

MINUTES  
NORTH CAROLINA SEDIMENTATION CONTROL COMMISSION  
August 21, 2025  
GROUND FLOOR HEARING ROOM, ARCHDALE BUILDING  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission met on August 21, 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)  
Mr. Benjamin Brown (Vice Chair)  
Mr. Michael Taylor (absent)  
Mr. James Lamb  
Ms. Emily Sutton  
Ms. Robin Smith  
Mr. Ryan Carter  
Mr. Steven Wilson  
Mr. Michael Holder  
Mr. Brian North

**OTHERS**

Elly Young – Commission Counsel, NCDOT  
Toby Vinson – Director, DEMLR  
Adam Parr – Deputy Director - Program Operations, DEMLR  
Graham Parrish – State Sedimentation Program Engineer, DEMLR  
Rebecca Coppa – State Sedimentation Education Engineer, DEMLR  
Sushma Moore – Deputy Secretary for Environment, DEQ  
Paula Chapel – DWR, Notary  
Julie Coco – Wake County, Commission Technical Committee  
Jay Wilson – City of Charlotte, Commission Technical Committee  
Kristi Cheek – Guilford County, Commission Technical Committee  
Jeevan Neupane, Jeremy Davis, Karyn Pageau, Jeff Gunter, Mahfuz Islam, Marlena Brown,  
Michael Seewald, Spencer Bowman & Scott Reams – Wake County  
Ashton Walker, James Pope, Kevin Blayton, Ryan Dapkus & Marissa Houston – Town of  
Mooresville  
Ben DeWit – NCDOT  
Campbell Bratton, Jessica Watkins, Elisabeth Palermo & Lamar Minter – Town of Wake Forest  
Eric Gooby & Thomas Shrader – Pitt County  
Victoria Hoyland & Jason Guess – Buncombe County

Tonya Griffin – City of Monroe  
Lisa Rider – Coastal Carolina Riverwatch  
Anthony Canella

## **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.

Ms. Emily Sutton read the Evaluation of the Statement of Economic Interests filed by Ms. Robin Smith and Mr. Brian North. Ms. Smith and Mr. North were sworn in as members.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Chair White asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025, meeting. Mr. Holder moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Ryan Carter made a second. Both Robin Smith and Brian North abstained from voting on the motion. The motion passed.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Periodic Rules Review and Determination Approval:**

Mr. Parrish presented the Administrative Code Classification and Public Comment Report. All twenty-nine rules under Title 15A NCAC Chapter 04 were determined to be pertinent to the commission and classified as necessary. No public comments were received regarding the classification. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ben Brown made a motion to approve the final classification of necessary for all rules. Ms. Sutton made a second. The motion passed.

### **Updates to the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Design Manual:**

Chair White reminded members that sections 6.54 and 6.55 had been removed from this agenda upon request from the Commission Technical Committee prior to the meeting. Mr. Parrish presented the final revisions of sections 6.06, 6.12, 6.15, 6.60 and 6.65 for a formal review and approval. A discussion ensued regarding sections 6.12 and 6.60. Mr. Holder requested additional information and a presentation on native species for sod prior to a formal approval of section 6.12. Ms. Sutton requested that the Commission Technical Committee consider the inclusion of turbidity monitoring be included in section 6.60 and future similar sections. Sections 6.60 and 6.12 were held for further information for the next meeting. Mr. Holder made a motion to approve sections 6.06, 6.15 and 6.65. Mr. Carter made a second. The motion passed.

### **Buncombe County Review:**

Mr. Parrish presented the findings from follow up review of this program. Staff recommended to continue the program's delegation. A discussion ensued. Mr. Holder made a motion to approve the recommendation made by DEMLR staff. Mr. James Lamb made a second. The motion passed.

**Pitt County Review:**

Mr. Parrish presented the findings from the review of this program. Staff recommended to continue the program's delegation. A discussion ensued. Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the recommendation made by DEMLR staff. Mr. Ben Brown made a second. The motion passed.

**Town of Wake Forest Review:**

Mr. Parrish presented the findings from the review of this program. Staff recommended to continue the program's delegation. A discussion ensued. Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the recommendation made by DEMLR staff. Mr. North 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 for a formal review and approval. Language was added to clarify and formalize the process of a local program voluntarily rescinding in whole or a portion of the delegated jurisdiction. A discussion ensued. Ms. Smith asked if the placement of the item regarding providing documentation of the repeal of a local erosion and sediment control ordinance. Dr. White commented that the numbering of the first item in section F should be corrected from "F2" to "F1". Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the updates to the MOA with modification to move item b to the end of the section and correct the numbering. Ms. Sutton made a second. The motion passed.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****City of Charlotte Ordinance Informal Review:**

Mr. Parrish introduced the City's ordinance and proposed changes for an informal review by the members. A discussion ensued.

**Lincoln County Ordinance Update:**

Mr. Parrish presented the recent updates made by the County to restructure the program under a more relevant department. A discussion ensued.

**Town of Mooresville Informal Ordinance Review and Delegation Request:**

Mr. Parrish presented the proposed Town Ordinance and reminded members of the process of approving delegation of a new program. A discussion ensued. Chair White commented that the High Quality Waters (HQW) sections did not reflect the Model Ordinance. Ms. Ashton Walker (Town of Mooresville) clarified that the more stringent HQW Requirements were incorporated and applied to all areas of the Town. Chair White recommended that these requirements be included in both areas.

**City of Monroe Ordinance Informal review:**

Mr. Parrish introduced the City's ordinance and proposed changes for an informal review by the members. A discussion ensued.

**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.

**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.

**Education Program Status Report**

Ms. 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 solicited suggestions for topic presentations and/or presenters.

**Land Quality Section Active Sediment Cases and Enforcement**

Mr. Parrish presented the number of active enforcement cases. Chair White requested volunteers to sit on the Civil Penalty Remission Committee. Mr. Holder volunteered to serve.

**Sediment Program Status Report**

Mr. Parrish presented data to the members on the activities of the regional offices. Data was current through the end of the fiscal year.

**Land Quality Section Report**

Mr. Toby Vinson presented the number of vacancies within DEMLR and an update on recent legislative action and potential budget impacts to the Department. Mr. Vinson also provided an update on Helene Recovery activities conducted by the Department.

**CONCLUSION**

**Remarks by Commission Members** – Ms. Smith mentioned that she would be willing to serve on the Civil Penalty Remission Committee. Michael Holder agreed to likewise serve on the Civil Penalty Remission Committee.

**Remarks by DEMLR Director** – None

**Remarks by Chairman** – The Chair requested to be made aware of any new legislation coming out of this session that affects the Sedimentation Control Commission or the Erosion & Sedimentation Control Program.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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

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Toby Vinson, Director  
Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources

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Dr. Susan White, Chair  
Sedimentation Control Commission