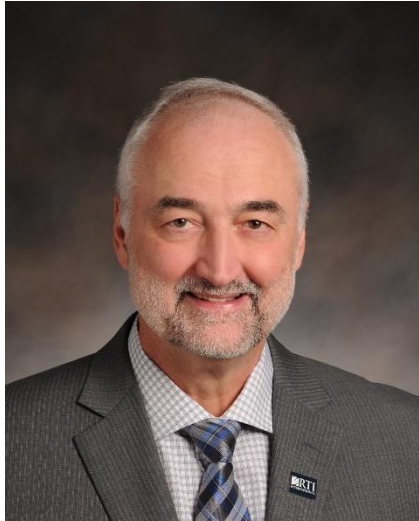




Wayne Holden, President, RTI International

E. Wayne Holden, PhD, is RTI International's fourth president and chief executive officer. He joined RTI as executive vice president of Social and Statistical Sciences in 2005, overseeing the organization's largest unit. Prior to joining RTI, he served as vice president, senior vice president, and ultimately president of the research company ORC Macro. Before joining ORC Macro in 1998, he had a successful career in academia serving more than 10 years in a variety of roles in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Maryland's School of Medicine. Dr. Holden holds appointments as an adjunct professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University School of Medicine and as an adjunct professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health. Dr. Holden is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and has authored more than 130 articles, books, and book chapters on various topics in clinical child/pediatric psychology and health services research. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Research Triangle Foundation and the Emily Krzyzewski Center. He is also on the Board of Advisors for the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise and is a member of the Children's Mental Health Network Advisory Council.



Jim Fain, former Secretary, NC Department of Commerce; and Chair of the N.C. Coalition for Global Competitiveness

Jim Fain is a principal with Reid Street Consulting and immediate past President and CEO of the N. C. Global TransPark, a 2,500 acre industrial and logistics park in Kinston, N.C. Before joining the TransPark, he was a business consultant at KDI Capital Partners, LLC, where he assisted with marketing and client relationship activities.

Jim has the distinction of being North Carolina's longest serving Secretary of Commerce (2001-2008). Prior to his career in public service, Jim enjoyed a 24 year career with First Union National Bank. His banking assignments included positions in the International Division and Corporate Banking in Charlotte, as Corporate Banking Manager and City Executive in the High Point and Triangle Region Executive in Raleigh.

Fain earned a B.A. and M.B.A. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma while at the Kenan-Flagler Business School. Jim is married to Peggy and they have a daughter, Catherine, and son, John.

Ken Eudy, Senior Advisor to NC Governor Roy Cooper



Ken is the founder and former CEO of Capstrat where he, specialized in crisis counsel, strategy and message development. He built Capstrat from two people in 1994 to approximately 130 employees at its Raleigh headquarters before selling the agency to Omnicom in 2013.

Ken worked as a television and print journalist, as well as Executive Director of the NC Democratic Party. He has been ranked among the 20 most influential lobbyists in North Carolina and was elected to the North Carolina Public Relations Hall of Fame. He received his BA in Journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For 10 years, he taught Writing for the Media as a visiting lecturer at Duke University.

As director of Governor Roy Cooper's transition team, Ken spearheaded the recruitment of the most diverse cabinet in the state's history. As Senior Advisor to the Governor, he provides counsel to Governor Cooper on policy, management and communications.

John Hardin, Executive Director of the Office of Science, Technology & Innovation, NC Department of Commerce



John Hardin is the Executive Director of the Office of Science, Technology & Innovation. He was appointed acting director in 2008 and executive director in 2009. From 2003 to 2008, he served as the office's Deputy Director and Chief Policy Analyst.

In his current role he conducts strategic planning and makes recommendations for technology-based economic development, implements technology-related economic development policy and resource allocations, supervises the staff of the N.C. Board of Science, Technology & Innovation, directs and oversees the administration of grant programs to support technology development and commercialization, and oversees strategic initiatives.

From 1998 to 2003, he served as Assistant Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs in the UNC General Administration. From 1998 to 2005, he held an Adjunct Assistant Professor position in the Dept. of Political Science at UNC-Chapel Hill. He currently holds an Adjunct Assistant Professor position in the Dept. of Public Policy at UNC-Chapel Hill, where he teaches courses on American politics, public policy, and policy analysis.

A native of Tulsa, Okla., he holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in political science from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a B.A. in economics from Baylor University.

The Honorable James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor, North Carolina (1977-1981, 1993-2001)



Former Governor Jim Hunt served four historic terms as governor of North Carolina. He is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a B.S. in agricultural education and a M.S. in agricultural economics. In 1964, he received a J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Governor Hunt's interest and knowledge of global engagement began at an early age in his career, from 1964 to 1966; he served as a Ford Foundation economic advisor to Nepal. Governor James Baxter Hunt, Jr. is North Carolina's only four-term Governor; he served two four-year terms from January 8, 1977 to January 5, 1985 and served two four-year terms from January 9, 1993 to January 6, 2001.

Governor Hunt has a long record of energetic leadership in the area of economic development, funding a variety of initiatives that helped transform North Carolina's economy. As governor, Hunt was involved in a variety of efforts to promote technology and technology-based economic development, including the establishment of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, Microelectronics Center of North Carolina, the NC Japan Center, and Centennial Campus. He was also very successful at recruiting business to his state. He believed that for North Carolina to move forward citizens must be ready to embrace new competitive economic models and business practices and to focus on emerging technologies.

Governor Hunt chairs the Board of Directors of two institutes that he founded The James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy at UNC-Chapel Hill, and the Institute for Emerging Issues at N.C. State University in Raleigh. Former Gov. Hunt is married to Carolyn Joyce Leonard and they have four children.

Christopher Chung, Chief Executive Officer at Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC)

In 2015, Christopher Chung joined the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) as Chief Executive Officer. Chris brings more than 20 years of state-level economic development experience to his role.

As a public-private partnership, the EDPNC is responsible for a number of economic development functions on behalf of the State of North Carolina, including new business recruitment, existing business support, international trade and export assistance, small business start-up counseling, and tourism, sports, and film promotion. With a staff of more than 60 professionals and an annual operating budget of more than \$24 million, the EDPNC is focused on advancing the economic interests of North Carolina's 100 counties and more than 10 million residents.

Chris previously held various executive and management responsibilities at the Missouri Partnership (2007-2014) and the Ohio Department of Development, now known as JobsOhio (1997-2007). Chris attended The Ohio State University (OSU), graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a double-major in Japanese and economics. He also completed significant coursework towards a Master's in Public Policy and Management.

Chris and his wife Emily reside in Raleigh, North Carolina.





Patrick Rodriguez, Senior Area Manager, U.S. Small Business Administration

Patrick Rodriguez is a big-picture thinker, super connector, and deep generalist whose career arc bends toward public service. He joined the North Carolina SBA District Office in 2014 and took over the Senior Area Manager position based out of Raleigh. Patrick assists business owners, lenders and government contractors access SBA programs and services throughout 25 northeast counties.

Previously, Patrick worked as an Economic Development Specialist and Public Information Officer in the Los Angeles SBA District Office. Before joining the SBA, he worked for five years as a Senior Congressional Aide in Southern California.

Patrick grew up in Austin, Texas and graduated from the University of Texas, and recently earned his MBA from Kenan-Flagler Business School. As an Army veteran, he conducts veteran outreach and training including SBA Boots2Business and National Veteran Small Business Week events.

Patrick, Brenda and their two sons, settled in Wake Forest.

Norris Tolson, CEO and President, Carolinas Gateway Partnership

Norris Tolson is the CEO and President for the Carolinas Gateway Partnership. He joined the Partnership January 2016. Most recently Tolson served as a senior advisor for economic development with the Williams Mullen law firm. Prior to that he was president and CEO of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center from 2007 - 2014.

He has also served as both the North Carolina Secretary of Commerce and the North Carolina Secretary of Transportation. In 1999 Tolson served as the Chairman of the North Carolina Hurricane Floyd Relief Fund and in 2001 he was appointed to be the North Carolina Secretary of Revenue until 2007.

Tolson was elected to the North Carolina General Assembly and served in the House of Representatives from 1994 until 1997 representing parts of Edgecombe, Nash, Pitt and Wilson Counties at the time. Tolson also served on the Board of Trustees of NC State University where he was Vice Chairman and First Vice Chair of the executive committee. He graduated from NCSU with a bachelor's degree in crop science and agribusiness and has served his alma mater in many other capacities over the years. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the university in recognition of his outstanding career achievements and for his commitment to the land-grant principle of service to community, state and nation. He served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps from 1963 - 1965.

Prior to his beginning his public service career, Tolson held various domestic and international marketing, research and sales responsibilities with E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company. From 1965 until his retirement in 1993, he served the company's agricultural products and electronics divisions and lived in Europe for several years during that time.

Tolson and his wife, the former Betsy Cobb also of Edgecombe County, live today in Pinetops. The couple has three children and five grandchildren.





Tom Robinson, Executive Vice President, ERD Ltd., Inc.

Tom is Executive Vice President of ERD Ltd., Inc. in Kernersville, NC. ERD is an engineer owned and operated commercial and industrial electronics repair company with almost 6,000 customers in 68 countries. He has decades of business management and business ownership experience. Tom was named 2015 SBA Exporter of the year for the state of North Carolina and recipient of the U.S. Commercial Service Export Achievement Award in 2013. He is a member of the North Carolina District Export Council, sits on the advisory board for the School of Education at the University of North Carolina Greensboro, and the North Carolina SBTDC (Small Business Technology Development Center). Tom has been a guest speaker at the Bryan School of Business, DEC Export University, the Certified Global Business Professional training program sponsored by the Small Business Technology Center (SBTDC), and Forsyth Technical Community College. Tom has participated in articles by Global Trade Magazine, National Public Radio, and Tradeology, the official blog of U.S. Trade Administration.



Thomas Stith III, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration North Carolina District Office

Thomas A. Stith III was named District Director for the U.S. Small Business Administration North Carolina District Office in September 2019. As District Director, Thomas oversees an office that drives economic development by assisting local entrepreneurs start and grow businesses. He also directs the implementation of SBA programs related to accessing capital, business advising, and government contracts.

Thomas comes to the SBA from The Michael Thomas Group, a consulting firm he co-founded to advise clients seeking business development opportunities in the public and private sectors. He also worked with clients to improve their understanding of and ability to perform marketing, government relations, strategic planning, and internal assessment functions.

Thomas also recently served with Rivermont Capital where he was a senior advisor in the areas of investment, development opportunities, and investor relations. Immediately prior, he was the president of a state-of-the-art toxicology lab and health care consulting function at LJP Lab. In this position he had corporate responsibility for profit/loss, strategic planning, market development, operations, human resources, and state/federal relationships.

Thomas has also served as Chief of Staff to Governor Pat McCrory from 2013 to 2017 and as a City of Durham councilman from 1999 to 2007.

A native of Durham, North Carolina, Thomas is a graduate of North Carolina Central University holding a master's and bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

John Atkins III, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, O'Brien / Atkins Associates



Mr. John L. Atkins, III, FAIA, is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of O'Brien/Atkins Associates, a multidisciplinary design services firm he co-founded in 1975 that is the recipient of over six dozen design awards since its founding. He is a past president of the North Carolina Board of Architecture. Mr. Atkins received the prestigious honor of being elected to the American Institute of Architects' College of Fellows in 1991. He was also honored by the North Carolina American Institute of Architects as their Gold Medal recipient in 2005.

Mr. Atkins was a founding member and former chair of the NC State Board of Visitors, and a past member of the Board of Trustees of NC State's Endowment Fund. In 2003, Mr. Atkins was recognized by NC State University with the highest nonacademic honor bestowed by the university, the Watauga Medal. He currently serves as a trustee on the Kenan Institute of Engineering, Technology and Science at NC State. His service to the community includes co-founding and chairing the Research Triangle Regional Partnership and its predecessor organization, the Greater Triangle Regional Council. He has also been involved with the N.C. Partnership for Economic Development and the Economic Development Coalition 2000.

He currently serves on the board of directors of the N.C. Biotechnology Center where he was a past chair and as chair of the Wells-Fargo Bank Durham Advisory Board. He is also past president of the Durham Chamber of Commerce as well as past chair of the NC Chamber. Mr. Atkins has also served on the Secretary of the N.C. Department of Commerce's Senior Advisory Council and the N.C. Department of Administration's/Governor's Historically Underutilized Businesses Advisory Board. Mr. Atkins earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from NC State in 1966. He went on to earn a master's degree in regional planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1970. Atkins served two years in the US Army with a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam where he was awarded a Bronze Star.

Steve Turpin, General Manager, AW North Carolina, Inc.



Steve Turpin is a General Manager of AW North Carolina Inc. (AWNC) in Durham, NC. He joined AWNC in 2017 and is responsible for Corporate Planning, Total Quality Management and Toyota Production System / Continuous Improvement activities for AW North Carolina's manufacturing facility for production of automatic transmissions and components for vehicle and unit plants of Toyota Motor North America.

Steve has significant years of global experience in operations management and business development roles in Automotive, Aerospace and Metals industries. Steve started his career in Electrical Engineering for the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) and progressed through diverse roles and increasing levels of responsibility for the automotive industry with BorgWarner. His career continued with Plant Management responsibilities for TE Connectivity in the aerospace, military, communications and energy sectors.

Steve earned his Masters degree in Business Administration from University of South Carolina, Moore School of Business in Columbia, South Carolina and his bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana.



Toshiaki Fukunaga, President & CEO, Morinaga America Foods, Inc.

Mr. Toshiaki Fukunaga was the very first President & CEO of Morinaga America Foods Inc., when they first came to Mebane, North Carolina, back in 2015. Through his leadership, the brand quickly expanded and he laid the groundwork for the company to successfully launch the Hi-Chew brand here in the U.S. Now back in North Carolina for his second "tour of duty" as President & CEO at Morinaga America Foods, the company is set to further grow their production and reach even more North Carolinians with their delicious candy. President Fukunaga is a graduate of Kyoto University, and has been with Morinaga since 1982.



Jonathan Brewster, Director of the North Carolina Japan Center, Office of Global Engagement, NC State University

Jonathan Brewster is the director of the North Carolina Japan Center, under the Office of Global Engagement at NC State University. He is continuing the NC Japan Center's commitment to foster and grow the relationship between Japan and North Carolina by assisting all citizens, universities, companies, and public and private institutions in relations with Japan.

Prior to joining NC State, Jonathan spent more than five years working in Fujitsu, Ltd.'s Technical Computing Solutions Unit, at Fujitsu headquarters in Tokyo. He previously served as a JET Program assistant language teacher for three years in Shiga prefecture, Japan.

Jonathan received his Bachelor of Arts in East Asian Studies, with a Japanese minor, from the University of Delaware in 2007. He earned his MBA from the University of Hawaii's Shidler College of Business' "Japan Emphasis" MBA Program in 2012.



Jim Cain, Former U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark

Jim Cain's career has spanned the fields of law, business, sports and international diplomacy. From July of 2005 until January 2009 he served as U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark. Prior to his diplomatic service he served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the NHL Carolina Hurricanes, as a partner in the international Law Firm of Kilpatrick Townsend, and as founder and Chairman of numerous civic and business enterprises.

Ambassador Cain was nominated by President Bush as U.S. Ambassador to Denmark in June, 2005. As Ambassador, Cain oversaw the 13 agencies of the American government that comprised the US Embassy in Copenhagen, focusing his energies on national security, counter-terrorism, energy security, commerce and investment and promotion of shared values. However, his passion was public diplomacy, with proactive focus on three themes: encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation; celebrating cultural diversity; and embracing the culture-changing power of private philanthropy and corporate social responsibility; together branded as "The American Spirit".

Ambassador Cain did his undergraduate work and earned a law degree from Wake Forest University. He was with the international law firm of Kilpatrick Stockton, now Kilpatrick Townsend and Stockton, for twenty years, co-founding the firm's Raleigh office. Ambassador Cain took a leave of absence from Kilpatrick Stockton from January 2000 to early 2003 to serve as President and Chief Operating Officer of the NHL Carolina Hurricanes and their parent company, Gale Force Holdings.

Before his diplomatic post, Ambassador Cain served in leadership positions for numerous civic and non-profit institutions, was named "Business Leader of the Year" by Business Leader Magazine, received the John Ross Leadership Award from the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau, and received the National Outstanding Community Service Award from the American Diabetes Association in 2003. Since returning from his diplomatic position Ambassador Cain has rejoined the Kilpatrick Townsend law firm and is devoting his energies to economic development projects, increasing investment and collaboration to encourage innovation in life science research, and to assisting U.S. brands and Western corporate clients expand their operations into international markets.



Brian Brazeau, President of Novozymes Americas

Brian Brazeau serves as President of Novozymes Americas region and VP of global bioenergy business. In this capacity, Brian currently heads the Americas regional leadership team and promotes forward-thinking policies for biotechnology and sustainability. He also leads regional business development and public affairs in the Americas. As VP of Bioenergy, Brian is responsible for delivering the most innovative solutions and services to the industry, improving customer margins and supporting further growth and development.

Brian is a strong advocate of enzymes and microorganisms, promoting better business with biology and the impact biological solutions can make for better lives and sustainable solutions in a growing world. He is an experienced leader in biotechnology having spent the last 16 years discovering, developing, manufacturing, and commercializing agricultural, food, and industrial solutions. Brian has learned from his diverse experiences at large international companies and at a startup synthetic biology company- all fueled by a passion to work with great people that believe biotechnology has just scratched the surface in bringing impactful solutions to some of the world's biggest challenges.

Brian received an undergraduate degree in Biology from Portland State University in Portland, Oregon and a PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Minnesota. Brian is married with two children, his hobbies include golf, fly-fishing and reading.



Morten Nielsen, Senior Vice President of Project Delivery, Novo Nordisk

Morten Nielsen is Senior Vice President of Project Delivery for Novo Nordisk's Diabetes Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (DAPI US) manufacturing expansion in Clayton, NC. The \$2 billion project is the largest single manufacturing investment in Novo Nordisk's 95-year history and is expected to create hundreds of jobs in the BioPharma Crescent region. The facility, which was announced in 2015, will produce the active pharmaceutical ingredient for a new and innovative oral treatment for type 2 diabetes and is projected to enter operations and validation phases in early 2020.

Morten joined Novo Nordisk in 1994 and has held various managerial positions in the company. Prior to his current responsibilities, he served as CEO and President of NNE Pharmaplan (2011-2015) – a fully owned subsidiary of Novo Nordisk. NNE Pharmaplan is the world's leading engineering and consulting company focused on the pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors. Additionally, Morten has been responsible for managing multiple global investment projects within Novo Nordisk.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Software Engineering from the Copenhagen University College of Engineering and is a graduate from the Executive Education Program at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

He lives in Clayton, NC with his wife Karina and has three adult children: Nicolai, Alberte and Ludvig.



Jean Davis, President and Chief Executive Officer, MCNC

Jean Davis is President and CEO of MCNC, the technology nonprofit that builds, owns, and operates the North Carolina Research and Education Network (NCREN). This 2,600 miles of high speed fiber runs through 82 North Carolina counties and serves community anchor institutions in all 100 counties. Her love for technology and passion for economic development helps ensure MCNC provides the highest level of broadband connectivity and network services for North Carolina's research, education, non-profit health care, and other community institutions.

Jean's areas of expertise include global operations management, strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions, and technology-led economic development. She joined MCNC from the N.C. Department of Commerce where served as Assistant Secretary, COO and Executive Director of Business, Industry and Trade, directing efforts toward the creation and retention of high-quality jobs by attracting new businesses and supporting existing ones all over the state. Prior to joining Commerce, Jean was a partner at Empire Properties, the co-owner of Serentec, Inc., and held progressive international positions at IBM, Computer Digest Magazine and McGraw Hill. Jean spent eight years living and working in Europe and has extensive experience in building business operations in Asia, Europe and South America.

Jean is a 2005 Eisenhower Fellow and 2009 Henry Toll Fellow. She received her undergraduate honors degree in Political Science and Business Administration at New England College in Arundel, England and her Master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston.



Tim Gabel, Executive Vice President of Social, Statistical, and Environmental Sciences, RTI International

Tim J. Gabel is the executive vice president for Social, Statistical, and Environmental Sciences (SSES) at RTI. In this role he is responsible for setting the strategic direction and overseeing the operations of over 3,000 staff and contractors who conduct a variety of research, development, and technical assistance projects in the U.S. and around the world focused on challenges in health, education, environment, criminal justice, and public policy.

Mr. Gabel joined RTI in 1983 with technical training in statistics and computer science and has served in a variety of leadership roles during his career. He helped pioneer RTI's early efforts to conceptualize and develop Internet applications for research activities and has extensive experience directing data collection and data processing activities for scientific research studies. More recently, he has helped lead the effort to align RTI to meet the demands of big data and to harness the potential from rapidly advancing technologies.

Mr. Gabel earned a B.S. from the University of Wyoming and an MBA from Duke University. He serves on a variety of nonprofit boards, including Go Global NC, the United Way of North Carolina and the Defense Alliance of North Carolina. He and his wife Lisa reside in Mebane, NC, and they have two grown daughters.



LaTanya Pattillo, Teacher Advisor to Office of the NC Governor Roy Cooper

As Teacher Advisor to Governor Roy Cooper of North Carolina, LaTanya's primary role is to serve as the voice of the practitioner in the Office of the Governor while interacting with educators and other educational stakeholders to listen to their concerns, and to use their feedback to inform both policy and the priorities of the Governor. LaTanya's experience includes impacting educational policy on a local, state, and national level. She has served as a member of a local planning board, as an active committee member of statewide organizations and associations, and as an advisor to and advocate for the work of national non-governmental organizations. LaTanya is a 2013-2014 Kenan Fellow with NC State University and has been recognized as the 2015-2016 Columbus County Schools Teacher of the Year and as finalist for the Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year. Prior to her career in K-12 education, LaTanya served as Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at American University in Washington, DC. She received her bachelor's degree in Business Education from the Kogod School of Business at American University in Washington, DC.



Jennifer Webber, Executive Vice President, Human Resources, Lowe's Companies, Inc.

As executive vice president, human resources, Jennifer Weber is responsible for the global human resources strategy practices and operations that enable Lowe's to attract, motivate, develop and retain outstanding associates. She also oversees Lowe's public relations, corporate communications, community relations, and events planning and execution. Jennifer joined Lowe's in 2016.

Before joining Lowe's, Jennifer served as executive vice president of external affairs and strategic policy at Duke Energy. Previously, she was Duke Energy's chief human resources officer. She has more than 25 years of experience in human resources strategy, compensation and benefits, leadership development, strategic communications, and change management.

Jennifer is the president and chair of Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. She serves on the board of the Institute for Emerging Issues. She's also a member of the executive committee of the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance as well as a member of the Leading on Opportunity Council dedicated to improving economic mobility in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Jennifer earned a bachelor's degree in communications and marketing from Miami University and a master's degree in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University.



Tom White, Director of the Economic Development Partnership, Office of Research, Innovation and Economic Development at NC State University; and Vice-Chair N.C. Coalition for Global Competitiveness

Tom White is the Director of the Economic Development Partnership with the Office of Research, Innovation and Economic Development at NC State University. The Partnership is strategically designed to promote and enhance Entrepreneurship and Cluster-Based Regional Economic Development, and interacts closely with the Wake County Economic Development Program, the Research Triangle Regional Partnership and the NC Department of Commerce. White previously served as Director of the NC Department of Commerce Division of Employment and Training from 2005-2007.

As former president of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, White served as the chief executive officer of a 1500-member nonprofit business organization governed by a 42-member board of directors and operated by a 15-member professional staff. A graduate of Duke University with a Master of Public Affairs graduate degree from N.C. State University, White accumulated 28 years of service with the Durham Chamber, having previously held positions in governmental affairs, community relations, job development and economic development.

White has been active as a volunteer in the Durham and Research Triangle community, having served as president of the Durham Day Care Council, the Durham Literacy Council, chairman of the Durham United Way Campaign and chairman of its board of directors. He serves on the board of directors for LC Industries as their Secretary-Treasurer, and is a board member for the Research Triangle Foreign Trade Zone and the Durham Nativity School. He currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the Emily Krzyzewski Center, and was a charter board member and founding vice chairman of the Center to chairman Duke University Men's Basketball Coach Mike Krzyzewski.



NC Secretary of State Elaine Marshall

In 1996, Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall became the first woman elected to statewide, executive branch office in North Carolina. A former teacher, small business owner, and private practice attorney, Marshall was elected to the NC State Senate before rising to statewide office. As Secretary of State for six consecutive terms, Secretary Marshall has pioneered e-commerce in government, protected investors and intellectual property owners, and promoted financial capital formation in North Carolina. She is a strong advocate for greater international commerce, leading trade delegations to represent North Carolina products and businesses and hosting international delegations visiting the State.

Secretary Marshall has served as President of the National Association of Secretaries of State and has received state and national awards for leadership in technology, government innovation, and women's leadership. These honors include the Charlotte Business Journal's 2017 International Trade Lifetime Achievement Award, Meredith College's 2017 Woman of Achievement Award, and Leadership North Carolina's 2016 Governor's Award for public service.

Secretary Marshall's work as Chair of the North Carolina-Moldova Partnership has led her to being awarded with the Moldovan Order of Honor, that nation's highest award for non-citizens, as well as an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the Republic of Moldova Testemitanu State University of Medicine.