



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Committee on Military and Public Affairs

November 13, 2024 at 3:15 p.m.  
Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream  
UNC System Office  
223 S. West Street, Board Room  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**AGENDA**

- A-1. Approval of the Minutes of May 22, 2024.....Jimmy D. Clark
- A-2. State Government Relations Update ..... Bart Goodson
- A-3. Federal Government Relations Update .....Elizabeth Morra
- A-4. Military Affairs Update ..... Eric Naisbitt
- A-5. Adjourn

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

May 22, 2024

Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream

UNC System Office

223 S. West Street, Room 1809

Raleigh, North Carolina

This meeting of the Committee on Military and Public Affairs was presided over by Chair C. Philip Byers. The following committee members were also present in person or by video: Harry Brown, Jimmy D. Clark, and Wendy Murphy.

Alex Mitchell and Michael Williford were absent.

PBS North Carolina CEO and General Manager David Crabtree also participated.

Staff members present included Bart Goodson, Elizabeth Morra, Thomas Walker, and others from the UNC System Office.

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### **1. Call to Order and Approval of OPEN Session Minutes (Item A-1)**

Chair Byers called the meeting to order at 12:29 p.m., on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The open session minutes from the January 24, 2024, meeting and the April 17, 2024, Joint Meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Committee on Military and Public Affairs were approved by unanimous consent.

### **2. Federal Government Relations Update (Item A-2)**

Chair Byers called upon Ms. Elizabeth Morra to provide a federal government relations update out of Washington, D.C. Ms. Morra provided a recap of how UNC System federal priorities fared in the FY 2024 appropriations process and previewed what's ahead for the next budget cycle, as well as provided an update on what's happening on the regulatory front.

### **3. Military Affairs Update (Item A-3)**

Chair Byers called upon Dr. Thomas Walker and his team to provide an update to the committee on military affairs. Mr. Bradley Wrenn updated the committee on the partnership with the UNC System Military Affairs Team and the UNC System Office's Project Management Office, Information Technology Division, and Academic Affairs Division to build an online system that allows campuses to implement a consistent methodology for awarding academic credit based on military training and experience. It will also allow any military service member or member of the public to search and view military course equivalencies across the UNC System. Since the team's last update in January, the military equivalency system (MES) has been launched publicly. The military affairs team provided a demonstration of the system and discussed future plans.

#### **4. Adjourn**

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

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Harry Brown, Secretary

**AGENDA ITEM**

A-2. State Relations Update..... Bart Goodson

**Situation:** The committee will receive a report on the 2024 legislative short session.

**Background:** Staff will give a review and update of the 2024 legislative short session.

**Assessment:** Presentation will be delivered by staff.

**Action:** This item is for information only.



# COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**Bart Goodson**

**Senior Vice President of Government Relations**

**November 13, 2024**

# NC General Assembly Biennium

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## 2024 Short Session

- Start: Wednesday, April 24, 2024
- Adjourned: Friday, June 28, 2024

## Senate Joint Resolution 916, Adjournment resolution:

- Reconvened on Wednesday, July 10, 2024
- Reconvened on Monday, July 29 - adjourn Thursday, August 1, 2024
- Reconvened on Monday, September 9 - adjourn Wednesday, September 11, 2024
  - House Bill 10, Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments
    - Passed September 11, 2024
    - Governor vetoed bill on September 20, 2024
- Hurricane Helene - Friday, September 27, 2024
- Reconvened on Wednesday, October 9, 2024
  - House Bill 149: Disaster Recovery Act of 2024, SL 2024-51.
- Reconvened on Thursday, October 24, 2024
  - Senate Bill 743: The Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 - Part II, SL 2024-53.
- Election Day - Tuesday, November 5, 2024
- Reconvene on Tuesday, November 19 - adjourn Friday, November 22, 2024
- Reconvene on Wednesday, December 11 - adjourn on Friday, December 13, 2024, sine die.

# Helene related bills

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## **House Bill 149: Disaster Recovery Act of 2024, SL 2024-51**

- Wednesday, October 9, 2024:
  - School calendar flexibility, applies to Lab Schools.
  - Completion of the EPP clinical internship requirement waived for those in disaster counties.

## **Senate Bill 743: The Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 - Part II, SL 2024-53**

- Thursday, October 24, 2024:
  - \$5.5 million in grants for UNC Asheville students, to cover the cost of tuition for the spring semester.
  - \$5 million in emergency grants (up to \$2,500 per student) for affected UNC System students.
  - \$5 million for repairs of damaged facilities.
  - \$4.5 million for North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority.
- EPP testing admission waiver on the PRAXIS Exam for students at ASU, UNCA, and WCU.

# Election update

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## North Carolina General Assembly:

- Senate kept their supermajority, gaining one seat for a total of 31 Republicans
- House lost one seat, total of 71 Republicans.

<u>2025-2026</u>	Total	Democrat	Republican
<u>House</u>	120	49	71
<u>Senate</u>	50	19	31

\*72 seats are needed in House and \*30 seats are needed in the Senate for a three-fifths supermajority as required in the state Constitution.

## North Carolina Congressional Races:

Democrats won 4 races and Republicans won 10 races.

## Council of State:

Democrats won 5 races and Republicans won 5 races.

## Judicial Races:

Republicans won all 4 Supreme Court / Court of Appeals races.

\*\*\*All results are unofficial until certified.



# Budget ask for remainder of 2024

In order for the UNC System to effectively maintain operations for the remainder of the fiscal year, our institutions request funding for **Performance-Weighted Enrollment Change** and **Building Reserves**, highlighted in yellow below.

The House and Senate included both in their respective budget bills.

- House: HB 263, 2024 Appropriations Act
- Senate: HB 317, Adjustments to the 2023 Appropriations Act

## Session Highlights and Conference Report ask:

Operating Budget Priorities	Original BOG Request	House	Senate	Conference Report Ask
<b>Performance-Weighted Enrollment Change</b>	<b>\$46,564,200</b> \$574,578 Enroll Δ \$32,921,356 Perf Δ - Y1 \$13,068,267 Perf Δ - Y2 <b>\$4,952,988 NR</b>	\$574,578 R --- \$13,068,267 NR \$4,952,988 NR	\$574,578 R --- \$13,068,267 NR \$8,150,305 NR	<b>\$574,578 R</b> --- <b>\$13,068,267 NR</b> <b>\$4,952,988 NR</b>
<b>Building Reserves</b>	<b>\$2,786,673 R</b> <b>\$470,404 NR</b>	\$2,786,673 R \$470,404 NR	\$2,786,673 R \$470,404 NR	<b>\$2,786,673 R</b> <b>\$470,404 NR</b>

# QUESTIONS?

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# **FEDERAL UPDATE**

**Elizabeth Morra**

**November 13, 2024**

# Congress Running on Short-Term Funding Patch

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- Congress operating under a continuing resolution (CR) until December 20<sup>th</sup>. New Fiscal Year started October 1.
- House: Only passed 5 of the 12 annual appropriations bills; Senate didn't pass any on the floor.
- Options:
  - Complete the FY 2025 spending bills by December 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Pass another CR to kick process into next calendar year to rewrite bills
  - Pass year-long CR

# The Path Forward on FY 2025 Appropriations

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## Congress Must Reconcile House and Senate Spending Bills

- Fiscal Responsibility Act (Spring 2023) set FY 2025 spending: \$1.6 trillion; \$895 billion for defense; \$734 billion for non-defense.
- Only allows for 1% increase for defense and non-defense.
- **House** cut non-defense 6% **below** agreed to caps.
- **Senate:** Added \$34.5 billion in emergency spending; +\$21 billion for defense and +\$13.5 billion for non-defense.
- House and Senate must reconcile topline differences, as well as priorities within the 12 spending bills.

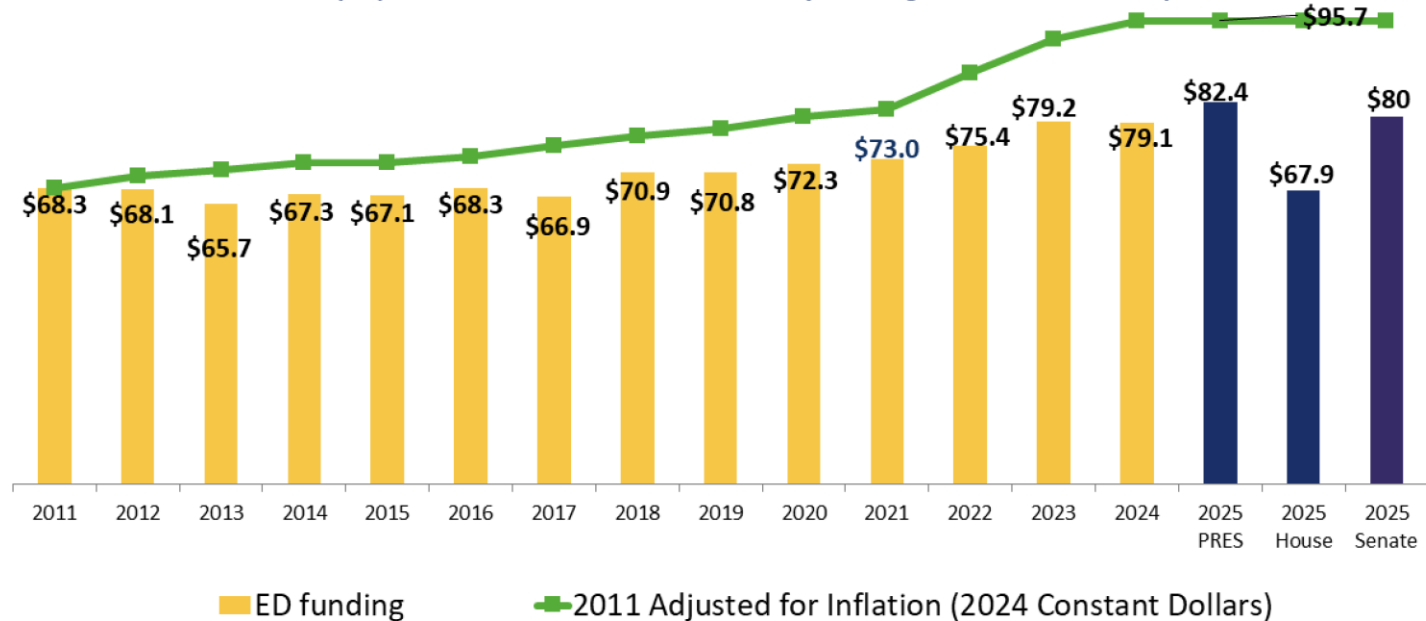
# Key Differences House/Senate Spending

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- Maximum Pell Grant:
    - House : \$7,395 (same as last year)
    - Senate : \$7,495
  - Federal Supplemental Educ Opportunity Grants:
    - House: \$455M
    - Senate: \$910M (same as last year)
  - Federal Work-Study
    - House: \$615M
    - Senate: \$1.23B (same as last year)
  - GEAR UP
    - House: \$388M (same as last year)
    - Senate: \$393M
  - House eliminated 17 higher ed programs, including aid for teacher training, childcare on campus, and new HBCU/MSI infrastructure program; Senate rejected the terminations.
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| <u>National Institutes of Health (NIH):</u><br>House: \$48.5B (same as last year)<br>Senate: \$50.3B | <u>National Science Foundation (NSF):</u><br>House: \$9.3B (\$9 B last year)<br>Senate: \$9.5B |
| <u>NASA Science Directorate</u><br>House: \$7.3B (same as last year)<br>Senate: \$7.6B               |  |

# FY25 Appropriations

**2025 Senate Bill Increases Education Funding,  
But it is Still Below 2011 Enacted Level (\$28 billion Below Inflation-Adjusted Level)**  
(Department of Education Discretionary Funding in Billions of Dollars)



2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023 totals reflect rescissions of previously appropriated ED funding



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# UNC System Priorities

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## Pending in Unfinished FY 2025 Appropriations Process:

- **Elizabeth City State University:** \$3.9 million for aviation equipment (Tillis, Davis)
- **UNC Pembroke:** \$3.3 million restoration of Old Main (Rouzer)
- **East Carolina University:** \$6.5 million biomanufacturing education, equipment (Tillis/Davis)
- **East Carolina University:** \$200,000 cameras for ECU Police (Murphy)
- **UNC Hospitals:** \$316,000 for family housing (Tillis)
- **Pathfinder Airborne:** \$8 million (Tillis/Budd, House champions)
- **Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI):** \$14 million in House (+3 million over FY24), benefits UNC Pembroke (multiple members)



# Potential Lame Duck Consideration

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## Emergency Supplemental – Hurricane Helene and other disasters

### Defense Authorization Bill (NDAA)

- House passed \$895 billion bill (capped level) in June largely along party lines
- Senate marked up bipartisan bill in committee (+\$25 billion over caps)
- Concerning amendments and topline spending need to be reconciled

### \$1.5 Trillion Farm Bill

### Bipartisan Stop Campus Hazing Act

- House passed in September; pending Senate action
- Creates federal definition of hazing; requires reporting of hazing under Clery Act
- Concerns about definitions; multiple reports

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# COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**Eric Naisbitt**

**Associate Vice President of Workforce and Military Affairs**

**November 13, 2024**

# Military Affairs Update

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## Veterans Day Events Across the System

- **WCU:**
  - Veterans Day Lunch – Nov 11, 11am
- **UNCW:**
  - Veterans Day Parade – Nov 9, 10:30am
  - Veterans Day Ceremony and Luncheon – Nov 11, 10:30am
- **UNCC:**
  - Veterans Day Breakfast– Nov 11, 9am
  - Resource Fair – Nov 13, 11am
- **UNCG:**
  - Betty Carter Women’s Veterans Luncheon– Nov 8, 12pm
  - Student Veteran Reception – Nov 7, 12pm
- **UNCCH:**
  - Women Veterans’ Breakfast– Nov 14, 9am
  - Military Appreciation Football Game – Nov 15, 8pm
- **NCSU:**
  - Military Appreciation Day Tailgate and Football Game – Nov 9, 1pm and 3:30pm
  - NC State Veterans Memorial Garden Dedication – Nov 11, 2pm

# Military Affairs Update

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- Military related goals established in the Strategic Plan:
  - Enroll 25,000 military-affiliated students
  - Establish 20 military partnerships
- Where are we?
  - 21,472 as of Fall 2023 (baseline: 20,455)
  - 19 as of Fall 2024 (baseline: 12)

# Military Affairs Update

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- Nursing
  - Visit from General Burk, Chief of the Army Nurse Corps
  - RFI to expand dedicated nursing slots for military students
  - Continued focus on nursing equivalencies in the UNC Military Equivalency System

# Military Affairs Update

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- Military Equivalency System (MES)
  - American Council on Education partnership (through January 2025)
  - Marketing campaign
- Meetings with Education Services Officers at military installations
  - Fort Liberty
  - Camp Lejeune
  - Seymour Johnson Air Force Base
  - NC National Guard

# Long Session Policy Request

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USMC TA	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL
AMU	\$3 M	\$3.65 M	\$3.61 M	\$3.46 M	\$3 M	\$16.77 M
UMGC	\$854 K	\$973 K	\$995 K	\$1 M	\$1.09 M	\$4.92 M
Liberty	\$402 K	\$454 K	\$483 K	\$479 K	\$411 K	\$2.23 M
SNHU	\$278 K	\$442 K	\$465 K	\$495 K	\$431 K	\$2.10 M
Embry Riddle	\$264 K	\$357 K	\$404 K	\$323 K	\$254 K	\$1.60 M

#8 – Campbell University (\$1.25 M)

#27 – UNC Wilmington (\$144 K)



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**AGENDA ITEM**

A-3. Federal Affairs Update ..... Elizabeth Morra

**Situation:** The UNC System vice president for federal relations, Elizabeth Morra, will provide an update on federal government relations.

**Background:** The committee will receive an update on the UNC System’s FY 2025 federal priorities pending in the annual appropriations process, as well as the legislative outlook for the remainder of the calendar year.

**Assessment:** Presentation will be delivered by staff.

**Action:** This item is for information only.

**AGENDA ITEM**

A-4. Military Affairs Update ..... Eric Naisbitt

**Situation:** The UNC System Military Affairs Team will provide an update on the System’s efforts to serve the military community and will preview a potential policy request to consider for the North Carolina General Assembly’s 2025 legislative session.

**Background:** The UNC System’s Strategic Plan establishes two military-related goals: enroll 25,000 military-affiliated students and establish 20 military partnerships. Military Tuition Assistance (TA) is used by service members enrolled in degree programs at institutions of higher education. However, TA is capped at \$250 per semester hour and state law prohibits our institutions from offering tuition waivers. The System Office has identified an opportunity to ensure that all our academic programs remain viable options for service members using TA.

**Assessment:** Flexibility for the Board of Governors to approve variable tuition rates under certain circumstances would allow programs to attract service members utilizing TA and would further encourage additional opportunities for companies to invest in their employees’ education.

**Action:** This item is for information only.