

*Pittsboro Mayor Kyle Shipp and Assistant Town Manager Kent Jackson presented
the Town of Pittsboro legislative priorities which included public safety facility
revolving loan fund, down-zoning, protection of the ETJ authority, and stormwater
control measures improvements.*

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

[25-0106](#)

Receive a presentation on the Chatham County Board of Education
Legislative Priorities

Attachments: [Chatham County Board of Education - 2025 Legislative Priorities - Top 4](#)
[Chatham County Board of Education - 2025 Legislative Priorities](#)

Chatham County Board of Education Chair Gary Leonard presented the Chatham County Schools legislative priorities which included retention and compensation of educators, school safety and mental health, student health and well being, and equitable resources and infrastructure.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

25-0108

Receive a presentation on the Central Carolina Community College Legislative Priorities

Attachments: [CCCC and NCCCS Legislative Priorities for 2025-2027 Biennium](#)
[CCCC Handout Legislative-Priorities-digital](#)

Central Carolina Community College President Lisa Chapman reviewed the priorities which included enhancing community college salaries, the Moore Center, multi-campus center, and automatic enrollment growth funding.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

REMARKS FROM STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

North Carolina Senator Natalie Murdock and Representative Robert Reives thanked the presenters and those in attendance. They highlighted the importance of federal funding and having better conversations within the community.

Those in attendance asked questions of both Murdock and Reives.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Howard thanked Senator Murdock and Representative Reives for attending and listening to the priorities in Chatham County.

Chair Howard called for a motion to adjourn at 10:32am.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this was adjourned at 10:32am. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Kenlan, Commissioner Delaney, and Commissioner Gomez Flores