

Executive Committee for Highway Safety (ECHS)

Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2025

Location:

Highway Building Room 150 (Board Room)
1 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

In Attendance:

Members

Joey Hopkins, NCDOT
Michael Stewart, FMCSA
Yolanda Jordan, FHWA
Billy Williams, NCSU ITRE
Mark Ezzell, GHSP
Brian Mayhew, NCDOT
Laura Sandt, UNC HSRC
Ike Avery, Conference of DAs
Angela Gailliard, NCDMV, proxy for Paul Tine

Friends

Tracy Russ, NCSU ITRE
Cheryl Leonard, GHSP
Dale McKeel, NC Conservation
Suzanne Follette Black, AARP
Carol Hoover, AARP
Shawn Troy, NCDOT
Brian Murphy, NCDOT
Kim Eccles, VHB
Kara Peach, VHB
Daniel Carter, NCDOT
Dale Privette, FHWA
Brent Heath, Dept of Insurance
Jennifer Delcourt, GHSP

Call to Order and Introductions

Secretary Joey Hopkins opened the meeting with a welcome and led a round of introductions for those in attendance.

Visioning Update – Role and Formation of the Committee

Kara Peach (VHB) presented the results of the internal committee work on the visioning process for the ECHS. The objective is to strengthen the impact of the ECHS by refining its purpose, reviewing the membership, and defining ECHS outputs. Kara presented a new structure centered around an Executive Leaders group, informed by an Advisory Group, and carried out through four Implementation Groups. The new structure is anticipated to be implemented in late 2025, concluding the visioning process.

Agency Updates

The meeting concluded with roundtable updates from the members on current and upcoming highway safety activities within their agencies.