

# 2026 NORTH CAROLINA RISK MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

**DURHAM, NC**  
**APRIL 15-16, 2026**

## WEDNESDAY

## AGENDA

4.15.2026

8:00 - 9:00 AM

**REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

9:00 - 9:15 AM

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

**Latarsha Silver** | Division Chief | Risk Management Division | OSFM

9:15 - 10:00 AM

**GENERAL SESSION: OSFM & NCAIA UPDATES: AUTO LIABILITY, SAFETY PROGRAM, & BTCORE PORTAL**

**Amy Gower** | Risk Advisor | NCAIA

**Garrett Beatty** | Risk Advisor | NCAIA

**Latarsha Silver** | Division Chief | Risk Management Division | OSFM

10:00 - 10:45 AM

**GENERAL SESSION: PROPERTY VALUATION & INTRODUCTION TO CLIENT PORTAL**

**Josh Ammons** | Executive Vice President | Amwin

**Latarsha Silver** | Division Chief | Risk Management Division | OSFM

**Drew Nicholson** | Director of Property Risk | NCAIA

10:45 - 11:00 AM

**BREAK**

11:00 - 11:50 AM

**GENERAL SESSION: STATE PROPERTY INSPECTIONS**

**Chris Moore** | State Building Inspector | OSFM

NOON - 1:00 PM

**LUNCH & OSFM Brian Taylor**

1:00 - 1:45 PM

**GENERAL SESSION: TORT CLAIMS ACT & DEFENSE OF STATE EMPLOYEES ACT**

**Lindsey Vance Smith** | Special Deputy Attorney General | Head of Education Section | NCDOJ

**Christopher McLennan** | Special Deputy Attorney General | Head of Tort Claims | NCDOJ

1:45 - 2:00 PM

**BREAK**

2:00 - 3:30 PM

**GENERAL SESSION: NC DIT-ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES OF AI IN STATE GOVERNMENT & PROTECTING DATA**

**Bernice Russell-Bond**, CISSP, PMP, MBA | State of NC Chief Information Security Officer

**I-Sah Hsieh** | Deputy Secretary for AI and Policy

3:30 - 4:30 PM

**GENERAL SESSION: LESSONS LEARNED FROM HURRICANES TO ACTIVE SHOOTERS – SHARING EXPERIENCES TO GROW TOGETHER**

**Kristy Burnette** | Risk Manager | UNC-Wilmington

**Matt Petty** | Director of Emergency Management | UNC-Asheville

**Mary Culbertson** | Chief Information Officer | UNC-Asheville

4:30 - 5:30 PM

**RECEPTION & LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES | ALL WELCOME DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

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## THURSDAY

# AGENDA

7:30 - 8:15 AM	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
8:30 - 9:30 AM	<b>GENERAL SESSION: ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS &amp; MANAGING EXPOSURES IN AGING BUILDINGS</b> <b>Mary Beth Koza</b>   EHS Director (Retired)   UNC-CH
9:30 - 9:45 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
9:45 - 10:45 AM	<b>GENERAL SESSION: HSB – COMPREHENSIVE NCA&amp;T &amp; IOT</b> <b>Hartford Steam Boiler</b>
10:45 - 11:00 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
11:00 - NOON	<b>GENERAL SESSION: Connecting Risk to Strategy: An Intro to ERM</b> <b>Mark Beasley PhD, CPA</b>   Professor of Accounting   Director of the ERM Initiative   North Carolina State University
12:00 - 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> <b>Lisa Weatherly</b>   Vice President   Agency Manager   NCAIA
1:00 - 2:00 PM	<b>GENERAL SESSION: REPUTATIONAL RISK &amp; LEADING THE CHARGE WITH EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION</b> <b>Mary Cole-Pike</b>   Deputy Secretary for External Affairs   NC DOT
2:00 - 2:15 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
2:15 - 3:15 PM	<b>GENERAL SESSION: DRONES OPERATIONS– UAV WITHIN THE STATE OF NC</b> <b>Justine Hollingshead</b>   Assistant Vice Chancellor NCSU Division of Academic and Student Affairs
3:15- 4:00 PM	<b>GENERAL SESSION: LESSONS LEARNED CRIME AND EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY</b> <b>Sherron White</b>   Associate Vice Chancellor of Financial Services   Elizabeth City State University
4:00 - 4:30 PM	<b>CLOSING – PICK UP YOUR “TO GO” SNACKS</b> <b>Latarsha Silver</b>   Division Chief   Risk Management Division   OSFM