



North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council

Meeting Summary

May 20, 2026

New Chair Announcements

Matt McLamb opened the meeting and introduced Natalie Walton-Corbett as the newly appointed GICC Chair. Natalie Walton-Corbett has 17 years of experience in the NC GIS local government sector. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Geography from Appalachian State University and is currently the GIS Coordinator for the City of Greenville, NC. Chair Walton-Corbett was formerly the Chair of the Local Government Committee of the GICC and co-founded the HurriUp event in 2019 to provide local governments with collaboration, mutual support, and GIS training for disaster response.

Matt formally congratulated Natalie and turned the meeting over to her. Chair Walton-Corbett called the meeting to order, reviewed the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder, and the meeting minutes from November 2025 and February 2026 were approved.

Comments from NC DIT Secretary Nate Denny

Chair Walton-Corbett introduced the new Secretary of NC DIT, Nate Denny, who served as Deputy Secretary of Broadband and Digital Opportunity and also serves as Chair of the 911 Board.

Secretary Denny offered brief remarks, emphasizing his gratitude for the Council's public service and the work of both state and private sector GIS professionals. He acknowledged several successful GIS projects and efforts stemming from the GICC and CGIA along with his thanks to their leadership teams. Secretary Denny committed to attending future meetings when possible and invited Council members to reach out directly with any needs.

Council Member Introductions

In light of a new Chair and new members, the Council undertook a full round of member introductions. Each member shared their name, organization, role, committee involvement, and what they bring to the Council. The full list and descriptions can be found in the meeting minutes. Chair Walton-Corbett and Melanie Williams reviewed the responsibilities of Council members as per the By-Laws as a reminder.

GICC Accessibility Working Group Update

Faye Koenigsmark (NC DHHS) and Nancy Ross (Mecklenburg County), Co-Chairs of the Accessibility Working Group, presented a comprehensive update on the group's progress since its formation in January 2026. A review of the Workgroup's purpose was provided along with the seven goals and a status of each that were established by the group. Chair Walton-Corbett commended the group for the volume and quality of work accomplished in a short period.

Committee Updates

Each committee provided general information along with current and future goals to ensure all members are knowledgeable about the status of each.

GIO Report

GIO Matt McLamb provided updates on the Geospatial Maturity Assessment Report, the GICC 2024–2025 Annual Report, and the 2027 NC GIS Conference.