

## **TASKFORCE MEMBERS**

### **Marqueta Welton – Chair**

Marqueta Welton was appointed to Chief of Staff for the North Carolina Department of Commerce in March 2021. She supports the agency's mission of improving the economic well-being and quality of life for all North Carolinians through oversight of central operations and management of programs for economic development, grants and incentives, science and technology innovation, and development of the state's clean energy resources. Before joining the Department of Commerce, Marqueta served as Deputy Secretary for the North Carolina Department of Administration where she led divisions providing critical internal support services to state agencies. Prior to joining the State in 2017, Marqueta oversaw public safety, health & human services, and general government as Deputy County Manager for Durham County Government. She also led economic development, championing over \$1 billion in economic investments and the creation of new jobs. She successfully negotiated development incentives which created the Durham Innovation District and gained approval for \$20 million in infrastructure support for the Research Triangle Foundation's 100-acre HUB RTP project. Marqueta's public sector work includes senior leadership positions with the City of North Las Vegas as deputy city attorney and HR director. Marqueta is a graduate of Wayne State University's Business School and Law School. She is a member of the North Carolina State Bar and is licensed in Nevada and Michigan.

### **Jen Banks**

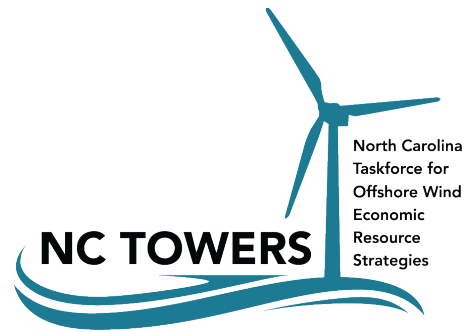
Jen Banks is TotalEnergies' Permitting & Development Director for North Carolina, where she focuses on expanding relationships in the state and advancing efforts to develop Lease OCS-A 0545. Jen has been engaged in many facets of the offshore wind industry since 2007. Most recently, as Offshore Wind Permitting Project Manager at AECOM, Jen supported clients with federal and state permits and regulatory strategy. Jen's prior experience includes roles at US Wind, the Southeastern Wind Coalition, the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center, and the American Wind Energy Association.

### **Ben Cahoon**

Ben Cahoon is a lifelong North Carolinian, the two-term Mayor of Nags Head, and a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. For over 30 years he has been a leader in coastal resilience efforts and notably played key roles in the establishment of the Coastal Studies Institute. From 2016 to 2020, Ben authored editorials, testified before Congress, and organized coastal mayors to successfully oppose offshore oil drilling. He was selected by Governor Cooper to moderate the 2019 Coastal Resiliency and Clean Energy Roundtable.

### **Christopher Chung**

In 2015, Christopher Chung joined the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) as Chief Executive Officer and brings more than 24 years of state-level economic development experience to the role. As a public-private partnership, the EDPNC is responsible for a number of economic development functions on behalf of the State of North Carolina, including new business recruitment, existing business support, international trade and export assistance, small business start-up counseling,



and tourism, sports, and film promotion. Chris previously held various executive and management responsibilities at the Missouri Partnership (2007-2014) and the Ohio Department of Development, now known as JobsOhio (1997-2007). Chris attended The Ohio State University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a double-major in Japanese and economics. He also completed significant coursework towards a Master's in Public Policy and Management. Chris resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, with his wife Emily and daughter Elizabeth.

### **Brian Clark**

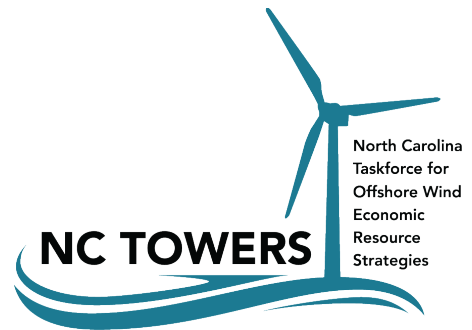
Brian E. Clark was appointed Executive Director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority in June 2020 and assumed the position in January 2021. Under Clark's leadership, North Carolina Ports completed critical infrastructure improvements including container berth renovations, turning basin expansion, air draft improvements, and the addition of three new neo-Panamax cranes. During Clark's tenure, the Port of Wilmington was recognized by the Journal of Commerce as the most productive port in North America, as well as the fastest growing port in the United States. Clark has more than 25 years of experience in the maritime industry, having worked in senior positions in port operations in several US locations. Most recently, Clark served as Managing Director for APM Terminals in Port Elizabeth, New Jersey. In addition to his time at Port Elizabeth, Clark worked as Project Director for APM Terminals in Mobile, Alabama and served in various operations role with APM Terminals and Sea Land Services, Inc. in his early career. Clark is a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy. He is also a graduate of the Duke University Fuqua School of Business Executive Education Program.

### **Phyliss Craig-Taylor**

Phyliss Craig-Taylor is a veteran legal educator and specialist in the fields of Land Use Planning, Real Estate Finance, Environmental Justice and Land Tenure and Retention. She is an experienced academic administrator. Most recently, she served as the dean at North Carolina Central University School of Law where she currently serves as a professor. Her professional and community service includes board service for a number of non-profit organizations, managing director for the American Bar Association, active membership and committee service North Carolina State Bar. Her prior appointments include a United States Presidential Appointment to the President's Advisory Board for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the North Carolina Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism and the Law.

### **Kevin Dick**

Kevin Dick was named President & Chief Executive Officer of the Carolina Small Business Development Fund in February 2020. Under the first year of his leadership, the organization responded quickly and aggressively to the needs of small businesses by providing financial assistance to over 1,100 small businesses throughout the State and deploying over \$17 million in loan and grant funds. During that period, the organization assisted over 200 businesses with technical assistance and coaching. Kevin has more than two decades' experience in local government and private sector in marketing and sales. He has held senior positions with the City of Charlotte, Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the Durham Workforce Development Board, the Broward Workforce Development Board



and the City of Dania Beach, Florida as well as private sector marketing and sales experience positions in New Jersey and Delaware. Among Kevin's accomplishments include the development, implementation, and administration of a variety of workforce development, neighborhood-based economic development, and small business capacity-building initiatives which have been recognized by national leaders in the public and private sector. He holds a Masters' Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida Atlantic University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in International Business from Georgetown University. He has also been designated as a Certified Economic Developer (CEd) by the International Economic Development Council. Originally from Montclair, New Jersey, he enjoys history, sports, and spending time with his family and close friends in his spare time.

### **Hayes Framme**

Hayes Framme is Senior Manager of Government Relations & Communications for Ørsted. In this role, Hayes oversees state and local government outreach, stakeholder and supply chain engagement, and increasing brand recognition in the Southeast to help power the US economy entirely on green energy.

### **Secretary Walter Gaskin**

Lieutenant General Walter Gaskin is currently serving as the Secretary for the North Carolina Department of Military & Veterans Affairs. LtGen Gaskin has served on the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission. From 2010 until his retirement from the United States Marine Corps in 2013, LtGen Gaskin served as the Deputy Chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Military Committee in Brussels, Belgium, providing strategic military counsel on operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya to NATO's Secretary General and North Atlantic Council. LtGen Gaskin also served as the

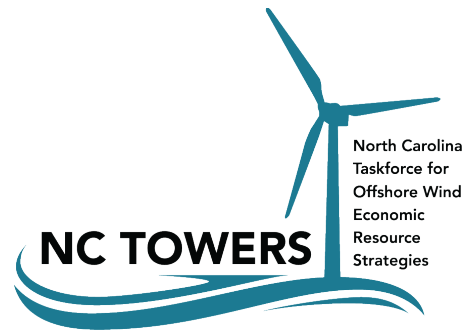
Commanding General of the 2d Marine Division at Camp Lejeune from June 2006 until July 2008. In addition to this role, he simultaneously served as the Commanding General of II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). During this tour, LtGen Gaskin led II MEF (FWD) during its year-long deployment to Al Anbar Province, Iraq as the Commanding General of Multinational Forces-West.

### **David Goss**

In 2005, David Goss moved to Hertford, North Carolina from Cleveland, Ohio to retire. Since 2006, he has served as an Economic Development Consultant for Perquimans County. In 2020, he became a member of the Business Network for Offshore Wind. David's career spans four decades in both public service and private industries, including several years of service in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Bucknell University and a Master's degree in Engineering from University of California, Berkeley.

### **Daniel Govoni**

Daniel Govoni is the Federal Consistency Coordinator and Policy Analyst with the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management (DCM). In this role he coordinates state reviews of federal activities in accordance with the federal Coastal Zone Management Act and provides support to the Coastal Resources Commission, Coastal Resources Advisory Committee, and DCM on a variety of coastal policy



issues and projects. Additionally, he has been designated as the Department of Environmental Quality's Offshore Wind Coordinator and will serve as the Department's lead for tracking, reporting, and communicating rules, regulatory processes, and project status. He has been with DCM for 15 years and previously worked for the North Carolina Division of Water Quality and Duke University Marine Laboratory. He grew up in "Down East" Carteret County and still resides there with his family. He earned a Bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

### **Susan (Susi) Hamilton**

Susi Hamilton has served the State of North Carolina and her hometown of Wilmington for nearly 25 years. She began her career in what was then the Department of Cultural Resources' Historic Preservation Office, and in 2017, she was named Secretary of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources by Governor Roy Cooper as a member of his first term cabinet.

As a State legislator, Secretary Hamilton served her constituents in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties in the NC House of Representatives from 2011 until January 2017.

Currently, Hamilton serves as the Economic Development Advisor in the NC Department of Transportation, Office of Secretary Eric Boyette. Hamilton holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from UNC-Wilmington and a Bachelor of Arts in History from UNC-Chapel Hill. She has given her time and expertise to many boards and commissions, including the NC Museum of Art, Governor Roy Cooper's Advisory Council on Film, TV and Digital Streaming (Chair), the NC Symphony, UNCSA, Association of Public Administration Wilmington Chapter, and the North Carolina Downtown Development Association.

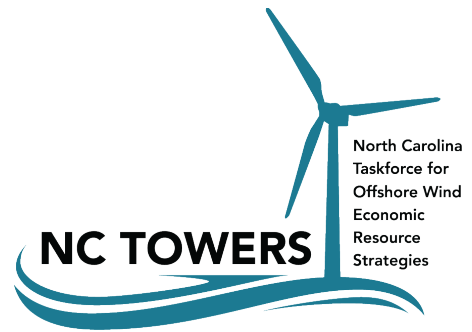
### **Perry Harker**

Perry Harker is the Vice-President for Workforce Training at Carteret Community College, where he oversees the college's non-credit workforce training programs. Perry is a graduate of East Carolina University's School of Business. Perry is active in his community through volunteering and serving on several boards. Perry is a former elected member of the Carteret County Board of Education, serving eight years, two as Chairman. He currently serves on the Beaufort Housing Authority Board, Carteret Public School Foundation (Chair), and as a Governor's appointed Trustee of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching. Perry is married to Sharon Harker, Mayor of Beaufort, and they have three adult children.

### **Arketa Howard**

A seasoned engagement strategist, Arketa Howard serves as the Director for Business & Policy Affairs within Crowley's Offshore Wind Energy Services division.

She is responsible for leading initiatives that build and execute the brand, strengthen marketing and communications, foster strategic partnerships, and expand relationships with policymakers, industry leaders, and other influencers and stakeholders.



An HBCU alum, her professional experience encompasses over two decades in the engagement and digital space, spanning across industries and entities. She has held global and domestic roles in market research, public relations, energy, law, homeland security, maritime, and higher education.

Howard holds a Bachelor of Science from Norfolk State University, with a focus on Computer Science and Math, and a Master of Science in Quality Systems Management. An engaged community and civic servant, she serves as the Norfolk Division Chair and member of the Regional Legislative Committee for the Hampton Roads Chamber, Women of Offshore Wind (WOW) Chair for the Hampton Roads Alliance, and member of the Maryland Chamber Legislative Committee, American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE), Autism Society Advocacy Committee, Campus757 Advisory Board, Hampton Roads Workforce Development Communications Committee, Virginia Maritime Association Education and Membership Committees, Virginia Beach Rotary Club, North Carolina Taskforce for Offshore Wind Economic Resource Strategies (NC-TOWERS), and an alum of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation's Transatlantic Dialogue Program.

### **Stephen (Steve) Kalland**

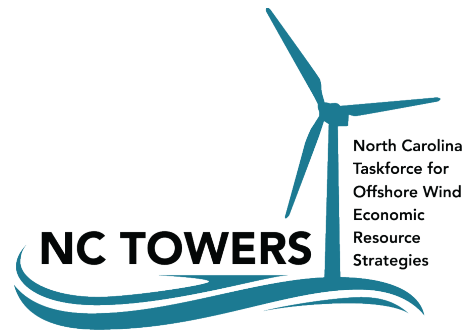
Steve Kalland, Executive Director of the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center at NC State University, has over 25 years of experience in the clean energy field. Steve directs activities in research, technical assistance, economic development, energy policy and workforce development across programs in renewable energy, energy efficiency, green building, and clean transportation. Steve currently serves on the Board of the NC Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA), the Advisory Board of the Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) in Washington, DC, and the Duke Energy (NC) State President's Advisory Council. He is a past board member of the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC), the US Combined Heat and Power Association (USCHPA), and NC GreenPower. Previously, Steve was the director for Government Relations at Xantrex Technology, Inc., executive director of the Maryland-DC-Virginia Solar Energy Industries Association (MDV-SEIA), and Director of State Programs and Policy at the national SEIA.

### **Karly Lohan**

Karly Lohan is the Communication and Outreach Associate for the Southeastern Wind Coalition. In her role she manages all communication and social media responsibilities for SEWC's 11-state footprint. In addition, Karly coordinates outreach efforts for the Offshore Wind for North Carolina Coalition. These efforts include grassroots/grasstops engagement, policy analysis, and strategy identification and execution.

Prior to joining the Southeastern Wind Coalition, Karly served as Assistant Director of Development for the Plastic Ocean Project. In this role she worked with the organization's leadership to conduct policy research for plastic pollution and water quality, grow local and national social media outreach, direct membership development and fundraising efforts, and coordinate collaborative work with other local organizations to optimize grassroots efforts in the community.

Karly holds a Master of Science in Coastal and Ocean Policy from the University of North Carolina at



Wilmington and served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at UNC-W. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Salisbury University in Maryland.

Her professional goal is to positively impact coastal communities through policy analysis, science communication and collaborative efforts.

### **Munashe Magarira**

Munashe is a staff attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center. In that role, he represents SELC and its partners in legal advocacy and litigation before the North Carolina Utilities Commission, especially in cases involving clean energy, affordability, and energy burden. Munashe also supports his SELC colleagues in legal or policy advocacy before other state and federal agencies, especially on energy issues relating to offshore wind.

Prior to working at SELC, Munashe served in multiple legal positions in North Carolina state government, including associate general counsel in the Governor's Office, assistant attorney general, and staff attorney with the Public Staff. Munashe holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Munashe lives in Durham with his wife and their two dogs.

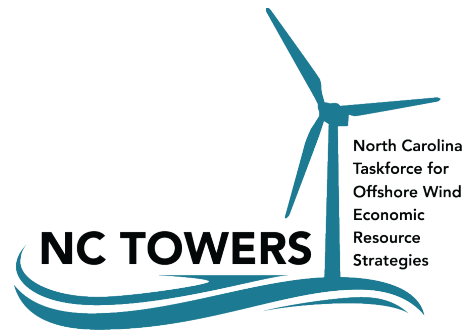
### **Mark McIntire**

Mark McIntire serves as Director of Government and Environmental Affairs for Duke Energy in North Carolina. This is the latest in a series of roles during his 10 years with the company. Before arriving at Duke Energy, Mark worked as a consulting engineer focused on infrastructure and sustainability, managing large projects in the US and the Middle East. He began his career in the mid-1990s with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality in what is now the Division of Water Resources. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering and a Masters of Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer, a member of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and a certified Carbon Reduction Manager. He lives in Raleigh with his wife, two kids, and one large fluffy dog.

### **Ashley McLeod**

Ashley McLeod is Lead Offshore Wind (OSW) Public Affairs for Avangrid Renewables Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind project. In this role, Ashley engages with residents, businesses, elected officials, agencies, civic groups, NGOs, and city officials keeping them updated and aware of project development, sharing potential benefits with the community, and listening. Ashley established a field office in Virginia Beach when she joined the team in August 2020.

Prior to the Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind project, McLeod was the Vice President of Communications and Membership for the Virginia Maritime Association (VMA), a trade organization advocating on behalf of maritime industries, which included active promotion of offshore wind development in the Mid-Atlantic Region. She has been the executive director of several non-profits, as well as an elected member of the Virginia Beach School Board.



Ashley holds a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Her graduate studies, also at Indiana University, in Parks & Recreation Administration brought her to Virginia in 1992, to work at Great Neck Recreation Center in Virginia Beach. Ashley is an active member of her community, leading and serving on a variety of local and regional boards and commissions. She is a graduate of the Sorensen Institute's Political Leadership Program at University of VA (2014) and the Civic Leadership Institute (2017). One of her proudest accomplishments is the Maritime Leadership Certificate Program she established while with VMA, inspiring a new generation of maritime leaders.

Ashley has two adult children and lives in the Bayside area of Virginia Beach. She is an Elder at Bayside Presbyterian Church where she sings with the praise band and is a youth advisor. Ashley enjoys scrapbooking, gardening, baking, book club, good wine, and craft beer.

#### **Jennifer Mundt**

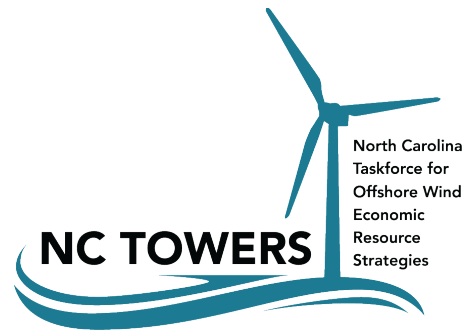
Jennifer Mundt joined the Department of Commerce as the Assistant Secretary for Clean Energy Economic Development in 2022 and is responsible for leading efforts to secure clean energy economic and workforce opportunities for North Carolina, including offshore wind. Jennifer brings more than 15 years of State service to Commerce. Most recently, she served as the Senior Policy Advisor in the Department of Environmental Quality where she led DEQ's offshore wind energy policy and regulatory work, and prior to that, Jennifer worked for more than a decade as a nonpartisan senior legislative analyst for the North Carolina General Assembly. Jennifer represents the State on the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's North Carolina Renewable Energy Task Forces and liaises with her colleagues across the Cooper Administration to advance and amplify offshore wind energy workforce and supply chain opportunities. She earned Bachelor's degrees in both environmental science and political science from Virginia Tech and her Master's degree in public health from the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

#### **Trish Murphey**

Trish Murphey is the executive assistant to councils for the NC Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and is a member of the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council, which manages fish stocks in the Exclusive Economic Zone from North Carolina to the Florida Keys. Previously, Trish was the watershed manager for the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership (APNEP) and assisted with developing the Coastal Habitat Protection Plan Amendment. Before APNEP, she was the southern district manager for DMF and oversaw fisheries management in the coastal counties from Carteret County to the South Carolina state line. She has a Bachelor's degree in marine sciences from Florida Institute of Technology (1985).

#### **Bob Peele**

Bob Peele is originally from Bear Grass, NC, attended Bear Grass High School, and finished at NC State University in 1987. Bob has served the offices of U.S. Congressmen Walter Jones Sr. and H. Martin Lancaster from 1987 to 1994. Mr. Peele has decades' experience in coastal and fisheries industries, including serving as the Assistant Director of the North Carolina Fisheries Association in New Bern, Coordinator of the North Carolina Oregon Inlet Project, and Acting Director of the Wanchese Seafood Industrial Park from 1998-2000. In 2000, Bob was named the full Director of the Wanchese Park. Bob has served as a Commissioner in Kill Devil Hills, on the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce Board of



Directors (including as chairman). Bob currently serves on the Board of Directors of OBX Room in the Inn, a faith-based organization that provides winter housing for the homeless population in Dare County. Among Bob's duties in the Wanchese Park include business recruitment and retention, staffing to the NC Seafood Industrial Park Authority, and daily interaction with Park tenants, officials, and the public. Bob resides in Manteo and has two kids – Holly and Robert – and is a member of Manteo Baptist Church.

### **Michelle Query**

Michele Query serves as the Chamber for Innovation and Clean Energy's Southeast Regional Director, working with chamber and economic development professionals throughout NC, SC, VA and TN on how to best navigate renewable energy development to help their communities prosper. As a colleague and peer, she shares best practices, data, and other resources to help chambers and economic development organizations advocate at the local, state, and federal level for clean energy policy and development.

Michele joined Chambers for Innovation and Clean Energy in 2023 after serving as Director of Economic Development for Carteret County, NC. As director of Economic Development, she led her board, county commissioners, and community stakeholders to understand, support, and realize the economic benefits of offshore wind development as well as other job and revenue creating opportunities for the county. While at Carteret County, Michele's department was recognized as a North Carolina Clean Energy Champion for her efforts supporting the offshore wind industry.

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Michele also earned a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Webster University. She lives in Newport, NC, with her husband and their three dogs.

### **Greg Richardson**

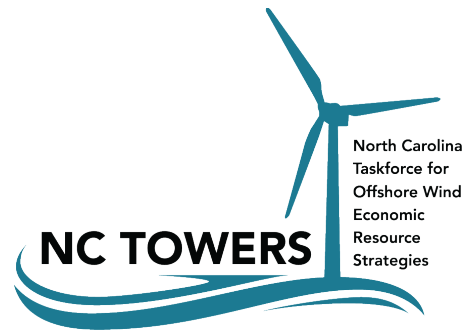
In February 1995, Mr. Greg Richardson was appointed Executive Director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, the largest Indian Commission in the United States. Prior to that appointment, he was among the first to become an employee of the Commission in the 70's and shortly after serving in the US Army and returning from Viet Nam.

Prior to being appointed Executive Director of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, he served as the Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in Washington, DC. Prior to that appointment he served as Executive Director of the North Carolina Indian Housing Authority in Fayetteville, NC.

As Executive Director of the Commission, Mr. Richardson is responsible for the overall administration and oversight of all Commission programs and operations. The Commission administers programs designed to address Indian Education, Indian Housing, Workforce Development, Domestic Violence, and Indian Child Welfare. Mr. Richardson reports directly to the Deputy Secretary of the NC Department of Administration, as well as the Chairman of the Indian Commission. He has a staff of 18 employees and a budget of \$9.5 million, which consists of State and federal grant funding.

Mr. Richardson was appointed to the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Advisory Council on November 2, 2017, by Governor Roy Cooper.





He has served on the US Census Advisory Committee on American Indian and Alaska Natives, prior to the year 2000 and 2010 US Census, at the pleasure of the Secretary of the US Department of Commerce. He also served on Governor Coopers Complete County Committee for the 2020 US Census.

He is a March 2015 graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's, Citizens Academy.

Mr. Richardson is affiliated with several state and national organizations associated with Indian Affairs and they are: Member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). A member of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Foundation. A member of the American Indian Center's, Advisory Committee, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a member of the United Tribes of North Carolina Board of Directors and Regional Commander of the National American Indian Veterans Association.

He is an enrolled member of the state recognized Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, attended the historic Old Haliwa Indian School, in Hollister, North Carolina as a youth and is a life-long member of Mount Bethel Indian Baptist Church.

Mr. Richardson holds a BS in Business Management and an Associate Degree in Business Administration. He is a Certified Public Housing Manager and holds a Public Managers' Certification from the State of North Carolina.

Finally, Mr. Richardson is considered North Carolina's Chief Advocate for American Indians!

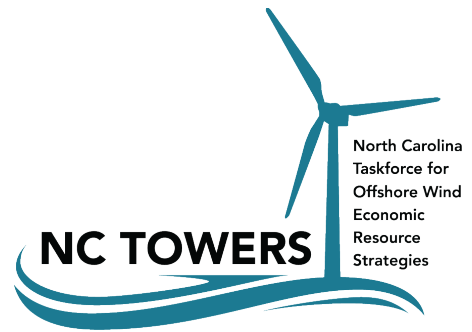
### **Dan Segovia**

Dan Segovia is the Business Manager, Financial Secretary-Treasurer for Ironworkers L.U. 848. He started his career as an apprentice in 2002 and now represents members of his organization throughout the Carolinas. He deals directly with Apprenticeship and Training, where he is the chairperson of a Joint Labor and Employer committee overseeing the program. Dan's expertise is in recruitment and training.

He is the son of a Vietnam Veteran, the father of four girls and two granddaughters. Dan has been married to his wonderful wife Jennifer for 16 years.

### **Jason Semple**

Jason Semple is a North Carolina economic development veteran, having served in various local, regional, and state roles since 2005. Most recently, he served as President & CEO of the Martin County Economic Development Corporation from 2015 until 2022, when he joined Brunswick Business & Industry Development as Director of Business Development. Collectively, his efforts have resulted in more than 4,000 jobs created or retained and \$650 million in new tax base. Jason also has private sector experience in supply chain logistics and sales and marketing. A graduate of Emory University, Jason has been involved with a diverse array of organizations and boards, including the Small Business Technology & Development Center Advisory Board, NC Partnership for Children and Rotary International.



### **Glenn Skinner**

Glenn Skinner is a lifelong commercial fisherman and currently the Executive Director of the NC Fisheries Association which serves fishing families by advocating for sustainable fisheries, preserving fishing heritage, and promoting wild-caught North Carolina seafood. He takes pride in our state's fishing heritage and understand its importance to coastal communities.

### **Justin Sosne**

Justin Sosne currently serves as Head of the United Kingdom's Government Office in North Carolina, based in Raleigh. A native eastern North Carolinian, Justin is passionate about deepening ties between North Carolina and the United Kingdom in order to expand economic opportunity and create a more sustainable future for citizens on both sides of the Atlantic. Prior to his current role, Justin served for seven years as a policy advisor at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., primarily in the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, followed by seven years in executive roles at BowerGroupAsia, a leading strategic consultancy advising Fortune 500 companies on how to navigate the Asia-Pacific's complex policy environment. Justin holds a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Romance Languages from UNC-Chapel Hill. He is the proud husband of Erin and father of Levi (7) and Eva (4).

### **John Szoka**

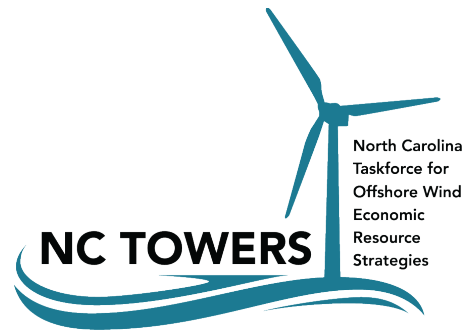
John Szoka is the CEO of the Conservative Energy Network, a coalition of 24 state-based conservative clean energy organizations. John is a former N.C. Representative for the 45th district, which covers Fort Bragg, southern Cumberland County, and portions of the City of Fayetteville. In addition to his prior service as chair of the N.C. House Energy and Public Utilities Committee, John is a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the U.S. Army and small business owner.

### **Brian Turner**

Brian Turner served four terms in the NC House of Representatives (2015-2023) representing district 116 in Buncombe County. During his time in office he served on a number of committees including Wildlife Resources, Environment, and Marine Resources and Aqua Culture. Prior to serving in office Brian worked as a television producer for MTV, a manufacturing executive for an Asheville-based defense contractor, and as an Assistant Vice Chancellor at UNC-Asheville. Currently Brian is the Policy Director for Audubon NC, working to protect birds and the places they need to live. Brian has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Northwestern University, an MBA from Wake Forest, and is currently pursuing a Masters in Energy and Environmental Management from the University of Connecticut. When not working you can find him outside in the mountains of western North Carolina doing something fun with his teenage daughter Eleanor and his partner Hope.

### **Wit Tuttell**

Wit Tuttell is the Director of Visit North Carolina, part of the Economic Development Partnership of NC, where he oversees North Carolina's official state tourism office. A 30-year tourism industry veteran, Tuttell has been with North Carolina tourism since 2006. During this time, the office has been recognized with numerous national awards. He serves on the boards of the U.S. Travel Association and Travel South USA. He has also worked for Universal Studios Florida and Visit Orlando and was a reporter



for the Anchorage (Alaska) Times.

**Alvin Warwick**

Alvin Warwick is the Business Manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 342.

**John White**

A native North Carolinian, John D. White has been engaged in the business and politics of the state for the last 20 years. As the chief lobbyist for Dominion Energy North Carolina, John is responsible for overseeing all state and local regulatory matters impacting Dominion’s electric and gas operations. In this role, John works closely with policymakers to aid in assisting with North Carolina’s clean energy goals.

Prior to joining Dominion Energy, John served as the Associate Regional Director of the Southeast Region for the American Petroleum Institute (API). While at API, John lobbied on behalf of member companies in many areas including oil and gas exploration, energy choice policy, transportation and infrastructure, along with economic development.

Prior to API, John served as the Legislative Director for the North Carolina Department of Commerce under N.C. Governor Roy Cooper. Before joining the Department of Commerce, John worked in economic development and public policy at the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce. He has also worked within the nonprofit sector, leading a civic engagement organization. John’s career began as an aide to Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. during her time in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Along with serving on several local nonprofit boards, John is a member of the North Carolina Oil and Gas Commission. He also serves as chair of the Advisory Board for the College of Arts, Science and Humanities at North Carolina Central University.