

**JOINT HOUSE and SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
2017-19 CONSENSUS REVENUE FORECAST AND BUDGET OUTLOOK**

Tuesday, February 14, 2017
8:30 a.m.
Room 643, Legislative Office Building

MINUTES

The Joint House and Senate Committee on Appropriations met at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14th in Room 643 of the Legislative Office Building. Senator Harry Brown, Senate Chair, presided. The purpose of the meeting was to receive from staff the 2017-19 Consensus Revenue Forecast and Budget Outlook.

Chairman Harry Brown called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. He recognized the Sergeant-at-Arms who were assisting staff and Senate Pages.

Chairman Brown introduced Dr. Barry Boardman, Fiscal Research Division, to review the consensus revenue forecast for the current fiscal year and the 2017-19 biennium forecast. Dr. Boardman presented a detailed revenue forecast. He provided a breakdown of the FY 2015-16 General Fund totaling \$22.15 billion of which slightly less than 90% is represented by Individual Income Tax and Sales & Use Tax. Dr. Boardman also reviewed the Consensus Revenue Process. He informed the committee that North Carolina has experienced steady and moderate growth since the recession of 2008-09 and predicts modest growth into 2019.

Evan Rodewald presented the preliminary Budget outlook. Mr. Rodewald identified major budget pressures related to public school and higher education enrollment growth, cost increases, teacher pay commitments, and disaster recovery. Several additional impacts to the budget could include federal changes, long term liabilities, and revenue law changes.

House Senior Chair Nelson Dollar praised the legislature's conservative efforts in passing a sound budget that affects North Carolina's steady economic growth.

Chairman Brown allowed questions from the floor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

House Senior Chair Nelson Dollar

Panthea Briles, Committee Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda
2. Attendance
3. Handout: 2017 Consensus Revenue Forecast and Budget Outlook
4. Visitors Sign-In