



# NC Women's CONFERENCE

**Wednesday, August 28, 2024  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**NC State University  
McKimmon Conference and  
Training Center  
Raleigh, NC**





# Welcome to the 2024 NC Conference for Women

*The Status of Women in Tomorrow's NC!*



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Welcome to *The Status of Women in Tomorrow's NC*, the Council for Women's signature statewide conference that will explore pressing policy challenges and promising solutions for advancing equality and justice in North Carolina!



**Roy Cooper**  
Governor  
State of North Carolina



**Jennifer Klein**  
Director  
White House Gender Policy Council





# Agenda

8:00 - 9:00

Registration & Networking *(Continental breakfast will be available)*

9:00 - 9:20

## Welcome & Special Recognition

**Secretary Pamela Cashwell**,  
NC Department of Administration  
**Annette Taylor,\*** NC Office of Digital  
Equity and Literacy

Room 1

9:20 - 10:15

## Plenary: Advancing Economic Opportunity & Justice for the Women of NC—An Action Agenda

*Panelists*

**Michelle Kennedy**, Greensboro Housing & Neighborhood Development

**Secretary Machelle Baker Sanders**,  
NC Department of Commerce

**Tina Sherman**, MomsRising Together  
*Moderated by **Lyric Thompson,\***  
Feminist Foreign Policy Collaborative*

Room 1

10:15 - 10:30

Break

10:30 - 11:25

## Breakout Sessions *(choose one)*

Room 2C

### Empowering Women—Political Participation & Civic Engagement

Video Message by

**Secretary of State Elaine Marshall**

*Panelists*

**Nida Allam**, Durham County Commission

**Representative Gloristine Brown**,  
NC General Assembly

**Adrienne Kelly**, Democracy NC

**Associate Justice Allison Riggs**,  
NC Supreme Court

*Moderated by **Maggie Barlow,\***  
Maven Strategies*

Room 6

### The Value of Public Education in NC

*Panelists*

**Leah Carper**, 2022 NC Teacher of the Year

**Mike Hawkins**, Pisgah Enterprises, Inc.

**Monika Johnson-Hostler**,  
NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault &  
Wake County School Board

**Letha Muhammad**, Education Justice Alliance  
*Moderated by **Geoff Coltrane**,  
Office of the Governor*





## Room 8

### Gender-Based-Violence—Pervasive but not Inevitable

*Panelists*

**Chris Ash**, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking & US Advisory Council on Human Trafficking

**Sabrina Garcia**, NC Victim Assistance Network

**Representative Ya Liu**, NC General Assembly

**Professor Deborah Weissman**, UNC School of Law & Domestic Violence Commission

*Moderated by **Charnessa Ridley**,*

*Council for Women & Youth Involvement*

11:30 - 12:50

Room 1

### Lunch & Keynote Address

Introduction & Comments

Keynote Address

Award Presentation

**State Auditor Jessica Holmes**

**Governor Roy Cooper**

**Annette Taylor\***

12:50 - 1:45

Room 1

### Plenary: The Fight for Bodily Control & Reproductive Health Care in NC

*Panelists*

**Congresswoman Alma S. Adams**,

US House of Representatives

**Dr. Amy Bryant**, UNC Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Omisade Burney-Scott**,

Black Girl's Guide to Surviving Menopause

**Eliazar Posada**, Equality NC

**Dr. Elizabeth Cuervo Tilson**,

NC Department of Health and Human Services

*Moderated by **Tara Romano,\*** Pro-Choice NC*

1:45 - 2:00

Break

2:00 - 2:55

**Breakout Sessions** (*choose one*)

Room 2C

### The World of Women's Work— Breaking Barriers to Equity in NC

*Panelists*

**Marjorie Molina**, Charlotte City Council

**Tracey Newkirk**, Genesis Block, ILM

**Ana Pardo**, NC Justice Center

**Representative Julie von Haefen**,

NC General Assembly

*Moderated by **Fontella McKyer,\*** SchermCo*





## Room 6

### Women's Health & Aging

*Panelists*

**Senator Sydney Batch,**

NC General Assembly

**Mary Bethel,** NC Coalition on Aging

**Dr. Vickie Fowler,** WakeMed

*Moderated by **Candance Gingles,\****

*Pharmaceutical Industry Quality Systems  
and Engineering*

## Room 8

### Gender, Climate Change & Environmental Justice

*Panelists*

**Dr. Kathie Dello,** NC State Climate Office

**Mayor Sharon Harker,** Town of Beaufort

**Blakely Hildebrand,**

Southern Environmental Law Center

**Sherri White-Williamson,**

NC Conservation Network

*Moderated by **Dr. Virginia Guidry,***

*NC Department of Health and Human Services  
& Environmental Justice Advisory Council*

2:55 - 3:10

Break

3:10 - 4:05  
Room 1

### Plenary: Raising a Family in NC

*Panelists*

**Kay Brown,** Greensboro NAACP &  
Advance Carolina

**Representative Zack Hawkins,**

NC General Assembly

**Secretary Kody Kinsley,**

NC Department of Health and Human Services

**Michelle Schaefer-Old,** Diaper Bank of NC

*Moderated by **Adrienne Spinner,\****

*NC Housing Coalition*

4:05 - 4:30  
Room 1

### Closing Keynote & Call to Action

Introduction & Comments

**Attorney General Josh Stein**

Keynote Address

**Jennifer Klein,**

White House Gender

Policy Council

*\* Indicates members of NC Council for Women*





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