

Governor's Advisory Council on Historically Underutilized Businesses Appointees:



Jeremy Collins

Governor's Office Liaison

Jeremy Collins, a native of Dardens, North Carolina in eastern Martin County, is the Director of the Office of Public Engagement and Senior Staff to the 75th Governor of the State of North Carolina, Governor Roy A. Cooper. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Jeremy is a man of faith, a father, a son, a civil rights advocate and lawyer, an organizer, a strategist and Brother of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.



Odessa H. McGlown

State Purchasing Officer

Odessa H. McGlown is a Continuous Improvement Strategist that partners with her customers—both internal and external—to help them realize efficiencies in their processes, achieve their goals, and add value. Odessa is a trained project manager, facilitator, team builder, and mentor. She is a veteran who proudly served this country as an Army Staff Sergeant. After spending twenty-one years in NCDOT providing strategic support on improvement initiatives at all levels, Odessa knows that what drives systemic improvement is not perfect processes or extreme technical competence. It is knowing the customer, understanding their needs, and being committed to meeting those needs in every interaction. Simply, when everyone is committed to the customer, the organization improves. Utilizing various improvement methodologies, tools, and techniques, Odessa has led program initiatives involving people, processes and

technology that saved the State of North Carolina millions of dollars through improvements in project management, process control, technology assessment and integration, and customer service. She is most proud of her ability to build relationships with business partners at all levels, to effectively coach and provide direction to achieve desired business results, and to improve the efficiency and scalability of processes—ensuring the highest level of quality while minimizing operational risk.



Latif Kaid

PE Director – State Construction Office North Carolina, N.C. Dept. of Administration

Latif Kaid is the Director of the State Construction Office in the North Carolina Department of Administration. The purpose of the State Construction Office is to provide professional architectural and engineering services, management, and leadership to state agencies, universities and community colleges, and provide advice and counsel to decision makers. This work is performed through reviews, inspections, and construction management in order to ensure that the state buildings are safe, efficient, environmentally sensitive, aesthetic and economical.

A North Carolina State University graduate, Mr. Kaid started his career as an engineering manager for 10 years with a NC Manufacturer firm and then served as the Facility Plant Engineer with NCDOT for 9 years and then moved to the State Construction Office with the dep't of Administration for the past 15 years where eventually he became the Division Director. He was instrumental in establishing the electronic system for project management with the State which included plan reviews, contract administrations, inspections and final acceptance. He is a recent recipient of the prestigious Frank B. Turner Award, presented to him at the 36th Annual State Construction Conference by the Design Professionals of North Carolina.



Mary Williams-Stover

Executive Director, Council for Women and Youth Involvement, N.C. Dept. of Administration

The Council for Women and Youth Involvement is a state government advocacy agency within the N.C. Department of Administration that administers over \$12 million in state and federal grants for human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault and teen dating violence intervention services.

Mary earned a BS in Public Relations/Journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park, a graduate certificate from Georgetown University in Organizational Management, and recently completed the Advocate Institute Certificate Program from the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She recently was named vice chairperson of the Wake County Commission for Women. She has a passion for service and devoted over 25 years working in the nonprofit sector as former Senior Vice President for the Triangle United Way, United Way of America and United Way of Central Maryland for many years and helped create the MLK Day of Service in the Triangle. She is a former board member of Leadership Triangle and was recognized in Cary Magazine in the Women Who Lead edition, 2010, for her volunteer role with the Center for Volunteer Caregiving. She also is an entrepreneur who helps raise funds to fight homelessness with Wines for Humanity in her spare time. She lives in Cary with her husband and son and is a proud grandmother.



Gregory "Greg" A. Richardson (Greg)

Executive Director, North Carolina Department of Administration, Commission of Indian Affairs

Greg has thirty-four years of work experience in administration, management and planning of Indian programs at the

state and federal government levels. He has extensive work experience in the development of collaborations and partnerships with Indian tribes and Indian Associations, non-profit community-based organizations; oversees the management of 4.0 million dollars annually in state and federally-funded programs and services administered by the Division of Indian Affairs. He's responsible for recruitment of staff, contractors, and vendors required to support commission programs and services administered by the Division of Indian Affairs. Greg supervises staff of 18 employees covering eight tribal communities and four Urban Indian tribes and organizations throughout the State of North Carolina. He also plans quarterly and annual meetings of the Commission, public hearings, and other state and local meetings; provides written and oral testimonies before the state legislative and congressional committees to address issues associated with the needs and concerns of North Carolina's American Indian population; serves as State's Chief Advocate on Indian Affairs through public presentations, the media, local and state level meetings, etc. He previously served on the Governor's Complete County Committee for the 2010 US Census; he also served on the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census Advisory Committee on American Indians and Alaska Native Populations, 1997- 2007.



Valerie D. Jordan

N.C. Department of Transportation Board Member

Valerie is an award-winning Cisco Sales leader and NC DOT Board Member whose passion is to create a continuous improvement lifecycle for government entities, such as NCDOT, through new technology models like Cloud computing which enables agility, flexibility and creation of new service offerings to help the state's citizens. Valerie utilizes her passion for technology to help transform corporations, government agencies and not-for-profit organizations to achieve their goals.



Dorrine Fokes

Community College System

Although she's been with NCCCS for over ten years now, her earlier experience was steeped in manufacturing, inventory control, software, supervision, human resources, accounting and payroll for a variety of private enterprises, including AutoLite, PrestoLite, The Torrington Company (a division of Ingersoll Rand), IHS (Integrated Health Services) and SpectraSite, in Georgia and North Carolina. She brings a passion for detail and systems analysis to her position as Associate Director, where she serves primarily to coordinate and assist the community colleges in daily construction issues. She is also directly involved in facilitating the system-wide implementation of project tracking software.



Doug Morton

Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities

As NC State's associate vice chancellor for facilities, Doug Morton directs facilities planning, design, construction, operations and development for the university's 113,000 acres and 1,163 buildings totaling 17 million gross square feet. The division's wide area of responsibility includes facilities services, energy systems, sustainability, fleet management, architectural and design services, infrastructure planning, construction management, mail and grounds services. Morton, an NC State alumnus with more than three decades of experience with the U.S. Navy in engineering, construction and facilities management took the helm of the facilities division on Nov. 15, 2016. Morton has more than 30 years of experience as a U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps officer, leading teams as large as 13,500 professionals. Prior to his arrival at NC State he was as the Navy's director of energy and environmental readiness, with responsibility for policy and budget development supporting all Navy energy programs, including energy conservation, research and development, and implementation of new technologies.



Cornelious "CC" D. Lamberth

C2 Contractors, LLC

Mr. Lamberth is currently a member of the executive Board of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce and past Chairman of the Economic Development Committee for the Greensboro Branch NAACP and is a past charter member of the NC A&T State University Board of Visitors.

Mr. Lamberth is the past Chairman of the Advisory Board for the School of Technology at NCA&T State University and a proud member of the Omega Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Mr. Lamberth belongs to several business and other community organizations. He is a member of the Building Industry Consulting Services International (BICSI), Co-Founder of The Black Contractors Guild, a member of The Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE). Mr. Lamberth has also been a member of Micro Computers of North Carolina (MCNC) and a member of the Board of Directors for the Greensboro Community Foundation. His leadership service also extends to the One Hundred Black Men of the Triad where served as President and Charter Member and past Chairman of the Labor and Industry Committee Greensboro Branch NAACP. Mr. Lamberth is also the 2011 recipient of the Distinguished Service and Achievement Award presented by United Way of Greater Greensboro's African-American Leadership Group. Mr. Lamberth is the proud owner, and CEO of C2 Contractors, LLC (unlimited licensed commercial General Contractor and telecommunications firm).



Dr. Vinod "Vinnie" Goel

CEO & President, A1 Consulting Group, Inc.

Vinnie is also the Chairman and CEO of Goels Plaza, LLC. – Banquet and Conference Center; Principal-in-Charge managing projects in several states within USA and Overseas. He has expertise in Engineering, Environmental solutions, and Construction Management, including zoning, project design, site assessment, field investigations, project management, quality assurance and quality control monitoring.



Kristen M. Hess

President, HH Architecture

As HH Architecture’s president and business development leader, Kristen believes strongly that great design and outstanding service should be the guiding principles behind every project. With a design process that develops inventive options and flexible solutions for each project, Kristen fosters a project team with relentless energy for the ultimate end-result—delighted clients and buildings that they love.

Annette Stevenson



President & CEO, Stevenson Consulting Group (SCG)

SCG is a minority, woman, service-disabled veteran owned small business that provides professional consulting services to corporations, government agencies and diverse businesses. Customized consulting services include advocacy (removal of business barriers and inclusion to procurement opportunities), connection (to customers and supply chain opportunities) and empowerment (economic success and wealth creation). She is a U.S. Army Officer veteran, has over 30 years’ experience in the personnel/administrative management and procurement profession.



Aaron Thomas

President and CEO, Metcon

Experiencing steady growth, Metcon is North Carolina's largest minority-owned construction management firm. As President of Metcon, Aaron is responsible for setting and defining the vision and culture of the firm, managing the day-to-day operations, promoting a safe work environment, fostering business opportunities, and maintaining the goals of the organization. He will ensure all necessary resources and systems are available to exceed client expectations delivering a quality product on time and within budget. Aaron is a result oriented, hands-on administrator, with a proven track record of over 700 successful project completions.



Iris Ramirez Reese

President, Fusion

Iris developed long-range corporate strategy and business plan for the development and acquisition of new clientele and new services to successfully execute and achieve client's marketing goals with an added focus on niche marketing to Hispanics.



Kimberly G. Leazer

Vice President of Sales & Customer Service, Forms and Supply (FSI)

Kimberly is an experienced professional with more than thirty-four years of experience emphasizing outside sales and business development in the office supply industry. She's highly customer focused with excellent business acumen as evidenced by consistent growth and achievement of personal and company defined goals for the office products division.

Russell Parker

President, Clean Touch Pressure Washing

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Elected the President of the Minority Business Roundtable in Greenville, NC since 2010. Clean Touch Pressure Washing has provided twenty-one years of guaranteed service to Eastern North Carolina.



Lenwood Long, Sr.

President & CEO, Carolina Small Business Development (CSBDF)

CSBDF is a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and statewide nonprofit organization. Mr. Long has led the organization through a period of transformational growth, to include rebranding. Mr. Long has more than twenty-five years of experience in community economic development, human resources and business management.



Terrence Holt

Holt Brothers

Terrence's six years in the NFL and his college career with NC State football have prepared him well for managing Holt Brothers Construction. In his role, he is focused on creating and communicating the mission and vision of the company, executing the game plan, and building a great team. Under his leadership, the company has tripled in size, and revenue has consistently grown. The firm's project portfolio now includes the \$65 million Critical Public Safety Center in Raleigh and the \$35 million Reynolds Coliseum Renovation and Walk of Fame project at NC State. Terrence serves as vice chair of the Holt Brothers Foundation, on the Board of Directors at the Durham Chamber of Commerce, and on the Durham Sports Commission.



Andrea Harris

Senior Fellow, The Institute

The Institute was founded in 1986 as the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development with a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and N.C. Association of Minority Businesses to diversify North Carolina's business base as a strategy for expanding economic opportunity. As founder & senior fellow, Andrea was responsible for the creation of a Policy Center within the Institute with a primary focus on business development and higher education. The Policy Center (TPC) also functioned with the guidance, advice, and assistance of a Board of Economic Policy Advisors. After providing 30 years of leadership as the Institute's President, she now devotes her time and energy on issues impacting the minority business community, workforce development and Historically Black colleges and Universities (HBCUs), to name a few. She continues to give

of her time and talent by sitting on numerous boards and commissions. Andrea is a graduate of Bennett College.



Calvin Stevens

Director of Business Development, Balfour Beatty Construction

Balfour Beatty Construction is a \$11.0 billion international construction company offering Construction management, general contracting, cost consulting, design-build, preconstruction services, and public-private partnerships. The company has been identified as a Top Ten Green Builder and named one of “Fortune magazine’s 100 Best Companies to Work For” for four consecutive years. He developed a diversity business development strategy that increased customer repeatability from 72% to 81% (\$72 million in additional annual revenue). He is a results-proven leader with 15+ years of cross-industry experience driving impactful initiatives and programs across multiple channels while substantially increasing revenue; and an articulate communicator skilled in delivering insightful presentations and strengthening relationships with business partners, peers and senior leadership.



Tiffany Peguise-Powers

Attorney, Criminal and Civil Law

Tiffany is a member of the North Carolina Academy of Trail Lawyers, with more than 15 years of trail experience. She has a special interest in Criminal Defense, child custody, divorce and equitable distribution. She is qualified by the Office of the Capital Defender for representation of Capital Murder clients. She is an attorney for the Robeson County Department of Social Services, specializing in employment law, contracts, HIPAA compliance, Guardianships and Juvenile litigation.