



## **Sector and Community Focus Group Attendees**

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Jane Anderson, Executive Director, Asheville Independent Restaurant Association

Weston Andress, Regional President, PNC Financial Services Group

David Belcher, Chancellor, Western Carolina University

Charles Bowman, Market President, Bank of America

Janet Bradbury, Field Representative, Office of U.S. Senator Richard Burr

Trent Burroughs, County Commissioner, Columbus County, North Carolina

Don Butler, Director of Government Relations and Public Affairs, Smithfield Foods, Inc.

Carmen Cabrera, General Manager, Mast General Store

Alisa Chapman, Vice-President, Academic and University Programs, University of North Carolina General Administration

Franzi Charen, Director, Asheville Grown Business Alliance

Barbara Clarizio, Director of Online Marketing, Biltmore House

Keith Collins, Executive Vice-President & Chief Innovation Officer, SAS

Kurt Creamer, Bioenergy Connectivity and Technology Liaison, R&D, Novozymes North America, Inc.

Michael David, Innovation Team Leader, Insecticide Division, BASF Corporation

Marian Doherty, Programs Coordinator, Community Services Department, Wilmington, North Carolina

Robert Doreauk, Regional Director for External Affairs, AT&T

Lank Dunton, Senior Vice President, First South Bank

Tracey Ford, Assistant Vice-President for Academic & Student Affairs, University of North Carolina General Administration

Lamont Grate, Councilman, Tabor City, North Carolina

Keith Green, Information Technology Director, Wilmington, North Carolina

Gary Green, President, Forsyth Technical Community College

Butch Grove, Associate Vice President, Wake Technical Community College

Matthew Gymer, Director of Innovation, Novant Health

David Hollis, Town Manager, Leland, North Carolina

Girish Hoogar, Director, Product Development, Citrix

Marlon Hunter, Health Director, Forsyth County Department of Public Health

Lillian Jacobs, Instructor, Asheville Yoga Tours

Rajeev Jaswal, Director, Information Technology, Red Hat

Ken Kawashima, Executive Director, R&D External Innovation, Lenovo

Andrew Klosinski, Plant Facilities & Maintenance Engineer, Highland Brewing Company

Adam Lassiter, Division Seed Manager, Mid NC/VA Division, Crop Production Services

Fran Lawrence, Deputy Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer, North Carolina Department of State Treasurer

Matthew Mascoff, Vice-President, Learning Technology & Innovation, University of North Carolina General Administration

Chris May, Executive Director, Cape Fear Council of Governments

Craig McAnsh, Founder, Mojo Coworking

Tony McEwen, Assistant to the City Manager for Legislative Affairs, Wilmington, North Carolina

Lynn McIntyre (retired)

Caroline McMullen, Director Education Initiatives, SAS

Sandra Merkel DeJames, Director, Business Relations and Development, Novozymes North America

Tom Miller, Senior Vice Provost, Academic Outreach & Entrepreneurship, NC State University

Maureen O'Connor, Executive Vice President of Diversified Businesses, Blue Cross, Blue Shield of North Carolina

Mitch Peele, Director of Public Policy, North Carolina Farm Bureau

Scott Ralls, President, North Carolina Community College System

Mike Rangel, President, Asheville Brewing Company

Maria Rapoza, Vice President, Science & Technology Department, North Carolina Biotechnology Center

Manuel Rey, Senior Vice-President, Fifth Third Bank

Meghan Rogers, Interim Executive Director, Asheville Downtown Association

Tom Ross, President, The University of North Carolina

Frank Sculetta, Academic Program Coordinator, Engineering & Technical Programs, North Carolina Community College System

Al Sharp, Project Director, FOCUS

Chris Skowronek, Senior Vice President, Business Development, North Carolina Hospital Association

Steven Stone, Deputy County Manager, Brunswick County, North Carolina

Grace Terrell, President and Chief Executive Officer, Cornerstone Health

Dawn Thompson, Vice President, National Legislative Affairs & Associate Counsel,  
North Carolina Bankers Association

Michael Tiemann, Vice President of Open Source Affairs, Red Hat

Jeff Tobias, Vice President, Providence Bank

Richard Tretheway, Vice President, Project Management, BASF Corporation

Paul Ulanich, Executive Director, Biotech Crop Commercialization, North Carolina  
Biotechnology Center

Jennifer Upham, Business Systems Manager, Information Technology Department,  
Wilmington, North Carolina

James Vares, Regional Planning Manager, Cape Fear Council of Governments

Milton Vaughan, Sales Representative, Trimble

Jose Vergara, Chief Executive Officer, Solvtopia

Melissa Waller, Chief of Staff, North Carolina Department of State Treasurer

Jeff Walton, Associate Planner, Wilmington, North Carolina

Liz Whalen, Marketing and Events Manager, Orange Peel

Courtney White, Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.

Glenn Wilcox Sr., Founder & President, Wilcox Travel Agency

Hope Williams, President, North Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities

Terry Williams, Executive Vice President of Strategy and Network Development, Wake  
Forest Baptist Medical Center

Tina Wilson, Manager, Corporate Citizenship & Corporate Affairs, IBM

Leah Wong Ashburn, Vice-President, Highland Brewing Company

Jon Yeatman, Vice President of Strategic Growth and Business Development, Mission  
Hospital

## **Community Focus Group Attendees**

Jennifer Adcock, Senior Program Manager, Cisco Systems

Kim Ball, Regional Associate, Coastal Plain South Office, North Carolina Community Foundation

Bettie Bond, Immediate Past President, Watauga County Community Foundation

Bob Bondi, Board Member, Watauga County Community Foundation

Phyllis Bosomworth, Owner & President, Phyllis & Company Real Estate

Everett Byrd, Board Member, Granville County Community Foundation

Virginia Clay, Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management

Jim Cross, Attorney, Royster, Cross & Hensley, LLP

Brian Crutchfield, Consultant, Green Mark Sustainable Connections

Katie Crumpler, Regional Associate, Northern Piedmont Office, North Carolina Community Foundation

Don Davis, Vice-President, Operations, DRS Technologies

James Davis, Board Member, Craven County Community Foundation

Kandi Deitemeyer, President, College of The Albemarle

Jeff Dixon, Chairman of the Board, Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners

Becky Elliott, Site Manager, First Citizens Bank and Trust Company

Stanley Fox, Owner, Fox & Associates

John Francis, Regional Associate, Northwestern Office, North Carolina Community Foundation

Janice Grana, Chief Executive Officer, Upper Room Publishing

Ben Hancock, President, Methodist University

John Haroldson, Owner, Haroldson Properties

Tyler Harris, Director, Community Plans & Liaison, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point

Wayne Harris, Economic Development Director, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Mary Holmes, Executive Director, Cumberland Community Foundation

Virginia Houston, Board Member, Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

Pamela Jackson, Associate Dean, School of Business and Economics, Fayetteville State University

Stacy Jones, Chancellor, Elizabeth City State University

Larry Keen, President, Fayetteville Technical Community College

Sonny Kelly, Director of Operations, Fayetteville Urban Ministry

John Kirkland, Mayor, River Bend, North Carolina

Cindy Kowal, Founding Director, Communities in Schools of Cumberland County

Kathy Leary, Communications Director, Albemarle Hopeline

Paige Little, Board Member, Granville County Community Foundation

Gerald Lloyd, Assistant Vice-President, Fidelity Bank

Kathy May, Senior Services Director, Granville County, North Carolina

Harry Mills, Economic Development Director, Granville, North Carolina

Richard Olson, City Manager, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Joseph Peel, Mayor, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Natalie Jenkins Peel, Regional Associate, Northeastern Office, North Carolina Community Foundation

Rick Perko, President, Immersion Media

Doug Peters, President & Chief Executive Officer, Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce

Becky Phelps, Board Member, Northern Albemarle Community Foundation

Sara Piland, President, Eastover Civic Club

Ryan Postlethwait, Vice-President, Yadkin Bank

Ron Pringle, Director, Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina

Cheryl Prisco, Board Member, Watauga County Community Foundation

Daniel Pritchett, Senior Vice-President, First Citizens Bank & Trust Company

Christie Quance, Board Member & Secretary, Northern Albemarle Community Foundation

Kevin Roberts, President, New Bern Chamber of Commerce

Jan King Robinson, Vice-President of Operations, Sentara Hospital

Russ Rogerson, Executive Vice-President, Economic Development Alliance of Fayetteville & Cumberland County

Sam Royster, Jr., Attorney, Royster, Cross & Hensley, LLP

Don Saunders, Board Member, Watauga County Community Foundation

Kathryn Scott, Community Manager, American Cancer Society

Janet Slaughter, Vice-President, Fidelity Bank

Linda Staunch, President, Linda Staunch & Associates

Dave Williams, Board Member, Granville County Community Foundation

Bishop Richard Williams, Board Member, Granville County Community Foundation

Cynthia Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, Cumberland Community Action Program, Inc.

Xavier Wortham, Executive Director, Oxford Housing Authority