



Board of Commissioners Work Session Agenda

Monday, August 10, 2026 - 2:00PM
Wake County Justice Center, Room 2800

Meeting called to order: Chair Don Mial

I. Preparing for the 2026 Strategic Planning Retreat

Jason Horton, County Manager's Office

This presentation provides an update on the Wake County Strategic Plan, highlighting recent accomplishments, emerging challenges, and areas where conditions are shifting. The material prepares the Board of Commissioners for a more in-depth conversation at their annual retreat and underscores that our strategic plan is a living document. Commissioners will receive this information, and no action is requested at this time.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Strategic Plan Goals
3. Potential Goal Revisions and Drafts for Future Discussion

II. Triangle Bikeway

Ashley Jacobs, County Manager's Office and Cara Russell, CAMPO

Previously, the Board of Commissioners committed County funding to planning a portion of a new Triangle Bikeway. The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) has taken the lead on the project design. CAMPO staff will provide the Board an update on the planning project. CAMPO staff will also seek the Board's input on questions about responsibility for the bikeway's long-term maintenance costs.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

III. Business Development Grant Policy Recommendations

Michael James, County Manager's Office and Michael Haley, WCED

At its March 2026 meeting, the Board's Growth and Economic Development Committee heard staff recommendations for updates to the County's Business Development Grant Policy. The proposed changes affect wage thresholds, project tiering and funding matches, and potential changes for headquarters projects. The committee advanced the proposals to the full Board



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for additional consideration. Staff will review the recommendations and commissioners may provide input and ask questions. Staff will seek the Board's permission to place the policy changes on the consent agenda for the August 17, 2026, regular meeting.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Proposed New Policy

IV. Preparing for the 2027 Board of Commissioners

Ben Canada, County Manager's Office

In December 2026, the Board of Commissioners will expand from seven to nine sitting commissioners. This Legislative change will require the Board to consider some planning and logistical changes. This work session will focus on two topics, the Board's committee structure and the Board's agenda review sessions. Staff will recap recent Board guidance, Board history, and then share some options and considerations. Staff is not asking the Board for any decisions in the work session but will seek guidance by mid-October to begin detailed planning for 2027.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. 2027 Committee Options

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