BUNCOMBE COUNTY
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Buncombe County Air Quality Advisory Council

FROM: Ashley Featherstone, Air Quality Division Manager

DATE: July 30, 2026

RE: Agenda for August 6, 2026

Enclosed, please find the Agenda for the Buncombe County Air Quality Advisory Council meeting to be held on **Thursday August 6, 2026 at 4:00pm** in the board meeting room located at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

This meeting will be live streamed on Engage Buncombe which can be accessed at https://engage.buncombecounty.org/s8486. The council meeting documents will also be available on the Engage Buncombe site. The meeting will be recorded and can be viewed later.

A reception will be held at 3:30 pm to recognize our WNC Post Helene Particulate Monitoring Project Participants recipients and former Advisory Committee members. The recognition will occur at 4:00 pm at the beginning of the Board Meeting. All Air Quality Advisory Council Members, former Advisory Committee Members, and others are welcome to attend the reception.

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BUNCOMBE COUNTY AIR QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
AUGUST 6, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Election of Chair to Preside Over Meeting**

2. **Public Comment Protocol Announcement**

3. **Introduction of New Council Member Jim Neely**

4. **Adjustment and Approval of Agenda**

5. **Consent Agenda:**
   A. Approval of minutes from June 24, 2026

6. **Special Presentations- In Appreciation for Participation in Project and Committee**
   A. WNC Post Helene Particulate Monitoring Project Participants
      i. ArtSpace Charter School
      ii. Barnardsville Fire Station 15
      iii. Broad River Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department
      iv. Edneyville Fire and Rescue
      v. Fairview Elementary School
      vi. Fairview Public Library
      vii. Hi-Wire Brewing Biltmore Village
      viii. Leicester Public Library
      ix. Skyland/South Buncombe Library
      x. Upper Hominy Fire and Rescue

   B. Former Air Quality Advisory Committee Members
      i. Keith Bamberger
      ii. Caitlin Cook
      iii. Ichaya Dhungel
      iv. Ned Guttman
      v. Jay Haney
      vi. Jim Neely
      vii. Kevin Tipton

7. **New Business**
   A. Consideration and Adoption Bylaws for the Air Quality Advisory Council
   B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

8. **Manager's Report:**

A. Transition Update
   i. EMC Certification
   ii. Buncombe County Air Quality Code Adopted
   iii. July 24 First Official Day of Buncombe County Air Quality (BCAQ)
   iv. EPA Grant Update-Novation Process
   v. New Member Orientation Document
B. Proposed Changes to Office of Management and Budget's proposed rule "Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance" (2 CFR Part 200 and related provisions)
C. Clean Air Act Section 128 requirements for BCAQ
D. Monitoring Update
E. Facility Permit Renewals Issued in July

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Changes from Existing Permit
A Simple Cremation	Crematory	Small	Sand Hill Road, Candler	Changed permit references to Buncombe County Air Quality (BCAQ). Updated responsible official.
Carolina Ready Mix & Builders Supply, Inc	Ready-mix Concrete Facility	Small	Old U.S. Highway 70, Swannanoa	Changed permit references to BCAQ. Updated general conditions and responsible official.
D.H. Griffin Wrecking Co, Inc.	Portable Concrete and Stone Crusher	Small	Various sites with local zoning authority approval	Changed permit references to BCAQ. Updated general conditions and responsible official.
Eaton Corporation – Avery Creek Facility	Electrical Distribution Facility	Small	Vista Boulevard, Arden	Changed permit references to BCAQ. Updated general conditions and responsible official.
Mission Hospital, Inc	General Medical and Surgical Hospital	Synthetic Minor	Biltmore Avenue, Asheville	Changed permit references to BCAQ. Updated permitted equipment list and exempted activities list since the St. Joe's campus has been removed. Updated

				facility name and responsible official.
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center	General Medical and Surgical Hospital	Synthetic Minor	Tunnel Road, Asheville	Changed permit references to BCAQ. Updated equipment references and added performance test reporting requirements in specific conditions
Western Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory	Veterinary Testing Laboratory	Small	Airport Road, Arden	Changed permit references to BCAQ. Updated general conditions.

New Business:

F. None

9. Other Business:

A. Legal Counsel Report
B. Calendar
   i. Next meeting and Meeting Schedule
C. Announcements

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment