



Year One Annual Report

Restoring Integrity. Delivering Service. Building What's Next.



When I ran for Lieutenant Governor, I made a simple commitment: to restore integrity to this office and return it to its core purpose, serving the people of North Carolina.

In my first year, our focus was clear. We would show up. We would do the work.

And we would ensure this office once again reflected the values of accountability, collaboration, and public service.

I am proud of what we have accomplished together in just one year and even more excited about what lies ahead.

Restoring the Role of the Lieutenant Governor

From day one, our administration worked to reestablish the Lieutenant Governor's Office as an active, engaged, and trusted institution, returning fully to the responsibilities of the role:

- Serving on boards and commissions
- Presiding over the North Carolina Senate
- Engaging communities across the state
- Advancing a forward-looking policy agenda

As a result, the office is present, productive, and once again focused on serving North Carolinians.

Presiding Over the Senate Protecting the Democratic Process

The Lieutenant Governor presides over the North Carolina Senate, a responsibility I approach with respect for the institution and for every community represented in the chamber.

This year, I presided over the Senate **more than 80 times, nearly every day the Senate was in session.**

My guiding principle is simple: **Democracy works best when every voice is heard.**

Maintaining decorum is not just about formality; it is about fairness. By ensuring orderly proceedings and respectful debate, we protect the integrity of the legislative process and the trust of the people we serve.

Serving on Boards and Commissions Strengthening State Leadership

A key priority in my first year was restoring active participation on statewide boards and commissions.

Our office successfully **filled eight critical vacancies** on boards and commissions across North Carolina, ensuring that qualified, thoughtful, community-minded leaders guide these bodies.

These appointments reflect:

- A commitment to good governance
- Balanced regional representation
- Elevating new and diverse voices in public service

Strong institutions require strong leadership, and this work helps ensure we make decisions with integrity and accountability.

Constituent Services Making Government Work for People

At its core, public service is personal.

This year, our office handled a **record 722 constituent cases**, helping North Carolinians navigate government and access the services they need.

Our team assisted constituents with:

- Navigating state agencies
- Accessing veterans' benefits
- Resolving licensing and regulatory issues
- Connecting with local and statewide resources

Every call, every email, and every letter is an opportunity to make government more responsive and more effective.

Engaging Communities Listening Across North Carolina

Strong leadership begins with listening.

This year, I **visited 10 community colleges as part of a 58-campus tour**, engaging students, educators, and local leaders across the state. These visits highlighted the vital role community colleges play in workforce development, economic mobility, and regional growth.

By showing up in communities large and small, we are ensuring statewide policy reflects real-world needs and lived experiences.

National Leadership Bringing North Carolina to the Table

In 2025, North Carolina stepped onto the national stage.

I was honored to be appointed to **multiple national boards** and recognized by my peers through leadership roles within the National Lieutenant Governors Association, where this year I served on the boards of two committees:

- Finance Committee
- Aerospace Committee

These roles ensure North Carolina has a seat at the table in national policy discussions—from economic development and aerospace innovation to disaster response—allowing us to bring new partnerships and resources home to our communities, including support offered by fellow lieutenant governors following Hurricane Helene.

Collaboration Across Party Lines Solving the Childcare Crisis

Real leadership requires partnership.

At the request of Governor Stein, I was proud to lead statewide efforts to address North Carolina's childcare crisis alongside Republican Senator Jim Burgin.

This bipartisan work reflects a shared belief that families, employers, and communities all benefit when we invest in solutions that support working parents and strengthen our economy.

Looking Ahead to 2026 Building the Future

As we move into 2026, our work is accelerating—not slowing down.

North Carolina is now in the national spotlight, and our office is positioned to leverage that visibility into meaningful progress.

KEY PRIORITIES AHEAD

Mayor's Advisory Board

In 2026, we will launch the Lieutenant Governor Mayor's Advisory Board to bridge rural and urban communities and elevate local leadership in statewide decision-making. This board will:

- Provide a direct channel for mayors to share community challenges
- Strengthen collaboration on economic development
- Support innovative childcare models
- Nominate Medal of Valor recipients
- Unite local leaders around shared opportunities

National Leadership and Economic Growth

Through service on the National Aerospace Committee, we will work to:

- Position North Carolina as a leader in the aerospace and defense industries
- Expand military and defense-related business opportunities
- Advance cyber security measures while also protecting consumer data privacy
- Strengthen innovation and workforce pipelines

Just Getting Started

In one year, we restored integrity, returned the office to service, and built momentum for the future. The work ahead is ambitious, but so is North Carolina.

Thank you for the privilege of serving. I am deeply grateful for the partnerships we have built and the progress we have made together. I look forward to an even stronger year ahead, rooted in service and the belief that we do our best work together.

Warmest regards,



Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina