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NC METRO MAYORS COALITION ANNOUNCE NEW LEADERSHIP

On behalf of the Executive Committee and member cities of the North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, we are happy to announce the following leadership and Executive Committee members for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. These individuals were elected by the Coalition membership in May and have assumed their roles as of July 1.

Chair: Mayor Jacques K. Gilbert, Apex

Vice Chair: Mayor Jess Anderson, Chapel Hill

Immediate Past Chair: Mayor Bill Saffo, Wilmington

Directors: Mayor Leonardo Williams, Durham; Mayor Tamara Sheffield, Salisbury; Mayor Marikay Abuzuaiter, Greensboro; and Mayor Charles Gaylor, Goldsboro

Seth Palmer, the Director of Urban Affairs for the NC League of Municipalities, serves as the Coalition's non-voting Secretary/Treasurer and Managing Director.

"It is truly a pleasure to take the reins of an organization with such a rich history as the Coalition," said 2026-2027 Coalition Chair, Mayor Jacques K. Gilbert of Apex. "This group has been at the forefront of major achievements for our state's largest and fastest-growing cities, and as we enter our twenty-sixth year, the future ahead of us is bright. I thank my fellow Mayors for the trust they have placed in me."

Founded in 2001, the North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition is a nonpartisan, mayor-led organization representing thirty-three Mayors of cities with populations greater than 25,000. For the past 25 years, it has built partnerships and acted strategically on key urban issues, such as job creation, protecting local revenues, investing in public infrastructure, and keeping our cities safe. The Coalition is proud to count a former Governor of North Carolina, as well as numerous local government luminaries, as former Chairs of the group, and operates as a constituency group of the NC League of Municipalities. For more information about the Coalition, please visit ncmetromayors.com.

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