



2026 EMERGING EXECUTIVES FORUM REGISTRANT LIST

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RSVP	ATTENDANCE TYPE	TITLE	FIRST	LAST	ORGANIZATION	CITY	STATE
1	attendee		Brook	Ainsworth	Anson Economic Development Corporation	Wadesboro	NC
1	attendee		Katlyn	Almond	Metcon	Fremont	NC
1	attendee		Heather	Banther	Transylvania Economic Alliance	Brevard	NC
1	attendee		John	Bender	Jones County	Trenton	NC
1	attendee		Ryan	Bethea	NCGrowth	New Bern	NC
1	attendee		Latoya	Billings	Union County Economic Development	Monroe	NC
1	attendee / speaker		Courtney	Bird	Duke Energy	Cary	NC
1	attendee		John	Black	Lenoir Community College	Kinston	NC
1	attendee		Stephanie	Blair	Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Kimley	Blanks	Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee / speaker		Audrey	Boone	ElectriCities of NC	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Brycen	Braswell	ECS Southeast	Wilmington	NC
1	speaker		Martie	Butler	Richmond County	Rockingham	NC
1	attendee		Alyssa	Byrd	Lee & Associates - Raleigh Durham	Cary	NC
1	speaker		Ashley	Cagle	WithersRavenel	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		James	Carter	City of Charlotte	Charlotte	NC



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1	attendee / speaker		Trey	Cash	North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region	Kinston	NC
1	guest		Jennifer	Clark	Lenoir County	Kinston	NC
1	attendee		Nick	Coe	UNC Charlotte	Cary	NC
1	attendee		Brantley	Craft	High Point Economic Development Corporation	High Point	NC
1	elected official / guest	The Hon.	J. Mac	Daughety	Lenoir County Board of Commissioners	Kinston	NC
1	speaker		Bethany	Davenport	NC Department of Commerce	Raleigh	NC
1	speaker		Nathaniel	Dick	Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina	Raleigh	NC
1	staff		Liz	Dobbins-Smith	NCEDA	Brevard	NC
1	attendee / speaker		Shayla	Douglas	Pitt County Economic Development	Greenville	NC
1	attendee		Timothy	Downs	Thomas & Hutton	Durham	NC
1	speaker		Hazel	Edmond	NC Department of Commerce	Raleigh	NC
1	guest		Jess	Edward	Lenoir County Development Alliance Board of Directors	Kinston	NC
1	attendee		Gabriel	El Hachach	Raleigh Economic Development	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Adrienne	Elder	Duke Energy	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Lauren	Ellis	North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region	Kinston	NC
1	staff		Torsha	Eubanks	NCEDA	Raleigh	NC



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1	attendee		Josh	Fasnacht		Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Matthew	Filter	Durham County	Durham	NC
1	speaker		Katie	Fisher	Golden LEAF Foundation	Rocky Mount	NC
1	attendee / speaker		Ann	Fitts	North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Baylee	Fox	Greenville ENC Alliance	Greenville	NC
1	attendee		Bryan	Fox	Lumin Strategies	Norfolk	VA
1	attendee		Caleb	Gardner	Burke Development Inc.	Morganton	NC
1	attendee		Julie	Graham	North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region	Kinston	NC
1	staff		Josh	Grant	Smith Anderson	Raleigh	NC
1	speaker		Nichole	Gross	NC Department of Commerce	Raleigh	NC
1	staff		Brandie	Grubb	NCEDA	Greensboro	NC
1	attendee		Shannon	Hahn	UNC Greensboro	Apex	NC
1	speaker		Chuck	Halsall	NC Department of Commerce	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Todd	Hay	Pennoni	Raleigh	NC
1	guest		Crystal	Hayden	Lenoir County Development Alliance Board of Directors	Kinston	NC
1	attendee		Gracie	Herring	North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region	Kinston	NC



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1	speaker		Alanna	Howard	Garrison Consulting Group	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Taylor	Hutchins	Greensboro Chamber of Commerce	Greensboro	NC
1	guest		Michael	James	Lenoir County	Kinston	NC
1	attendee		Randall	Johnson	NC Biotechnology Center	Wilmington	NC
1	attendee		Martie	Jones	NC Biotechnology Center	Durham	NC
1	attendee		Abbie	Jordan Currens	Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina	Raleigh	NC
1	staff		Blair	Kennedy	NCEDA Foundation	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee / speaker		David	Lambert	NC Department of Commerce	Raleigh	NC
1	speaker		Jennifer	Lantz	Wilson Economic Development Council	Wilson	NC
1	attendee		Andre	Lennon	ESP Associates	Charlotte	NC
1	attendee		Amanda	Lewis	Town of Clayton	Clayton	NC
1	attendee		Eric	Locklear	Metcon	Pembroke	NC
1	speaker		Joe	Melvin	North Carolina's Southeast	Elizabethtown	NC
1	attendee		Eric	Musico	ARCO Design/Build	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Collin	Palmer	Ernst & Young	Charlotte	NC
1	speaker		Katy	Parker	Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina	Raleigh	NC

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1	attendee		Alex	Perez	Terracon Consultants	Raleigh	NC
1	speaker		Patrick	Pierce	North Carolina Railroad Company	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Mark	Pope	North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region	Kinston	NC
1	speaker		Marvin	Price	Greensboro Chamber of Commerce	Greensboro	NC
1	attendee		Kristen	Proctor	CPL	Charlotte	NC
1	attendee		Julie	Pruett	Marlboro Development Team	Spartanburg	SC
1	attendee		Weatherly	Reeves	Surry County Economic Development Partnership	Mount Airy	NC
1	attendee		Will	Rice	Wake County Economic Development	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Ferdinand	Rouse	Henderson-Vance County Economic Development Commission	Henderson	NC
1	elected official / speaker	The Hon.	Linda	Rouse-Sutton	Lenoir County Board of Commissioners	Kinston	NC
1	attendee		Will	Rutland	Three Notch Group	Charlotte	NC
1	attendee		Sam	Shumate	Electus Governmental Affairs	Sanford	NC
1	attendee		Kassie	Simmons Emerson	North Carolina's Southeast	Elizabethtown	NC
1	guest		Danny	Smith Jr.	Lenoir County Development Alliance Board of Directors	Kinston	NC
1	speaker		Kenny	Stagg	NC Department of Commerce	Raleigh	NC

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1	attendee		Victoria	Suda	Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Karen	Sullivan	Swiss Bear	New Bern	NC
1	attendee / speaker		Kevin	Szostak	Alamance County Area Chamber of Commerce	Burlington	NC
1	attendee		Caroline	Taney	Terracon Consultants	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Lisa	Thomas	EwingCole	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Stephanie	Velazquez	Granville County	Oxford	NC
1	attendee		Anna	Walker	North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee / speaker		Savannah	Walker	Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina	Raleigh	NC
1	attendee		Paul	Warner	UNC Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	NC
1	attendee		CeCe	Wilkerson	Greenville ENC Alliance	Greenville	NC
1	attendee		Michael	Worley	Alexander County Economic Development Corporation	Taylorsville	NC
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