



What's Ahead for 2026: Priorities, Partnerships, and Progress

2025 Triangle Regional Networking Luncheon
December 4 • Hilton Raleigh North Hills

Agenda

11:30 am – Noon	Registration & Networking
Noon – 12:40 pm	Luncheon
12:40 – 12:50 pm	Welcome & Introductions Leigh Cockram Director of Economic Development Rockingham County Economic Development <i>NCEDA Board of Directors</i>
	Danielle Buckins Director, North Carolina Economic Development Duke Energy
12:50 – 12:55 pm	NCEDA Foundation Fellowship Announcement Randall Johnson Executive Director, Southeastern Office NC Biotechnology Center <i>NCEDA Foundation Chair & NCEDA Past President</i>
12:55 – 1:00 pm	Legislative Update Timothy Downs Regional Director for Economic Development in North Carolina Thomas & Hutton <i>NCEDA Board of Directors</i>
1:00 – 1:25 pm	Presentation Brittany Brady , moderator President Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development <i>NCEDA President</i>
	Christopher Chung Chief Executive Officer Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina <i>NCEDA Board of Directors</i>
	Susan Fleetwood Executive Director of Economic Development North Carolina Department of Commerce
1:25 – 1:30 pm	Closing Remarks Nate Groover Economic Development Director Town of Garner <i>NCEDA Board of Directors</i>

Our Speakers



Christopher Chung is the Chief Executive Officer for the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC). He brings more than 27 years of state-level economic development experience, and under his leadership the public-private partnership leads statewide business recruitment, existing industry support, international trade, small business counseling, and tourism and film promotion. With 75 staff and a \$40 million budget, EDPNC works to strengthen North Carolina's economy. Since 2015, it has helped land nearly 1,300 projects, resulting in over 178,000 new jobs and \$70 billion in announced investment. Christopher holds a BA in Economics and Japanese from The Ohio State University.



Susan Fleetwood is the Executive Director of Economic Development for the North Carolina Department of Commerce. She leads major projects, coordinates work with the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, develops competitive proposals, and supports the Governor's engagement with companies. With over 18 years in economic development, she has held leadership roles in business recruitment, project strategy, and international development. She holds a BA from Wake Forest University and a MPA from North Carolina State University.

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