

# PROGRAM

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25

### PRE-CONFERENCE LUNCHEON BLACK FARMING AND AGRIBUSINESS

Presented by Smithfield Foods

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- **The Honorable Moses Matthews (Moderator)**  
President, Hemp Gen, LLC  
Board Member, Advance Carolina
- **Archie Hart**  
Director, Small and Minority Farm Program  
N.C. Department of Agriculture and  
Consumer Services
- **Cliff Sutton**  
Agricultural Marketing Specialist, Small and  
Minority Farm Program  
N.C. Department of Agriculture and  
Consumer Services
- **Clarenda Stanley-Anderson**  
Green Heffa Farms, Inc.

## TOWN HALL SESSION

### PUBLIC SAFETY AND OUR COMMUNITY

Presented by AT&T North Carolina

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- **The Honorable Cleveland Atkinson**  
Edgecombe County Sheriff
- **The Honorable Gerald M. Baker**  
Wake County Sheriff
- **The Honorable Paula Dance**  
Pitt County Sheriff
- **The Honorable Garry McFadden**  
Mecklenburg County Sheriff
- **The Honorable Danny Rogers**  
Guilford County Sheriff

## OPENING RECEPTION

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by **The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor**  
Presented by **The Honorable Cheri Beasley, Chief  
Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court**

North Carolina Executive Mansion  
200 N Blount Street, Raleigh

## NETWORKING RECEPTION

8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Hosted by **The Honorable Bradford T. “Brad”  
Thompson and Mr. Courtney A. Crowder**

Raleigh Marriott City Center  
500 Fayetteville St, Raleigh, NC 27601

Music by DJ Randal Calloway  
360 Elite Entertainment, LLC

## FRIDAY, APRIL 26

### OPENING SESSION

Presented by Google

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

#### Call to Order

The Honorable Valerie P. Foushee  
North Carolina Senate District 23  
Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance

#### Invocation

Reverend Sidney E. Dunston, Commissioner  
Chair, Franklin County Commission

#### Commitment Statements

NCBA Members and Partners

#### The State of the Alliance

The Honorable Valerie P. Foushee  
North Carolina Senate District 23  
Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance

#### Sponsor Remarks

Lilyn Hester, Head of Public Affairs, Southeast  
Google

*Google invites participants to experience the Google  
Fun Zone, which includes demos on machine learning  
and a few goodies.*

## THE STATE OF THINGS

- **Congressman David Price, NC-04**  
Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Transportation, Housing and Urban  
Development, and Related Agencies  
(Ranking Member)
- **Secretary Michael S. Regan**  
N.C. Department of Environmental Quality
- **The Honorable Josh Stein**  
North Carolina Attorney General

#### Conference Overview

Courtney Crowder  
Executive Director, North Carolina Black Alliance

## FRIDAY, APRIL 26 BREAKOUT POLICY SESSIONS

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

### SESSION I: RURAL EDUCATION: THE CHALLENGE OF EDUCATING ONE NORTH CAROLINA

Presented by North Carolina Caucus of Black  
School Board Members

- **The Honorable Keith Sutton (Moderator)**  
Wake County Board of Education  
Chair, Caucus of NC Black School Board  
Members  
Vice Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance
- **Margaret Powell**  
At-Large Education Support Professional  
Director  
National Education Association
- **Dr. Stanley Elliott**  
President, Roanoke-Chowan Community  
College
- **Doris Terry Williams**  
Executive Director, Rural School &  
Community Trust

### SESSION II: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND RECOVERY

- **Henry Lancaster (Moderator)**  
President, Lancaster Craig & Associates
- **Tammie Hall**  
Director, North Carolina Office of Historically  
Underutilized Business
- **Shelby Scales**  
Director of Office of Civil Rights, North  
Carolina Department of Transportation
- **Cornelius Jordan**  
Communications, Deputy Director &  
Outreach Director, North Carolina Office of  
Recovery and Resilience

## THE SENATOR JEANNE H. LUCAS LUNCHEON

Presented by Aflac and  
Mark III Employee Benefits  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### Presiding

**The Honorable Viola Harris**

Edgecombe County Commissioner  
Former Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance

### Invocation

The Honorable Erica D. Smith  
North Carolina Senate District 3

### Special Remarks

Aflac and Mark III Employee Benefits

### Introduction of Special Presentation

Courtney Crowder  
Executive Director, North Carolina Black Alliance

## SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSION VOICES OF HISTORY MAKERS

- **The Honorable Daniel T. Blue, Jr.**  
Senate Democratic Leader  
Former Speaker, North Carolina House
- **The Honorable Katie Dorsett**  
North Carolina Senate (Ret.)
- **Dr. E. Lavonia Allison**  
Chair Emeritus, Durham Committee on the  
Affairs of Black People

### Closing

**The Honorable Viola Harris**

Edgecombe County Commissioner  
Former Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance

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## BREAKOUT POLICY SESSIONS

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

### SESSION III: HEALTH CARE AND OUR COMMUNITY

- **Cornell Wright (Moderator)**  
Executive Director, NC Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities
- **Secretary Mandy Cohen, MD**  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- **Sharon Goodson**  
Executive Director, North Carolina Community Action Association
- **The Honorable Nicole Dozier**  
Director, Health Advocacy Project  
NC Justice Center  
Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Apex

### SESSION IV: ORGANIZING IN OUR COMMUNITY- GERRYMANDERING, REDISTRICTING AND THE CENSUS

- **Marcus Bass (Moderator)**  
Executive Director, Advance Carolina  
Deputy Director, North Carolina Black Alliance
- **Secretary Machel Sanders**  
North Carolina Department of Administration  
Chair, North Carolina Complete Count Commission
- **Durrell Johnson**  
Communication and Outreach Director,  
North Carolina Counts Coalition
- **Kareem Crayton, Ph.D.**  
Executive Director, Southern Coalition for Social Justice

## THE RALPH CAMPBELL JR. LEADERSHIP RECEPTION

Presented by Dominion Energy

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hosted by The Honorable Paul Lowe

Chair, NC Legislative Black Caucus

Featuring: Member Organizations' Chairs, Presidents, Elected Officials and Advocates

Music by Lartey Cade

# FRIDAY, APRIL 26

## THE 14TH ANNUAL NC BLACK SUMMIT BANQUET

Presented by SEANC

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Negro National Anthem**

“North Carolina Heroes” (All Rise)

**Welcome**

The Honorable Valerie P. Foushee  
North Carolina Senate District 23  
Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance

**Invocation**

The Honorable Fred Yates  
Mayor, Winfall, NC  
Former Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance

*Dinner Served*

**Musical Selections**

DeOndra Peterson

**Recognition of Partners  
& Sponsors**

The Honorable Richard Hooker  
Cleveland County Board of Education  
Former Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance

**Sponsor Remarks**

**SEANC**

**Introduction of Speaker**

The Honorable Keith Sutton  
Vice Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance  
Wake County Board of Elections

**Keynote Address**

The Honorable Henry C. “Hank” Johnson, Jr.  
U.S. House of Representatives (GA-04)

**Special Recognition**

Courtney Crowder  
Executive Director, North Carolina Black Alliance

**Announcements & Closing**

The Honorable Valerie P. Foushee  
North Carolina Senate District 23  
Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance