

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ADVANCING WOMEN IN STEM TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. The House Select Committee on Advancing Women in STEM (hereinafter “Committee”) is established by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a1) and to Rule 26(a) in Section 1 of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2021 General Assembly.

Section 2. The Committee consists of twelve 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. The Committee shall meet upon the call of its Senior Chair.

Representative Erin Pare, Chair	Representative Alison Dahle
Representative Donna White, Vice Chair	Representative Jon Hardister
Representative Dean Arp	Representative Amos Quick
Representative Kristin Baker	Representative Diane Wheatley
Representative Hugh Blackwell	Representative Matthew Winslow
Representative John Bradford	Representative Shelly Willingham

Section 3. The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

Section 4. The Committee shall study issues related to developing future generations of women leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), including but not limited to the following:

- a. Policies, programs, and initiatives that advance the growth and development of women in STEM fields.
- b. Existing barriers to entry in STEM career fields for women and other underrepresented minorities.

- c. The important role women play in economic growth, groundbreaking research, and life-changing innovation.
- d. Benefit of early exposure to future career opportunities in STEM fields
- e. The advancement of future female leaders in STEM fields through partnerships with North Carolina Universities, North Carolina community colleges, the nonprofit and private sectors.
- f. Any other issue deemed relevant by the Chair to the charge of the Committee.

The Committee may seek information from experts in STEM fields and STEM education, or as deemed appropriate by the Chair.

Section 5. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair and may meet during the session of the General Assembly, the interim period between sessions, or during recesses of the General Assembly.

Section 6. Members of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1.

Section 7. The expenses of the Committee including per diem, subsistence, travel allowances for Committee and working group members, and contracts for professional or consultant services shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-32.02(c) and G.S. 120-35 from funds available to the House of Representatives for its operations. Individual expenses of \$5,000 or less, including per diem, travel, and subsistence expenses of members of the Committee and working groups, and clerical expenses shall be paid upon the authorization of any Chair of the Committee. Individual expenses in excess of \$5,000 shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 8. The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical support staff to the Committee.

Section 9. The Committee may meet at various locations around the State in order to gather testimony and to promote greater public participation in its deliberations.

Section 10. The Committee shall submit a report on the results of its study, including any proposed legislation, by December 31, 2022, to the members of the House of Representatives by filing a copy of the report with the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Legislative Library. The Committee shall terminate on December 31, 2022, or upon the filing of its report, whichever occurs first.

Effective this 6th day of June, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Moore", written in a cursive style.

Tim Moore, Speaker