

**Schedule for the October Strategic Planning Meeting
October 28-30, 2015
*Koury Convention Center and Guilford Technical Community
College (GTCC), Greensboro, NC***

Because of our strong partnership with the NCWorks Commission and the collaborative connections with their strategic plan and ours, Align4NCWorks, the State Board decided last year to move its October Strategic Planning meeting to the end of the month to coincide with the NCWorks Partnership Conference. This conference, formerly known as the NC Workforce Development Conference and attended by hundreds of workforce development professionals from across the state, provides the perfect opportunity for our two state-level boards to come together to discuss progress in our respective plans, identify other opportunities for collaboration and to continue our joint work on having a collective impact on North Carolina's workforce.

Lodging: Sheraton Four Seasons, connected to the Koury Convention Center.

Wednesday, October 28

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The NCWorks Commission and the State Board of Community Colleges will meet jointly. This meeting may also include other state-level workforce, education and economic development boards such as the UNC Board of Governors, the State Board of Education, the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Partnership of NC and the Board of the NC Independent Colleges and Universities. The Governor has this meeting on his calendar, and we will receive confirmation over the next few weeks as to which other boards may be attending and the Governor's purpose for the gathering.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Joint luncheon with attending boards

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Opening speaker at the NCWorks Partnership meeting – Greg Hills, a national expert on collective impact from FSG, Inc. His presentation is entitled: "Collective Impact: Common Goals with Uncommon Results."

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break and move to concurrent sessions

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Board members will have the opportunity to attend any of a number of **sessions on workforce development topics**, several presented by our own community college staff in conjunction with other workforce partners. Board members will be given a list of sessions, room numbers, etc. for their use in selecting a potential session.

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **State Board Dinner** at Joseph's, located in the Sheraton/Koury Center.

Thursday, October 29

7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Continental Breakfast (Koury Center)**

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Align4NCWorks in Action:** Team of local workforce partners, including representatives from community colleges, workforce boards and economic development, demonstrate the power of collaboration and how our strategic plan, Align4NCWorks, is helping to strengthen their collective impact in four Eastern North Carolina counties on career pathways and work-based learning. (Panelists to be determined).

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. **Break**

9:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **A Conversation with NC Legislators:** A panel of four current or former NC legislators will discuss:

- **Developing relationships with legislators**
- **Communicating with legislators at home, during the legislative session and during critical periods, such a budget negotiations**
- **Staying connected and thanking legislators to keep the conversation going, to fully appreciate their efforts and to move from advocacy to true champions**

We will invite the legislative panelists to join us for lunch at GTCC.

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Travel to GTCC's Cameron Conference Center**, 7908 Leabourne Road, Colfax, NC (15 minutes)

11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. **GTCC hosts luncheon at Cameron Conference Center**

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Committee meetings at Cameron Conference Center.**

6:30 p.m. – 8: 00 p.m. **Governor's Award Banquet, NCWorks Partnership Conference, Koury Convention Center**

Friday, October 30

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast with GTCC Leadership**, Cameron Conference Center, GTCC

9:00 a.m. **State Board meeting**