



From the Desk of **Representative**

Erin Paré

District 37

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Thank you for reading my newsletter for legislative updates and District 37 news.

The 2025-2026 Legislative Session has begun! A lot of hard work is happening behind the scenes to prepare for the new legislative biennium to begin in earnest. We have much work to do on a host of important issues, and I look forward to getting to work for the people of District 37 and North Carolina.

I hope you had a Happy New Year and a wonderful holiday with family and friends. It continues to be my honor and privilege to serve the people of District 37 in the North Carolina House. Thank you for your support and this opportunity to serve.



-Representative Erin Paré

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**North Carolina House of Representatives
2025 Swearing-in Ceremony**



On Wednesday, January 8th, the NC House of Representatives held its swearing-in ceremony for the 2025-2026 legislative biennium. Seventy-one Republicans and 41 Democrats took the oath of office. Chairman Destin Hall (R-Caldwell), was elected by the body to be the next Speaker of the NC House.

"I am so grateful to have had Wayne by my side for the occasion, and to have the privilege of serving the people of District 37 for another two years," said Rep. Paré. "We have a lot of opportunities and challenges ahead of us this session and I can't wait to get to work!"

You can read more here: <https://www.carolinajournal.com/new-nc-general-assembly-sworn-in-as-2025-long-session-begins/>



**Representative Paré Named to the House
Select Committee on Helene Recovery**



North Carolina General Assembly
House of Representatives
State Legislative Building
Raleigh 27601-1096

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HELENE RECOVERY TO THE HONORABLE
MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. The House Select Committee on Helene Recovery (hereinafter "Committee") is established by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to Rule 26(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2025 General Assembly.

Section 2. The Committee consists of forty-four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The membership of the Committee shall include legislators as specified below. Members serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives may dissolve the Committee at any time. Vacancies are filled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A Chair, Vice Chair, or other member of the Committee continues to serve until a successor is appointed.

Rep. John Bell, Co-Chair	Rep. Kyle Hall	Rep. Phil Shepard
Rep. Dudley Greene, Co-Chair	Rep. Kelly Hastings	Rep. Mitchell Setzer
Rep. Jennifer Balkcom, Vice-Chair	Rep. Frank Iler	Rep. Sarah Stevens
Rep. Mike Clappitt, Vice-Chair	Rep. Keith Kidwell	Rep. Larry Strickland
Rep. Karl Gillespie, Vice-Chair	Rep. Donny Lambeth	Rep. John Torbett
Rep. Jake Johnson, Vice-Chair	Rep. Donnie Loftis	Rep. Brian Turner
Rep. Ray Pickett, Vice-Chair	Rep. Carolyn Logan	Rep. Steve Tyson
Rep. Mark Pless, Vice-Chair	Rep. Jeff McNeely	Rep. Harry Warren
Rep. Jay Adams	Rep. Charles Miller	Rep. Shelly Willingham
Rep. Eric Ager	Rep. Erin Paré	Rep. David Willis
Rep. Hugh Blackwell	Rep. Howard Penny	
Rep. Allen Buansi	Rep. Garland Pierce	
Rep. Laura Budd	Rep. Lindsey Prather	
Rep. Carla Cunningham	Rep. Reece Pyrtle	
Rep. Allison Dahle	Rep. James Roberson	
Rep. Jimmy Dixon	Rep. Stephen Ross	
Rep. Blair Eddins	Rep. Paul Scott	



Speaker of the House Destin Hall has reappointed Rep. Paré to the House Select Committee on Helene Recovery for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session. The Committee was formed at the end of the previous legislative session. Rep. Paré is pleased by the establishment of the Committee in this biennium, saying, "The Hurricane Helene Committee in the House is much needed for legislators to work on funding, regulatory reform, policy initiatives, oversight, and to ensure that the people of western North Carolina experience an efficient recovery process. I look forward to working with my colleagues in a bipartisan fashion and our federal partners to provide the people of western North Carolina the recovery that they need and deserve."

Rep. Paré New Office Location



It has been a very busy and productive week since swearing-in last week preparing for the new legislative session.

"I'd like to extend a Big THANK YOU to my legislative assistant and General Assembly staff for working hard helping me and other legislators move into new offices." said Rep. Paré. "Come visit us in the Legislative Office Building, Room 637!"



Legislative Work Begins: Exploring Solutions to Childcare and Workforce Challenges



This week, Rep. Paré met with constituents and participated in several meetings to discuss the work ahead on a variety of issues, including addressing childcare and workforce challenges across the state, transportation and regulatory reform, Hurricane Helene recovery, education, and the structure of conducting legislative business. In the next week, Rep. Paré will announce her committee assignments.

Opportunities for High School Students

NC HOUSE PAGE PROGRAM

The program offers high school students a firsthand look at the legislative process.

- ✓ 4-DAY LONG EXPERIENCE
- ✓ OPEN TO GRADES 10-12
- ✓ FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE

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[ncleg.gov/House/PageProgram](https://www.ncleg.gov/House/PageProgram)



The 2025 Long Session House Page Applications are available online beginning **Monday, January 6, 2025**. The Page website can be accessed by visiting the following: <https://www.ncleg.gov/House/PageProgram/>.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Pages may only serve one time in the House.
- Each Representative is allotted up to 5 Page appointments during the 2025 Long Session.
- Current sophomore, junior, and senior high school students will be eligible to apply.

- Check the House Page website for participant eligibility requirements and available dates to serve as a House Page.
- House Pages are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- House Page applications are accepted until all weeks are full.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

N.C. YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (YLA)



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

THE YLA IS A THREE-DAY PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DRAFT, DEBATE AND VOTE ON MOCK LEGISLATIVE BILLS WHILE DEVELOPING SKILLS IN RESEARCH, INTERVIEWING, GROUP FACILITATION AND POLICY WRITING. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MARCH 7-9, 2025.

**APPLY AT
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If you have a high school student, the NC Youth Legislative Assembly is a great opportunity for them. If you need any information please contact Erica Gallion at erica.gallion@ncleg.gov or 919-301-1372.

News Clips

[Five Economic Trends to Watch in 2025](#)- Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise

[Stein sworn in as N.C. governor, succeeding Cooper](#)- The Carolina Journal

[Boliek sworn in as state auditor, says he'll start with audit of DMV](#)- The Carolina Journal

[Farley to put his photo in every NC elevator. Could it lift his profile?](#) - The News & Observer

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