Helene Economy Recovery Board
October 15, 2026 Agenda

Meeting Details

- Thursday, October 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Asheville City Hall, First Floor Conference Room, Hybrid Meeting
- City of Asheville's YouTube Channel

Purpose Statement

The City of Asheville Helene Recovery Boards are established to support City Council's vision of a recovery that is: Rooted in Resilience, Rises in Unity, Repairs with Care, and Ready for Tomorrow. The four boards represent City Council's priority areas of Economy, Housing, Infrastructure, Environment and People. Through collaboration, expertise and insight, each of the four boards will provide critical input on City Council policy recommendations while also extending the City of Asheville's communications through board member networks.

Board Members

Jeffrey Burroughs (Chair), Jessica Tomasin (Vice Chair), Scott Adams, Eva-Michelle Spicer, Anne Keller, John Ellis, Pat Kappes, Cheryl Antoncic Suess, Katie Cornell, Amy Kelly, Alexandria Monque Ravenel

Staff Support

Chris Corl, Director, Community & Regional Entertainment Facilities, Jon Fillman, Community Event Manager, Jannice Ashley, Assistant City Attorney

Agenda Items

Welcome and Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- July 30, 2026 Minutes

Updates/Reports

1. **Arts & Entertainment Facility Project Update**
    A. **Resource:** Chris Corl, Director, Community & Regional Entertainment Facilities
    B. **Description:** An update on feedback received from community focus groups and planned next steps in the project process.
    C. **Action:** Information Sharing
    D. **Materials:**
        - Arts & Entertainment Facility Update Presentation

New Business

1. **Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Workforce Development Program**
    A. **Resources:** Nathan Ramsey, Director of the Mountain Area Workforce Development Board, and Charles Savage, CDBG-DR Economic Revitalization Program Lead
    B. **Description:** An overview of Asheville's workforce, post-Helene employment recovery, and economic challenges, alongside the City's $5 million CDBG-DR Workforce Development Program to connect disaster-impacted residents with training, employment, and supportive services.
    C. **Action:** Information Sharing
    D. **Materials:**
        - State of the Workforce Presentation
        - CDBG-DR Workforce Development Program Presentation

Public Comment

- Any email and voicemail comments submitted by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting are shared with board members in advance.

Informal Discussion/Future Agenda Items

- None at this time.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, November 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Asheville City Hall, First Floor Conference Room, Hybrid Meeting

Adjournment

For more information, please visit the Helene Economy Recovery Board webpage. For questions about the Helene Economy Recovery Board, please email Chris Corl (ccorl@ashevillenc.gov).