

MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA SEDIMENTATION CONTROL COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 20, 2025
GROUND FLOOR HEARING ROOM, ARCHDALE BUILDING
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission met on November 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in person in the Ground Floor Hearing Room of DEQ's Archdale Building located at 512 N Salisbury Street, Raleigh, and remotely. The following persons were in attendance (either in-person or remote) for all or part of the meeting.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Dr. Susan White (Chair)
Ms. Robin Smith
Dr. Joshua Heitman
Mr. Benjamin Brown (Vice Chair)
Mr. Michael Taylor
Mr. Brian North
Mr. James Lamb (Absent)
Ms. Emily Sutton
Mr. Ryan Carter (Absent)
Mr. Steven Wilson
Mr. Michael Holder

OTHERS

Meghan Melloy – Commission Counsel, NCDOJ	
Toby Vinson – Director, DEMLR	
Graham Parrish – State Sedimentation Program Engineer, DEMLR	
Rebecca Coppa – State Sedimentation Education Engineer, DEMLR	
Paula Chapel – DWR, Notary	
Ben DeWit, Jeremy Goodwin, Aaron Harper – NCDOT	Heather Freeman – City of Concord
Jerry Eplin, Tamera Eplin – NCDEQ DEMLR	Nick Lynch, Kevin Blayton, Marissa Houston, Ryan Dapkus – Town of Mooresville
Elise Snavely – NCDEQ Division Marine Fisheries	Jacob Dorman – Contech Engineered Solutions
Kristine Leggett, Margaret Young – Fiscal Research Division	Joanne Trgovich – The Veles Group
Wendi Hartup, Donald Schlesselman – Town of Kernersville	Jennifer Skuya, Cathy Kiker – Town of Harrisburg
Daniel Colavito, Austin Deans, Zack Pitts – Town of Holly Springs	Danon Lawson – City of Gastonia
Brain Ashman – Town of Harrisburg	Shannon Simpson – City of Asheville
	Ike Archer, Mike Collins – Town of Knightdale
	Emily Harrison, Adam Ernest – Village of Clemmons

Mackenzie Campbell – Town of Cramerton	Kristi Cheek – Guilford County
Michael Turner – City of Greenville	Sherry Earley – Town of Fuquay-Varina
Lindsey Lengyel – Blue Stream Environmental	Taylor Burton – Chatham County
Jessica Watkins – Town of Wake Forest	Chad Waldrup
Patrick Bradley – Michael Baker International	Chris Johnson
Cass Heaton, Anna Roseman – City of Greensboro	Christopher Overcash
John Loperfido – City of Durham	Don Cecarelli
Tracy Davis – Sunrock Industries	Emily Harrison
Corey Priddy – Mecklenburg County	Maureen Harris
James Misciagno, Jessica Bolin – Town of Apex	Patrick Walsh
Jay Wilson – City of Charlotte	Raquel W
Karyn Pageau, Spencer Bowman, Betsy Pearce – Wake County	Sean H
Jon Boerger, Joseph Alm – Gaston County	Thomas Adndrews
Charles Brown – Town of Cary	Aaron C
Keith Huff – Winston-Salem/Forsyth County	

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Susan White called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Chair White read Executive Order No. 1 regarding avoidance of conflict of interest. She asked if anyone has a known conflict of interest or potential conflicts. Mr. Steve Wilson recused himself from action items involving the Town of Mooresville.

Ms. Emily Sutton read the Evaluation of the Statement of Economic Interests filed by Dr. Joshua Heitman. Dr. Heitman was sworn in as a member.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Chair White asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2025, meeting. Mr. Ben Brown moved to approve the minutes with the modification to correct the spelling of Ms. Masemore's name on the attendee's list. Ms. Robin Smith made a second. The motion passed.

Chair White removed the "*Town of Mooresville Ordinance Review & Delegation Request*" action item from the agenda based on advice from Counsel regarding changes to the proposed ordinance needing to be incorporated.

ACTION ITEMS

Town of Knightdale Review:

Mr. Parrish presented the findings from review of this program. Staff recommended to continue the program's delegation with review for 3 quarters with a follow up report to presented during

the 2026 Q3 meeting. A discussion ensued. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the recommendation made by DEMLR staff with the request for an interim report be provided as an information item regarding the Town's plan to address the noted deficiencies. Mr. Brian North made a second. The motion passed.

City of Monroe Ordinance Review:

Mr. Parrish presented the City's ordinance and adopted changes for formal review by the Commission. Mr. Parrish reminded members that an informal review had been conducted during the August 2025 SCC meeting. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance updates. Mr. Michael Taylor made a second. The motion passed.

NCDOT Annual Program Review:

Mr. Parrish reported on the activities of the Department of Transportation and the findings from the audit of their program over the past year. DEMLR staff recommended to continue delegation of the NCDOT Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program. A discussion ensued. Mr. North made a motion to Continue Delegation of the NCDOT Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program. Mr. Holder made a second. The motion passed.

Updates to the Memorandum of Agreement between Local Governments and the Commission:

Mr. Parrish presented the final draft of the updated Memorandum of Agreement, including edits provided by the Commission Counsel and changes discussed during the review at the previous Commission Meeting. Mr. Holder moved to approve the proposed changes to the Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. North made a second. The motion passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Update on Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit changes in NC:

Mr. Parrish presented a summary of the recent communications DEMLR has been engaged in with the EPA regarding the MS4 permits. Mr. Parrish explained the potential impacts these changes could have on the DEMLR sediment program, existing and new locally delegated programs. A discussion ensued. Ms. Smith requested a follow-up regarding the discussions with EPA and the reasoning behind the changes.

NCDOT Report

Mr. Parrish stated that no trout buffer waivers have been issued by the DEMLR to the DOT this quarter and presented the ICAs and follow-up inspection reports that the DOT had issued this quarter.

Education Program Status Report

Ms. Rebecca Coppa presented her activities related to education and outreach. She gave a reminder of the upcoming NC E&SC Workshop on December 4, 2025, and announced the dates for the 2026 Local Program Workshop on April 14th and 15th, 2026. Ms. Coppa solicited presenters and topic suggestions for this workshop. Ms. Coppa also announced an upcoming Contractor Workshop hosted by the Raleigh Regional Office being planned for January 29, 2026.

Commission Technical Committee Update

Ms. Coppa provided an update from the Committee Chair, Mr. Mark Taylor, regarding the progress made by the Committee over the last quarter.

Land Quality Section Active Sediment Cases and Enforcement

Mr. Parrish presented the number of active enforcement cases and any updates on those cases since the previous quarter meeting.

Sediment Program Status Report

Mr. Parrish presented data to the members on the activities of the regional offices. Data was compiled from the past fiscal year.

Land Quality Section Report

Mr. Toby Vinson presented a summary of the current vacancies within DEMLR and recent position fillings.

CONCLUSION

Remarks by Commission Members –None

Remarks by DEMLR Director – None

Remarks by Chairman – The Chair welcomed Dr. Heitman and reminded members to promptly complete any trainings when Ms. Emily Sutton sends reminders.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Graham Parrish, State Sedimentation
Engineer
Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources

Toby Vinson, Director
Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources

Dr. Susan White, Chair
Sedimentation Control Commission