

## TRAVEL AND TOURISM BOARD CHANGES

SECTION 15.6.(a) G.S. 143B-434.1 reads as rewritten:

### "§ 143B-434.1. The North Carolina Travel and Tourism Board – creation, duties, membership.

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(b) The function and duties of the Board shall be:

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(2) To advise the Secretary of Commerce in the development of a budget for achieving the goals of the Travel and Tourism Policy Act, as provided in ~~G.S. 143B-434.2~~G.S. 143B-434.2 and the nonprofit corporation contracted to promote and market tourism.

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~~(5) To name a three member subcommittee, with one member from each of the eastern, central, and western regions of the State, to make recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce regarding any revisions in the matching funds tourism grants program, project applications, and criteria for projects that qualify for participation in the program.~~

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(9) To promote policies that support tourism in North Carolina.

(10) To advise the General Assembly on tourism policy matters upon request of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Governmental Operations or the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources.

(c) The Board shall consist of ~~29~~19 members as follows:

(1) The Secretary of Commerce, who shall not be a voting member.

(2) The chief executive officer of the nonprofit corporation with which the Department contracts pursuant to G.S. 143B-431.01(b), who shall not be a voting member.

(3) ~~Two members~~One member designated by the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association, representing the lodging sector.

(4) ~~Two members~~One member designated by the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association, representing the restaurant sector.

(5) ~~Three Directors of Convention and Visitor Bureaus designated by the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus.~~One member of the Destination Marketing Association of North Carolina designated by the Board of Directors of the Destination Marketing Association of North Carolina.

- (6) ~~The Chairperson-Chair~~ of the Travel and Tourism Coalition or the ~~Chairperson's-Chair's~~ designee.
  - (7) ~~The President of the North Carolina Travel Industry Association.~~ One person who is a member of the Travel and Tourism Coalition designated by the Board of Directors of the Travel and Tourism Coalition.
  - (8) A member designated by the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Travel Industry Association.
  - (9) ~~The President of the North Carolina Chamber.~~
  - (10) ~~One member designated by the North Carolina Petroleum Marketers Association.~~
  - (11) ~~One person~~ Four persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one of whom shall be associated with the tourism attractions in North Carolina, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. One person who is industry and one of whom shall not be a member of the General Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. ~~Assembly.~~
  - (12) ~~One person~~ Four persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; one of whom shall be associated with the tourism-related transportation industry, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. One person who is not tourism industry and one of whom shall not be a member of the General Assembly, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. ~~Assembly.~~
  - (13) ~~Four public members each interested in matters relating to travel and tourism, two appointed by the Governor (one from a rural area and one from an urban area), one appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.~~
  - (14) ~~One member associated with the major cultural resources and activities of the State in North Carolina,~~ Two members appointed by the Governor. ~~Governor, one of whom is involved in the tourism industry.~~
  - (15) ~~Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.~~ One at-large member appointed by the Board of the nonprofit corporation with which the Department contracts pursuant to G.S. 143B-431.01(b).
  - (16) ~~Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.~~
  - (17) ~~Two members designated by the Board of Directors of North Carolina Watermen United who represent the charter boat/headboat industry.~~
- (d) The members of the Board shall serve the following terms: the Secretary of Commerce, the chief executive officer of the nonprofit corporation with which the

Department contracts pursuant to G.S. 143B-431.01(b), ~~and the Chairperson-Chair of the Travel and Tourism Coalition, the President of the North Carolina Travel Industry Association, and the President of the North Carolina Chamber Coalition~~ shall serve on the Board while they hold their respective offices. Each member of the Board appointed by the Governor shall serve during his or her term of office. The members of the Board appointed by the General Assembly shall serve two-year terms beginning on ~~January-September 1~~ of odd-numbered years and ending on ~~December 31 of the following year.~~ August 31. The first such term shall begin on ~~January 1, 1991, September 1, 2016,~~ or as soon thereafter as the member is appointed to the Board, and end on ~~December 31, 1992.~~ August 31, 2018. All other members of the Board shall serve a term which ~~consists of~~ includes the portion of calendar year ~~1991-2016~~ that remains following their appointment or designation and ends on August 31, 2017, and, thereafter, two-year terms which shall begin on ~~January-September 1~~ of an even-numbered year and end on ~~December 31 of the following year.~~ August 31. The first such two-year term shall begin on ~~January 1, 1992, September 1, 2017,~~ and end on ~~December 31, 1994.~~ August 31, 2019.

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(g) Board members who are employees of the State shall receive travel allowances at the rate set forth in G.S. 138-6. Board members who are legislators shall be reimbursed for travel and subsistence in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1. All other Board members, except those serving pursuant to subdivisions (3) through ~~(10)-(7)~~ of subsection (c) of this section, shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel ~~expenses-expenses,~~ paid by the Department of Commerce, at the rate set forth in G.S. 138-5. Board members serving pursuant to subdivisions (3) through ~~(10)-(7)~~ of subsection (c) of this section shall not receive per diem, subsistence, or travel ~~expenses.~~ The expenses set forth in this section shall be paid by the Department of Commerce.expenses but shall be reimbursed at the discretion of the appointing organization.

(h) ~~At its first meeting in 1991, the~~ The Board shall elect one of its voting members to serve as ~~Chairperson during calendar year 1991.~~ Chairperson. At its last regularly scheduled meeting ~~in 1991, and at its last regularly scheduled meeting in each year thereafter,~~ year, the Board shall elect one of its voting members to serve as Chairperson for the coming calendar year. No person shall serve as Chairperson during more than three consecutive calendar years. The Chairperson shall continue to serve until his or her successor is elected.

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**SECTION 15.6.(b)** G.S. 143B-431.01(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Oversight. – There is established the Economic Development Accountability & Standards Committee, which shall be treated as a board for purposes of Chapter 138A of the General Statutes. The Committee shall consist of seven members as follows: the Secretary of Commerce as Chair of the Committee, the Secretary of Transportation, the

Secretary of Environmental Quality, the Secretary of Revenue, the Chair of the North Carolina Travel and Tourism Board, one member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, ~~and one member appointed by the General Assembly upon the joint recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.~~ Members appointed by the General Assembly shall be appointed for four-year terms beginning July 1 and may not be members of the General Assembly.

The Committee shall be administratively housed in the Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce shall provide for the administrative costs of the Committee and shall provide staff to the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the Chair. The duties of the Committee shall include all of the following:

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- (4) Auditing, at least biennially, by the Office of State Budget and Management, State Auditor, or internal auditors of the Department, the records of the North Carolina nonprofit corporation with which the Department has contracted pursuant to this section during and after the term of the contract to review financial documents of the corporation, performance of the corporation, and compliance of the corporation with applicable laws. A copy of any audit performed at the request of the Committee shall be forwarded to the North Carolina Travel and Tourism Board.

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**SECTION 15.6.(c)** Subsection (a) of this section is effective when it becomes law and applies to appointments made on or after that date. Terms of appointees serving on the Board at that time expire on the effective date, but members may continue to serve until new members are appointed under this section.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

**SECTION 39.8.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2016.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2016.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved 10:30 a.m. this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016