

INNOVATION COUNCIL CANDIDATES – 11/04/2009

- **Council Co-Chairs**
 - **Steve Nelson**, CEO, Wakefield Group, a venture capital firm that invests in promising technology companies in North Carolina and the Southeastern US
 - **Al Delia**, Sr. Director, Office of the Governor
- **Three representatives from the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology (BST)**
 - **Margaret Dardess**, Chair, BST
 - **Leslie Boney**, Associate Vice President for Economic Development Research, Policy and Planning, UNC General Administration
 - **Blanton Godfrey**, Dean NCSU College of Textiles
- **Three representatives from the North Carolina Economic Development Board (EDB)**
 - **Allen Joines**, Chair, EDB
 - **Cy Rich**, Chair of the EDB Innovation, Technology, Workforce, and Education Committee and CEO of Fuqua Rick Weeks LLC
 - **Raymond Jones**, Member of the EDB Innovation, Technology, Workforce, and Education Committee and CEO of VX Aerospace Corporation
- **Governor or designee – Norris Tolson**
- **Secretary of Commerce or designee**
- **NC Treasurer or designee**
- **One representative from higher education**
 - **Linda Weiner**, NC Community College System Vice-President
- **One representative from K-12 education**
 - **Phil Emer**, recently left the Friday Institute, currently leading technology section of Race to the Top
- **One representative from local government**
 - **Anthony Foxx**, Mayor-elect, Charlotte
- **Two representatives from high-tech, innovative businesses**
 - **Richard Stack**, Synecor
 - **Karen LeVert**, CEO and founder, Southeast TechInventures, a technology accelerator focused on migrating the most promising technologies from university research labs to the commercial marketplace. STI has 17 spin-off companies in operating phases from prototype development to established companies.
- **Two representatives from the venture capital/ financing/ intellectual property community**
 - **Dr. Garheng Kong** of InterSouth Partners. He is MBA, PhD, and graduate of Duke
 - **Tim Janke**, Statewide & Piedmont-Triad Investment Micro-Angel Fund (IMAF)

- **Two representatives from non-profit and/or trade organizations interested in innovation and economic development**
 - **Joan Seifert Rose**, Executive Director, CED
 - **Andrea Harris**, Minority Economic Development Council
- **Two representatives from the North Carolina State Senate**
 - **Sen. Dan Blue**
 - **Sen. Josh Stein**
- **Two representatives from the North Carolina House of Representatives**
 - **Rep. Joe Tolson**
 - **Rep. Larry Hall**

The council will be staffed by the Governor's Policy Office, Office of Science and Technology, Treasurer's Office, and interns.