



Office of the Speaker
North Carolina House of Representatives

TIM MOORE
SPEAKER

**HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19
TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Section 1. The House Select Committee on COVID-19 (hereinafter “the Select Committee”) is established by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. It shall exercise all of the powers and duties of a Select Committee pursuant to Rule 26(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2019 General Assembly. **The primary purpose of the Select Committee is to facilitate bipartisan and productive conversations between members to prepare for any necessary legislative sessions to respond to the current crisis. Drafting of formal reports or legislation may be done in the discretion of the chairs of each working group or the Speaker but is not required nor the primary purpose of the Select Committee or the working groups.**

Section 2. The Select Committee and each of the constituent working groups described within shall maximize all options to meet remotely and minimize gatherings of staff and members, in accordance with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. The Select Committee and its constituent working groups may not travel or meet without the express permission of the Chair, Speaker Moore. The health and safety of members, staff, and the public shall be prioritized in the operation of this Select Committee and in its working groups. All meetings shall be held in a manner that allows for telephonic or remote participation.

Section 3. The Select Committee consists of members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in four working groups. Unless directed by the Speaker, the Select Committee shall only meet in its constituent working groups, and the chairs of each working group shall report directly to the Speaker of the House, who shall serve as Chair of the Select Committee and ex officio member of each working group. The membership of each Select 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 Select Committee or its constituent teams at any time. Vacancies are filled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A Chair, Vice Chair, or other member of the Select Committee continues to serve until a successor is appointed. Each working group shall have at least one chairman from the majority party and at least one chairman of the minority party.

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Chairman and Ex Officio Member of Each Working Group: Speaker Tim Moore

Rep. Gale Adcock
Rep. Kelly Alexander
Rep. John Autry
Rep. Lisa Stone Barnes
Rep. Chaz Beasley
Rep. John Bell
Rep. Hugh Blackwell
Rep. Jamie Boles
Rep. Cecil Brockman
Rep. Mark Brody
Rep. Becky Carney
Rep. Ashton Clemmons
Rep. Kevin Corbin
Rep. Carla Cunningham
Rep. Allison Dahle
Rep. Jimmy Dixon
Rep. Josh Dobson
Rep. Jeffrey Elmore
Rep. Jean Farmer-Butterfield
Rep. Susan Fisher
Rep. Elmer Floyd
Rep. John Fraley
Rep. Rosa Gill
Rep. Holly Grange
Rep. Kyle Hall
Rep. Bobby Hanig
Rep. Jon Hardister
Rep. Pricey Harrison
Rep. Yvonne Holley
Rep. Craig Horn
Rep. Julia Howard
Rep. Chris Humphrey
Rep. Howard Hunter
Rep. Pat Hurley
Rep. Frank Iler
Rep. Verla Insko
Rep. Darren Jackson
Rep. Joe John
Rep. Jake Johnson
Rep. Brenden Jones
Rep. Perrin Jones

Rep. Keith Kidwell
Rep. Donny Lambeth
Rep. David Lewis
Rep. Marvin Lucas
Rep. Grier Martin
Rep. Nasif Majeed
Rep. Pat McElraft
Rep. Allen McNeill
Rep. Chuck McGrady
Rep. Graig Meyer
Rep. Garland Pierce
Rep. Larry Potts
Rep. Robert Reives
Rep. William Richardson
Rep. Stephen Ross
Rep. Jason Saine
Rep. Wayne Sasser
Rep. John Sauls
Rep. Phil Shepard
Rep. Carson Smith
Rep. Michael Speciale
Rep. Sarah Stevens
Rep. Larry Strickland
Rep. John Szoka
Rep. John Torbett
Rep. Brian Turner
Rep. Harry Warren
Rep. Donna White
Rep. Shelly Willingham
Rep. Michael Wray
Rep. Larry Yarborough
Rep. Lee Zachary

Health Care Working Group

Rep. Josh Dobson, Chair
Rep. Donny Lambeth, Chair
Rep. Perrin Jones, Chair
Rep. Donna White, Chair
Rep. Carla Cunningham, Chair
Rep. Becky Carney, Chair
Rep. Gale Adcock
Rep. Jean Farmer-Butterfield
Rep. Verla Insko
Rep. Garland Pierce
Rep. Larry Potts
Rep. Wayne Sasser
Rep. Larry Yarborough
Rep. Lee Zachary

Economic Support Working Group

Rep. Julia Howard, Chair

Rep. Jason Saine, Chair

Rep. Michael Wray, Chair

Rep. Kelly Alexander

Rep. John Autry

Rep. Chaz Beasley

Rep. Jimmy Dixon

Rep. Kyle Hall

Rep. Yvonne Holley

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Rep. William Richardson

Rep. Stephen Ross

Rep. Michael Speciale

Rep. Phil Shepard

Rep. John Szoka

Rep. Brian Turner

Rep. Harry Warren

Continuity of State Operations Working Group (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety)

Rep. John Bell, Chair

Rep. David Lewis, Chair

Rep. Darren Jackson, Chair

Rep. Jamie Boles

Rep. Mark Brody

Rep. Allison Dahle

Rep. Elmer Floyd

Rep. Holly Grange

Rep. Pricey Harrison

Rep. Frank Iler

Rep. Joe John

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Rep. Shelly Willingham

Education Working Group

Rep. John Fraley, Chair

Rep. Craig Horn, Chair

Rep. Ashton Clemmons, Chair

Rep. Lisa Stone Barnes

Rep. Hugh Blackwell

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Rep. Graig Meyer

Rep. John Sauls

Section 4. The Select 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 Select Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Select Committee shall meet upon the call of the Speaker. The Select Committee may, through its working groups, study the following:

- Documented and anticipated economic impacts associated with the spread of the COVID-19 virus on North Carolina's economy, including workforce dislocation, health system resource management, declined consumer activity, and temporary industry contraction.
- Measures necessary to provide economic and regulatory relief to the individuals, business owners, and institutions directly impacted by the spread of the COVID-19 virus in North Carolina.
- Existing authorities, procedures, policies, and resources dedicated to containing, mitigating, and responding to the rapid spread of infectious diseases such as COVID-19 among North Carolina's population.
- Legislative actions to more effectively address anticipated economic contraction, health system cost and capacity challenges, as well as future pandemic threats to the citizens of North Carolina.
- Measures necessary to maintain the essential functions of North Carolina government during a pandemic, including our education and election systems.

Section 5. Members of the Select Committee shall receive per diem, substance, and travel allowances as provided in G.S. 120-3.1. Pursuant to Section 2 of this charge, members are requested to not travel to meetings, and instead participate remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Members may receive per diem for participating remotely, but will not receive travel expenses for participating remotely.

Section 5. The expenses of the Select Committee including per diem, substance, travel allowances for Select Committee members, and the 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 substance expenses of members of each Working Group, and clerical expenses shall be paid upon the authorization of the Speaker. Individual expenses in excess of \$5,000 shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Pursuant to Section 2 of this charge, Chairs of working groups shall prioritize meeting remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Members shall avoid unnecessary travel.

Section 6. The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist the Select Committee and its constituent working groups in their work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical support staff to the Working Group. To minimize unnecessary meetings, both shall assign staff to each constituent working group and minimize the need for larger staff meetings where possible. The minutes of the select committee and its working groups shall be taken according to Rule 29.2 of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2019 General Assembly to enable remote clerking if possible. The Chairs, Legislative Services Officer and Director of Legislative Assistants shall enable working from remote location for staff to the maximum extent possible to minimize gatherings of individuals, in accordance with Section 2 of this charge.

Section 7. The Select Committee and each constituent team 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 Select Committee may submit a final report on the results of its finding, including any proposed legislation to the members of the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2021 General Assembly. The Select Committee Reports, if created, 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 Select Committee terminates on December 31, 2020 or upon the call of the Speaker, whichever occurs first.

Effective this 19th day of March, 2020



Tim Moore
Speaker