

**NC Child Fatality Task Force Members**  
**[Statutory Authority: N.C.G.S. 7B-1402 & SL 2020-78]**

**September, 2021**

<b>Governor Appointees (4)</b>		<i>Appointment expiration</i>
1. A director of a county department of social services, appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the President of the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services	<b>Jennifer Kristiansen</b> <i>Director of Social Services Chatham County</i>	1-31-22
2. A representative from a Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or safe infant sleep counseling and education program, appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the Maternal and Child Health Section of the Department of Health and Human Services	<b>Sarah Verbiest</b> <i>Executive Director UNC Collaborative for Maternal Health</i>	1-31-23
3. A representative from NC Child, appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the President of the organization	<b>Michelle Hughes</b> <i>Executive Director NC Child</i>	1-31-23
4. A director of a local department of health, appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the President of the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors	<b>Bruce Robistow</b> <i>Health Director Halifax County Health Department</i>	1-31-23
<b>House Speaker Appointees (10)</b>		
1. A representative from a private group, other than NC Child, that advocates for children, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon recommendation of private child advocacy organizations	<b>Karen McLeod</b> <i>President and CEO Benchmarks</i>	1-31-22
2. A pediatrician, licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon recommendation of the NC Pediatric Society	<b>Martin McCaffrey</b> <i>Pediatrician</i>	1-31-22
3. A representative from the North Carolina League of Municipalities, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon recommendation of the League	<b>Martha Sue Hall</b> <i>Albemarle City Council; Board of Directors NC League of Municipalities</i>	1-31-22
4. One public member, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives	<b>Katherine Pope</b>	1-31-22
5. One representative of the NC Domestic Violence Commission, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon recommendation of the Director of the Commission	<b>Pamela T. Thompson</b> <i>Alamance-Burlington School System Board of Education</i>	1-31-22
6. <b>Five members</b> of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.	<b>Kristin Baker Howard Hunter Steve Tyson Donna White (one seat vacant)</b>	1-31-22 (all)

NOTES:

- According to law enacted in 2015, third party recommendations are discretionary, not binding, and legislative appointments on this chart where a third party recommender is noted may or may not have been made according to a third party recommendation.
- If a member's appointment has expired, the member serves until a new appointment or reappointment is made.

<b>Senate Appointees (10)</b>		<i>Appointment expiration</i>
1. A representative from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate upon recommendation of the Association	<b>Arianna Lavallee</b> <i>County Commissioner Lee County</i>	1-31-23
2. One public member, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate	<b>Jill Cox</b> <i>President &amp; CEO Communities in Schools NC</i>	1-31-23
3. One representative of the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate upon recommendation of the Executive Director of the Coalition	<b>Trishana Jones</b> <i>Programs Director NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence</i>	1-31-23
4. A county or municipal law enforcement officer, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate upon recommendation of organizations that represent local law enforcement officers	<b>John P. Harris</b> <i>Chief of Police Brevard, NC</i>	1-31-23
5. A district attorney appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate upon recommendation of the President of the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys	<b>Sarah Kirkman</b> <i>District Attorney Judicial District 22A</i>	1-31-23
6. <b>Five members</b> of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate	<b>Jim Burgin</b> <b>Don Davis</b> <b>Todd Johnson</b> <b>Jim Perry</b> <b>Vickie Sawyer</b>	1-31-23 (all)
<b>Ex Officio Members</b>	<b>Member or Designee</b>	
The Chief Medical Examiner	<b>Michelle Aurelius</b>	ongoing
The Attorney General	<b>Bradford Sneed</b> <i>Legislative Counsel, DOJ</i>	ongoing
The Director of the Division of Social Services	<b>Lisa Cauley</b> <i>Senior Director of Child, Family, &amp; Adult Services, Division of Social Services, NC DHHS</i>	ongoing
The Director of the State Bureau of Investigation	<b>Brent Culbertson</b> <i>Asst. Director, SBI</i>	ongoing
The Director of the Maternal and Child Health Section of the Department of Health and Human Services	<b>Kelly Kimple</b> <i>Section Chief, Women's &amp; Children's Health, DPH</i>	ongoing
The Director of Council for Women and Youth Involvement	<b>[TBD]</b>	ongoing
The Superintendent of Public Instruction	<b>Karen Fairley</b> <i>Executive Director NC Center for Safer Schools</i>	ongoing
The Chairman of the State Board of Education	<b>Ellen Essick</b> <i>Section Chief NC Healthy Schools, DPI</i>	ongoing
The Director of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services	<b>Kristin Jerger</b> <i>Transitional Age Youth Programs State Lead MH/DD/SAS NC DHHS</i>	ongoing
The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services	<b>Betsey Tilson</b> <i>State Health Director</i>	ongoing
The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts	<b>Cindy Bizzell</b> <i>Administrator, Guardian ad Litem Program, AOC</i>	ongoing
Director of the Juvenile Justice Section, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, Department of Public Safety	<b>William Lassiter</b> <i>Deputy Secretary for Juvenile Justice, DPS</i>	ongoing