



Office of the Speaker
North Carolina House of Representatives

TIM MOORE
SPEAKER

**HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RELIEF
TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Section 1. The House Select Committee on Disaster Relief (hereinafter “Committee”) is established by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to Rule 26(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2019 General Assembly.

Section 2. The Committee consists of twenty-three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The membership of the Committee shall include legislators as specified below. Members serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives may dissolve the Committee at any time. Vacancies are filled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A Chair, Vice Chair, or other member of the Committee continues to serve until a successor is appointed.

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| Representative Brenden Jones, Chair | Representative Keith Kidwell |
| Representative John Bell, Vice- Chair | Representative Pat McElraft |
| Representative Lisa Barnes | Representative Chuck McGrady |
| Representative Jamie Boles | Representative Gregory Murphy, MD |
| Representative William Brisson | Representative Garland Pierce |
| Representative Jimmy Dixon | Representative Carson Smith |
| Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield | Representative Raymond Smith |
| Representative Elmer Floyd | Representative Larry Strickland |
| Representative Charles Graham | Representative Shelly Willingham |
| Representative Chris Humphrey | Representative Donna White |
| Representative Howard Hunter | Representative William Richardson |
| Representative Julia Howard | |

Section 3. The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Committee shall meet upon the call of the chair. The Committee may study the following:

Hurricane Recovery and Flood Preparedness

1. May receive updates and provide oversight regarding implementation of the Disaster Recovery Acts of 2016 and 2017 and the Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Fund (HFDRF).
2. May study the interaction of the State's system of rivers, dams, levees, reservoirs, and storm water infrastructure, and the system's impact on flood prone areas.
3. May review the role and regulatory authority of federal agencies as it relates to implementation of flood prevention and mitigation strategies.
4. May study and develop a proposed recommendation for preventing, mitigating, and remediating the effects of flooding in the low lying areas of Eastern North Carolina.
5. Any other issue the Committee deems relevant.

Section 4. Members of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1

Section 5. The expenses of the Committee including per diem, subsistence, travel allowances for Committee members, and contracts for professional or consultant services shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-32.02(c) and G.S. 120-35 from funds available to the House of Representatives for its operations. Individual expenses of \$5,000 or less, including per diem, travel and subsistence expenses of members of the Committee, and clerical expenses shall be paid upon the authorization of the Chair of the Committee. Individual expenses in excess of \$5,000 shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 6. The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical support staff to the Committee.

Section 7. The Committee may meet at various locations around the State in order to promote greater public participation in its deliberations.

Section 8. The Committee may submit an interim report on the results of its findings, including any proposed legislation, to the members of the House of Representatives at any time. The Committee may submit a final report on the results of its findings, including any proposed legislation to the members of the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2020 General Assembly. Reports shall be submitted by filing a copy of the report with the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House Principal Clerk, and the Legislative Library. The Committee terminates upon the convening of the 2020 General Assembly or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

Effective this 10th day of June, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Moore", written over a horizontal line.

Tim Moore

Speaker