

WILMINGTON/NEW HANOVER PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH COMMISSION

Number of Members: 17

6 Appointed by County Commissioners

Categories: Shipping, Commerce and Finance, Terminals and Industry, Environmental Concerns, Tourism, County representative on the NC Beach, Inlet, and Waterway Association, and County Commissioner

5 Appointed by City Council

Categories: Engineering and Development, Business, Transportation, Member at Large, and Council member

Mayor of Wrightsville Beach or designee

Mayor of Carolina Beach or designee

Mayor of Kure Beach or designee

Ex-Officio Members: N.C. State Ports Authority Executive Director or designee, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director or designee, and Figure 8 Homeowners' Association President or designee

Term of Office: 3 years

Regular Meetings: The second Wednesday of each month, at 4:00 p.m. in the Finance Conference Room #500, at the New Hanover County Government Center, 230 Government Center Drive, Wilmington, NC.

Statute or cause creating Commission: County Commissioners endorsed the formation of this Commission on 12/16/1974. (Minute Book 16, page 67) The County Commissioners assigned the Commission the responsibility of studying and preparing recommendations for the best use of the Room Occupancy Tax Funds to be presented to them for approval. The Commissioners expanded the membership by adding a Kure Beach representative on 4/16/1984 (Minute Book 19). Furthermore, the Commissioners added a member of the NC Shore & Beach Preservation on 5/16/2005, County Finance Director as special appointee on 2/16/2004, and the Figure 8 Homeowners Association president or designee as an ex-officio member on 7/1/2013.

Purpose of Commission: To investigate, initiate, and support general water resource development projects to include but not limited to:

1. Port, waterway and river improvements supporting the shipping industry;
2. Beach nourishment and conservation in conjunction with inlet management; and
3. Water resource development projects that will serve industry; encourage tourism; commercial/charter fishing; recreational boating and mitigate the threats of storms and flooding

Functions: The Commission will cooperate closely with the U.S. Corps of Engineers, the N.C. Division of Water Resources and other federal and state agencies in the pursuit of projects that may benefit our community. The Commission will also work with elected officials including federal and state officials and such non-profits as the NC Beach Inlet and Waterway Association (NCBIWA) and the Carolina Beach Inlet Association (CBIA) to garner support, cooperation and funding as appropriate. The Commission will pursue these projects with full consideration of potential environmental effects. Finally, the Commission will make every effort to fully inform and provide recommendations to the County Commissioners, Wilmington City Council and Beach Town Councils.

CURRENT MEMBERS	CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	
		APPOINTMENT	EXPIRATION
LeAnn Pierce 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 175, Wilmington, NC 28403 910-798-7149 (NHC)	County Commissioner	1/9/23	Undesignated
Dennis Barbour, Chairman 511 Clarendon Boulevard Carolina Beach, NC 28428 910-470-5041 (C)	NC Beach and Waterway Association	First 2/17/14 Second 2/20/17 Third 2/17/20 Fourth 2/20/23	2/28/17 2/28/20 2/28/23 2/28/26
Robert P. Divoky 5252 Woods Edge Road Wilmington, NC 28409 910-792-1260 (H) 910-232-2204 (C)	Shipping	First 2/19/18 Second 2/15/21	2/28/21 2/28/24
Donald E. Harris 213 Dorchester Place Wilmington, NC 28412 910-796-9696 (H) 910-617-8844 (C)	Commerce and Finance	First 2/18/19 Second 2/21/22	2/28/22 2/28/25
Harry M. Knight 3225 Aster Court Wilmington, NC 28409 910-398-7090 (C) 910-794-4956 (H)	Environmental Concerns	First 2/17/20 Second 2/20/23	2/28/23 2/28/26
Phillip Watts 1711 Avalon Avenue Wilmington, NC 28409 904-228-8051 (C)	Terminals and Industry	First 2/20/23	2/28/26
Wilmington Representatives			
Neal Andrew, Vice-chair 3811 Peachtree Ave., Suite 300 Wilmington, NC 28403		First 8/16/16 Second 2/18/20	2/28/19 2/28/23
Kevin P. Flowers 1913 Nun St. Wilmington, NC 28403 910-850-1065 (H) 910-344-0323 (C)		First 2/21/17 Second	2/28/20 2/28/24
James Hundley, Jr. 909 Rabbit Run Wilmington, NC 28409 (910) 612-0972 (H/C) (910) 799-2295 (W)		First 6/21/16 Second 2/18/20	2/28/19 2/28/23
Luke Waddell, Councilman P.O. Box 1810 Wilmington, NC 28402-1810 910-341-7815	Wilmington City Council	12/21	Undesignated

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Gregory L. Washington 1305 South 5th Avenue Wilmington, NC 28401 910-622-5421 (C) 910-762-8231 (W)		First 10/15/13 Second 6/21/16 Third 2/18/20	2/28/16 2/28/19 2/28/23
Beach Town Representatives			
Council Member Jay Healy 1121 N. Lake Park Boulevard Carolina Beach, NC 28428 910-458-2992 Office	Carolina Beach	Appointed 2022	Undesignated
Town Commissioner Allen Oliver 117 Settlers Lane Kure Beach, NC 28449 458-8216 Town Hall 919-225-1143 (C)	Kure Beach designee	Appointed 1/10/18	Undesignated
Alderman Ken Dull 321 Causeway Drive PO Box 626 Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480 910-256-7900 WB Office	Wrightsville Beach	Appointed 2020	Undesignated
Other Representatives			
Natalie English, President/CEO Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce One Estell Lee Drive Wilmington, NC 28401 910-762-2611 Office	Chamber Liaison	7/2016	Undesignated
Todd C. Walton, Environmental Supervisor North Carolina State Ports Authority P. O. Box 9002 Wilmington, NC 28402 910-251-5678 Office	State Ports Ex-Officio Member	1/9/12	Undesignated
David Kellam Figure 8 Homeowners Association 15 Bridge Road Wilmington, NC 28411 910-686-0635 (W)	Figure 8 Homeowners Association Ex-Officio Member	7/1/13	Undesignated
Eric Credle, Chief Financial Officer 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 165 Wilmington, NC 28403 910-798-7187 / 910-798-7161	NHC Staff Liaison/Special Appointee	7/22	Undesignated

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Staff Support H. Layton Bedsole, Jr., REM. New Hanover County Engineering 230 Government Center Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 910-798-7104 Office	NHC Shore Protection Coordinator	11/12	Undesignated File: /Port Revised 02/2023