

MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA SEDIMENTATION CONTROL COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 5, 2026
GROUND FLOOR HEARING ROOM, ARCHDALE BUILDING
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission met on February 5, 2026, 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
Ms. Emily Sutton (Absent)
Mr. Ryan Carter (Absent)
Mr. Steven Wilson
Mr. Michael Holder

OTHERS

Ms. Sarah Zambon – Commission Counsel, NCDOJ
Toby Vinson – Director, DEMLR
Adam Parr – Deputy Director, DEMLR
Graham Parrish – State Sedimentation Program Engineer, DEMLR
Rebecca Coppa – State Sedimentation Education Engineer, DEMLR
Sean Daly – Assistant State Sedimentation Program Engineer, DEMLR
Isaiah Reed, MS4 Coordinator, DEMLR
Dr. Grady Miller, Dept. Of Soil and Crop Sciences, NCSU
Christine Hall, Brian Lambe, Trentt James – DEMLR Wilmington Regional Office
Ben DeWit – NCDOT
Kristi Cheek, Zachary Van Dyke – Guilford County
Jeevan Neupane, Brad Cole, Jeffrey Gunter, Jeremy Davis, Julie Coco, Karyn Pageau, Mahfuz Islam, Marlena Brown, Scott Reams, Spencer Bowman – Wake County
Ashton Walker, James Pope – Town of Mooresville
Bobbi Barnes – City of Goldsboro Stormwater
Beth Furr, Galen Jamison – New Hanover County

Jonny Williams – Iredell County
Ryan Eaves – Durham County
Ernest Ladkani – Enbridge Gas
Jess Meyer
Matthew Gantt
Wendy Stillman

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Susan White called the meeting to order at 10:03 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. Steven Wilson recused himself from action items involving the Town of Mooresville.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Chair White asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025, meeting. Ms. Robin Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Michael Holder made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Guilford County:

Mr. Parrish presented the findings from the review of this program. Staff recommended to continue the program's delegation. A discussion ensued. Mr. Ben Brown made a motion to approve staff's recommendations. Mr. Brian North made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

New Hanover County:

Mr. Parrish presented the findings from the review of this program. Staff recommended to continue the program's delegation with review for 3 quarters and a follow up report to be presented during the 2026 Q4 meeting. A discussion ensued. Mr. Holder asked if the 3-quarter continued review period would be long enough to address all the deficiencies noted. Mr. Galen Jamison, Interim County Engineer for New Hanover County, stated that work to address the noted deficiencies had begun and that all items with the exception of securing additional staff could be completed within the continued review period. Mr. Parrish commented that the expectation from Staff would be for the County to show progress towards addressing all deficiencies and have a plan for how the lack of staffing will be addressed. Mr. Holder made a motion to approve staff's recommendations. Mr. Brown made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Town of Mooresville Ordinance Review and Delegation Request:

Mr. Wilson recused himself from voting and discussion due to potential conflict of interest. Mr. Parrish presented the adopted erosion and sedimentation control ordinance and the Town's request for delegation authority as a local program to administer the SPCA. A discussion ensued. Mr. Brown moved to approve the Town's Ordinance and delegation authority as a local program to administer the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act. Mr. Holder made a second. The motion passed.

Signed Memorandum of Agreement between Local Governments and the Commission:

Mr. Parrish presented memorandum of agreements that were signed by Lincoln County, the Town of Weddington, New Hanover County, the City of Archdale and the City of Monroe. Mr. Holder made a motion to authorize Chair White to sign these memorandums on behalf of the Commission. Mr. North made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Presentation on the use of native species for sod and erosion control stabilization:

Dr. Grady Miller, Professor and extension turfgrass specialist with the NCSU Department of Soil and Crop Sciences presented a summary of the utilization and availability of native species for sod and as erosion control stabilization. A discussion ensued.

Sedimentation Control Commission 101:

Ms. Zambon and Mr. Parrish presented an overview summary of the Commission Policies, Procedures and Quasi-judicial Functions, DEMLR and the Sediment Program Overviews and Commission Member Roles.

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

Mr. Isaiah Reed, MS4 Program Coordinator – DEMLR, presented a summary of the recent discussions and the pending changes to the MS4 permittees and potential impacts to the Sediment Program. A discussion ensued.

Rules Review Process and Timeline Update:

Mr. Parrish presented a draft of the proposed Rules Review Timeline and gave an update on the Rules Review Process. Discussion ensued. Dr. White requested an outline of expected changes to the rules and Mr. North requested a list of the makeup of a stakeholder group to be presented during the next meeting with a finalized Review Timeline. Mr. Parrish stated the timeline would come back to the Commissioners at their Q2 meeting for approval.

Education Program Status Report:

Ms. Rebecca Coppa provided an update on her activities related to education and outreach as well as soliciting topic suggestions or speakers for the Local Program Workshop on April 14-15.

NCDOT Report:

Mr. Parrish stated that no trout buffer waivers have been issued by the DEMLR to the DOT and that the DOT had not issued any ICAs this quarter.

Commission Technical Committee Update:

Ms. Kristi Cheek, Committee Vice Chair provided an update on the Committee’s progress.

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. Discussion ensued.

Land Quality Section Report

Mr. Toby Vinson presented a summary of the current vacancies within DEMLR.

CONCLUSION

Remarks by Commission Members –None

Remarks by DEMLR Director – None

Remarks by Chairman – The Chair thanked all in attendance for their attention and work and gave a reminder that some members terms are expiring this summer. Mr. Vinson reminded members that they can continue to serve until a new member has been appointed to their seat on the Commission.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.

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

Toby Vinson, Director
Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources

Dr. Susan White, Chair
Sedimentation Control Commission