



## **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

<b>THURSDAY</b>	- AUGUST	「 <b>5. 2021</b>

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM OPEN & WELCOME

10:30 AM - 11:45 PM STATE OF DIVERSE NORTH CAROLINA - Discuss historic economic and diversity trends,

disparity study findings and how we move forward

James Johnson, Jr., William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Strategy and

Entrepreneurship and Director, Urban Investment Strategies Center

**12:00 PM – 2:00 PM LUNCH WITH GUEST SPEAKER** – An in-depth conversation on the leadership of North

Carolina's response to the economic downturn caused by the pandemic and the positive

trends forecasted post-pandemic.

Keynote Speaker: Governor Roy Cooper

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM CORPORATE EXECUTIVE ROUND TABLE – Corporate leaders discussing the business

case, their strategies and the benefits of their successful activities.

Moderator: Derrick Davis, CEO, Informatic Concepts

**Melody Birmingham**, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Duke

Energy

**Richard Bynum**, Chief Corporate Responsibility Officer, PNC Financial Services

Group

Kinneil Coltman, Senior Vice President, Chief Community and External Affairs

Officer, Atrium Health

Trey Rabon, President, AT&T North Carolina

**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONS ROUNDTABLE** – Framing minority

philanthropy and investment leadership that addresses the wealth gap in diverse

communities.

Willie Deese, Fortune 200 Executive Leadership | Board Director

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM WELCOME RECEPTION (College & Greek Night)

9:00 PM NETWORKING & HOSPITALITY SUITE



## Enduring Strength Legacy

## FRIDAY - AUGUST 6, 2021

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**SUPPLIER DIVERSITY** – A discussion of corporate and MWBE "Best Practices" and Return on Investment.

Moderator: **Tammie Hall,** Assistant to the Secretary for HUB Outreach for the State of North Carolina; Director, Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB), NC Dept. of Administration

**Dominique Milton,** President & CEO, The Carolinas-Virginia Minority Supplier Development Council

**Candis Parker,** Manager of Integrated Processes, Balfour Beatty Carolinas **Jonathan Wilkins,** Program Manager of Supplier Diversity and Co-lead of the North America Employee Resource Groups (NA ERG), Lenovo

9:15 AM - 10:30 AM

**POLICY & POLITICS** – A discussion on Congress' and the CBC's response to the 2020 pandemic, economic downturn, and the policies we should explore to impact the wealth gap.

Moderator: Machelle Baker Sanders, NC Commerce Secretary

Pamela B. Cashwell, Secretary, NC Department of Administration

Valerie P. Foushee, Senate Democratic Caucus Chair

North Carolina General Assembly - District 23

**Gladys A. Robinson,** Democratic State Senator

North Carolina General Assembly - District 28

10:45 AM - 12:30 PM

**CDFI ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION** – A discussion with the African American Alliance as they share the role of Community Development Financial Institutions.

Moderator: Donna Gambrell, President & CEO, Appalachian Community Capital

Bill Bynum, CEO, HOPE

**Lenwood Long,** President/CEO, African American Alliance of CDFI CEOs

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM

**LUNCH – CDFI LEVERAGING & FUNDING** – A discussion on how black philanthropy provides leadership to CDFIs.

Keynote: Robert F. Smith, Founder, Chairman and CEO, Vista Equity Partners

2:15 PM - 3:30 PM

**BLACK LED ORGANIZATIONS: BUILDING A STRONGER ECOSYSTEM** – A discussion where HBCUs, MBEs, CDCs, and CDFIs share how collaboration builds a strong ecosystem.

Moderator: Valerie Jordan, NC Board of Transportation, Representing Division 5

**Tim Catlett,** President, Progressive Business Solutions

Cornelious "CC" Lamberth, President, C2 Contractors LLC

Vicki Lee Parker-High, Executive Director, North Carolina Business Council

**Dr. Everett Ward**, 11<sup>th</sup> President, St. Augustine's University





3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

BLACK ECONOMICS, POLICY AND A PATHWAY FORWARD – A discussion on the past, present, and future economics for people of color.

Rev. Dr. William Barber II, Minister and Social Activist

RECEPTION | NETWORKING | SILENT AUCTION

6:45 PM – 8:30 PM AWARDS GALA DINNER

Mistress of Ceremony:

**Deborah Holt Noel,** Producer and Host, UNC-TV

8:30 PM - 11:00 PM ENC GALA NETWORKING SOCIAL

SATURDAY – AUGUST 7, 2021		
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	GOLF TOURNAMENT – COURSE NO. 2	
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES   SHOPPING EXCURSION   SPA DAY (Optional)	
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	GOLF AWARDS LUNCHEON	
5:30 PM – 10:00 PM	ENC FINALE NETWORKING & SILENT AUCTION	