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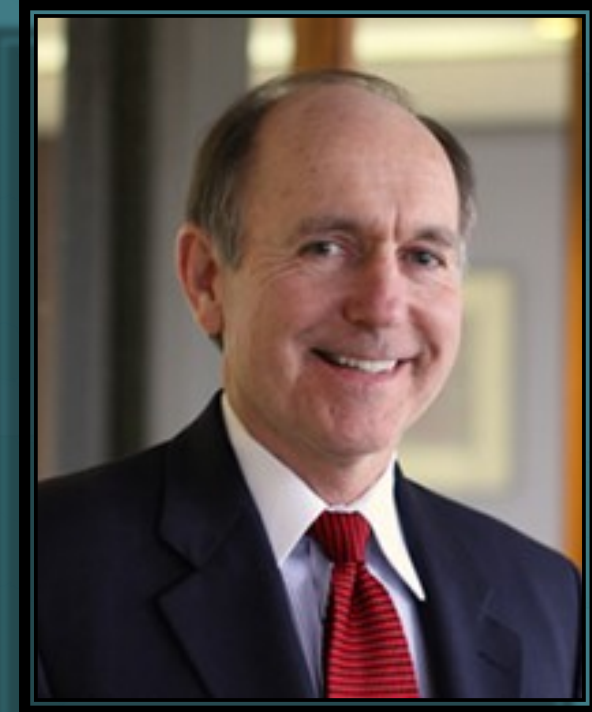
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# Opening Remarks

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**Welcome**

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**Machelle Baker Sanders, Secretary  
NC Department of Commerce**



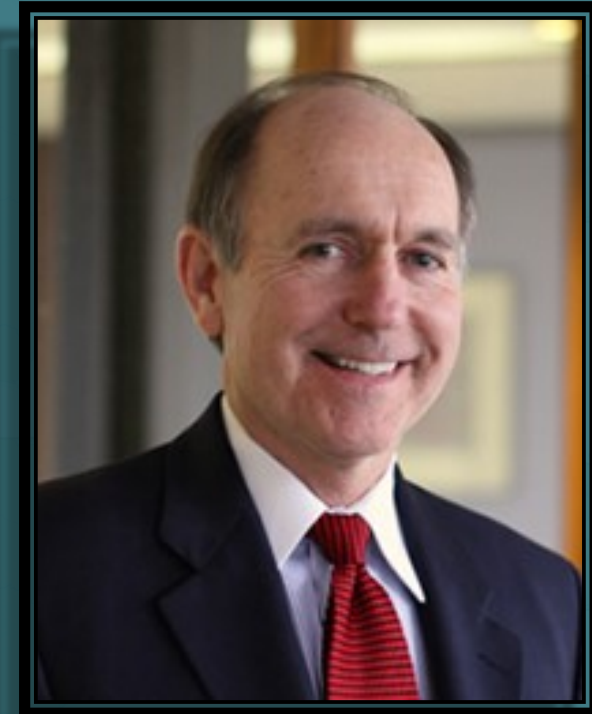
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# Workforce Updates

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# ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2021: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ECONOMY AND JOBS

Dr. Michael L. Walden, Reynolds Distinguished Professor Emeritus  
North Carolina State University

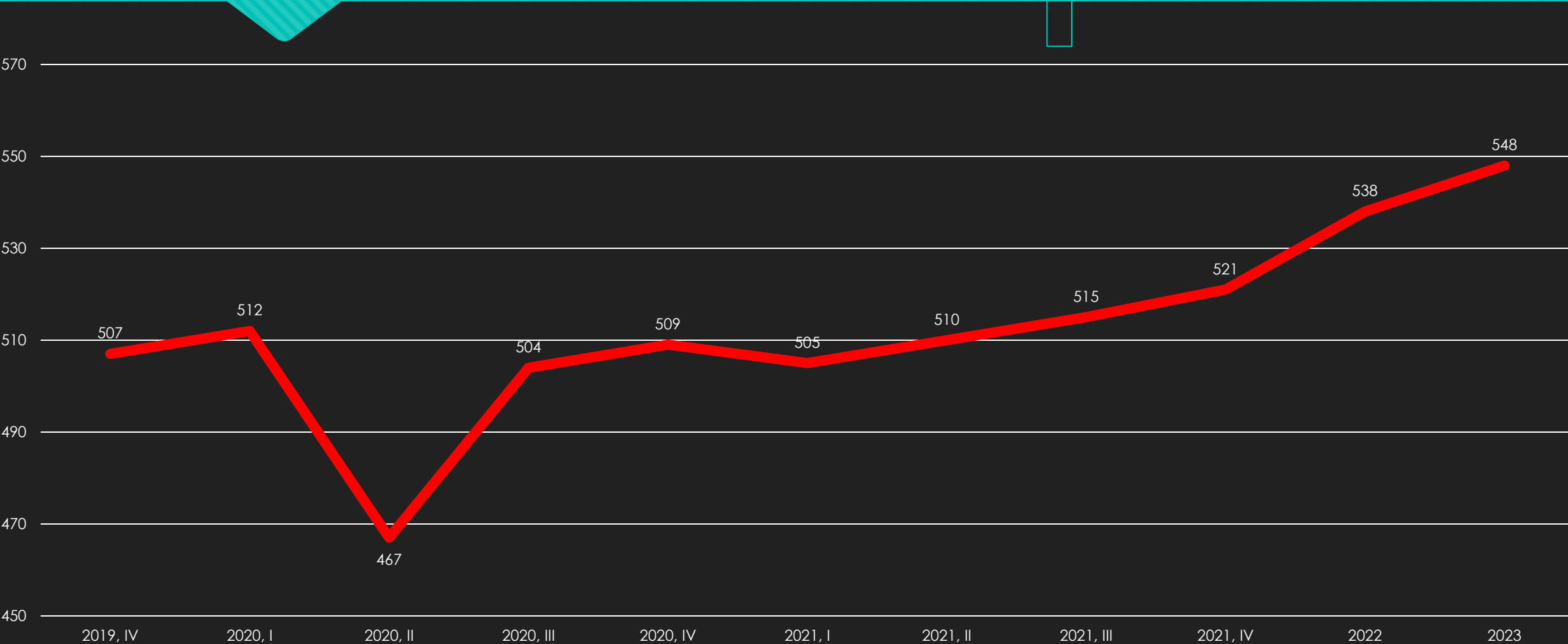
# LEADING NC INDEX SUGGESTS RECOVERY

NCSU INDEX OF NORTH CAROLINA LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS



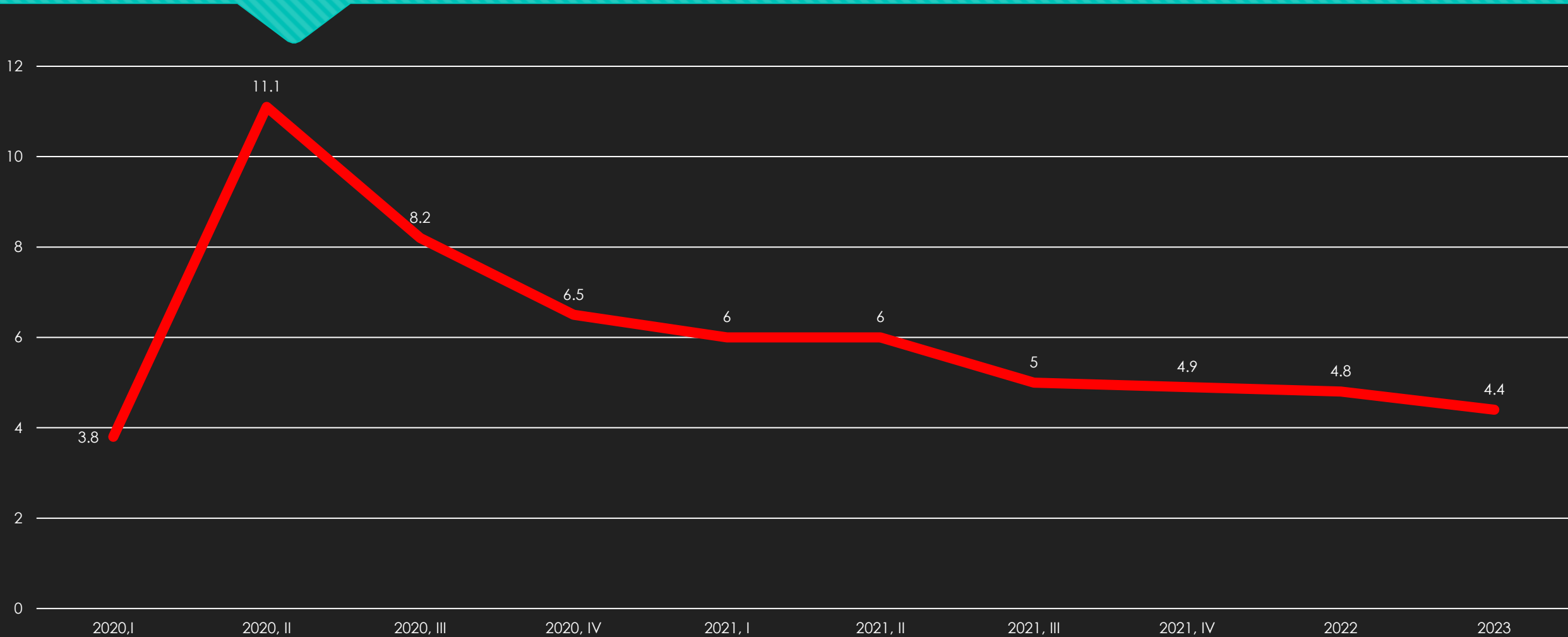
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# FORECASTED PATH OF NORTH CAROLINA'S REAL GDP





# FORECASTED PATH OF NORTH CAROLINA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



# THERE ARE PERMANENT IMPACTS FROM THE PANDEMIC ON THE JOB MARKET

ACCELERATION OF ON-GOING TECHNOLOGICAL UNEMPLOYMENT

BUSINESSES WILL SEE A NEW LIABILITY FROM USING HUMAN WORKERS

PERMANENTLY HIGHER REMOTE WORKING

NEW GEOGRAPHIC SORTING

# AS A RESULT

WE ARE LIKELY FACING A MAJOR  
NEED FOR **WORKER RE-TRAINING**

- \* FOCUSED
- \* FAST
- \* FLEXIBLE

# METHODS

APRRENTICESHIPS

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

SKILL AND TASK TRAINING

IMPORTANT FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS

TO WORK TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY NEEDS

# DESIRABLE SKILLS IN TODAY'S ECONOMY

DATA ANALYSIS

PROBLEM-SOLVING

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

# SECTORS WITH RAPID JOB GROWTH

TECHNOLOGY – CLOUD COMPUTING

- ROBOTICS

LOGISTICS – DATA MANAGEMENT & ANALYSIS

- PRODUCT MOVEMENT & DELIVERY

HEALTH CARE – CARE, TESTING, ANALYSIS

ENERGY – RENEWABLE

MARKETING – NEW METHODS

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

# THE GOOD NEWS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

**CONTINUED GROWTH –PERHAPS ACCELERATED – AFTER THE PANDEMIC**

**NORTH CAROLINA CONSIDERED A “SAFE STATE”**

**HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES = DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN -VIEW THE STATE POSITIVELY**

**NEXT GAME-CHANGER – UNIVERSALLY AVAILABLE HIGH SPEED INTERNET – COULD  
INCREASE RURAL GROWTH**

**North Carolina  
Workforce Development Academy**



# NC Workforce Development Academy

- Plan to establish the North Carolina Workforce Development Academy
  - Four courses taken throughout the year
  - Completion title of Certified Workforce Developer
- Focus of the academy is on the development of leaders within the workforce development community
  - Prepare attendees to participate and lead workforce development boards
  - Engage with economic developers
  - Create initiatives that will further the entire community

# Planning

- General Plan
  - Spring 2021: Survey distribution
  - Fall 2021: Course and program development
  - January 2022: First class begins the academy
- Current Stage
  - Working on finding funding for course and program development and to cover the cost of offering the academy
  - July 1, 2021 deadline for the course and program development funding

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# Commission Action Items

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## Dr. Hope Williams Governance and System Alignment Committee Chair

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# NC Workforce Credentials Initiative Update

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NCWorks Commission Quarterly Business Meeting  
May 2021

Nate Humphrey, NCCCS  
Jeni Corn, myFutureNC





# NC WORKFORCE CREDENTIALS

Defining and Counting Non-degree Workforce Credentials for North Carolina

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## Goal: Economic & Workforce Impact

- **Objective:**

- Collaborate with stakeholders to promote a workforce system that fosters innovation and establishes seamless connections among community colleges, K-12 education, universities, workforce and economic development partners, and business and industry.

- **Tactic:**

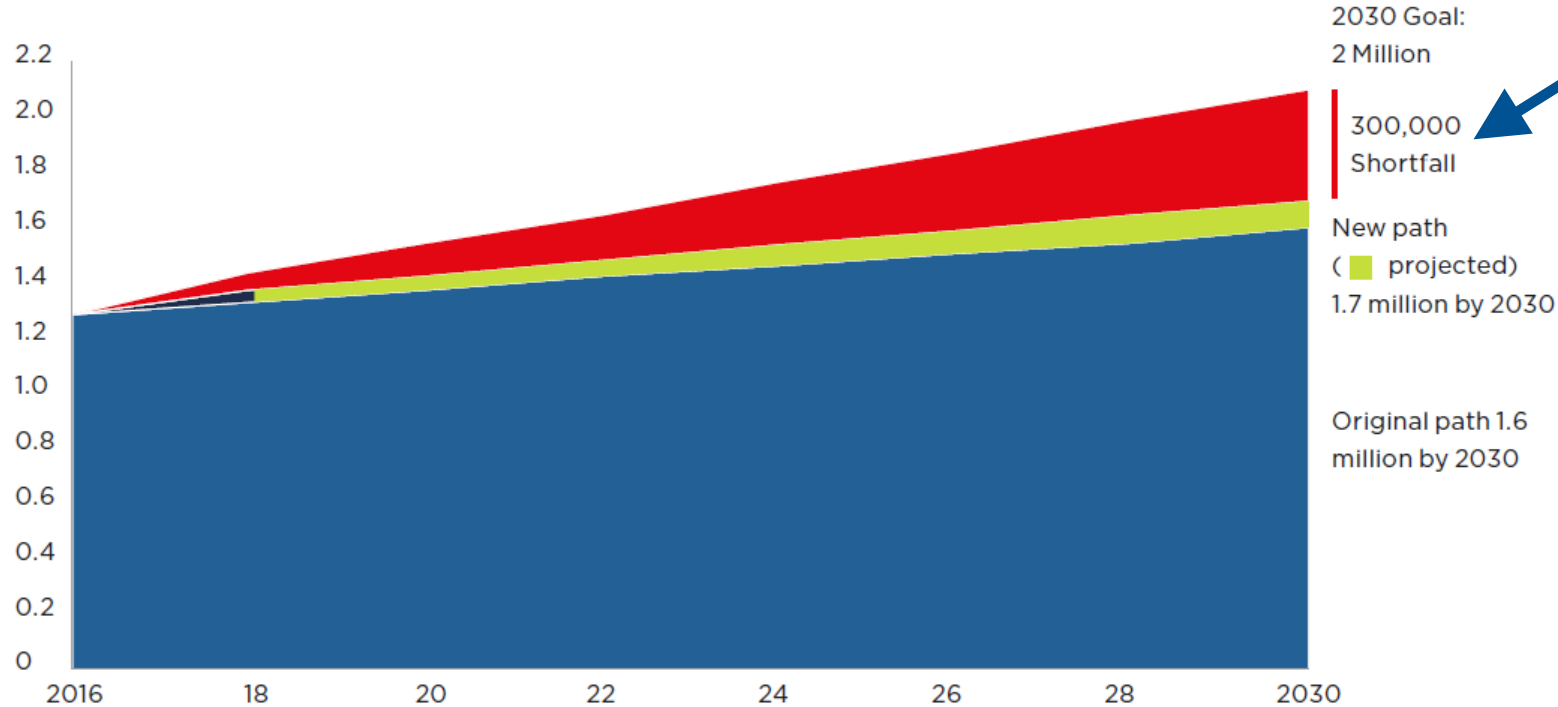
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# NC WORKFORCE CREDENTIALS

## Defining and Counting Non-degree Workforce Credentials for North Carolina

### Progress Against the Deficit of Postsecondary Credentials in North Carolina

Postsecondary credentials in North Carolina (millions)



### Determining what counts

### NC Workforce Credentials

High-quality, non-degree credentials valued by NC employers that support North Carolinians in obtaining in-demand living wage jobs





# NC WORKFORCE CREDENTIALS

Defining and Counting Non-degree Workforce Credentials for North Carolina



1. Identify High-Value Non-Degree Credentials



2. Validate the Preliminary List of Priority Non-Degree Credentials



3. Incentivize Attainment of Priority Non-Degree Credentials



4. Report on Attainment of Priority Non-Degree Credentials



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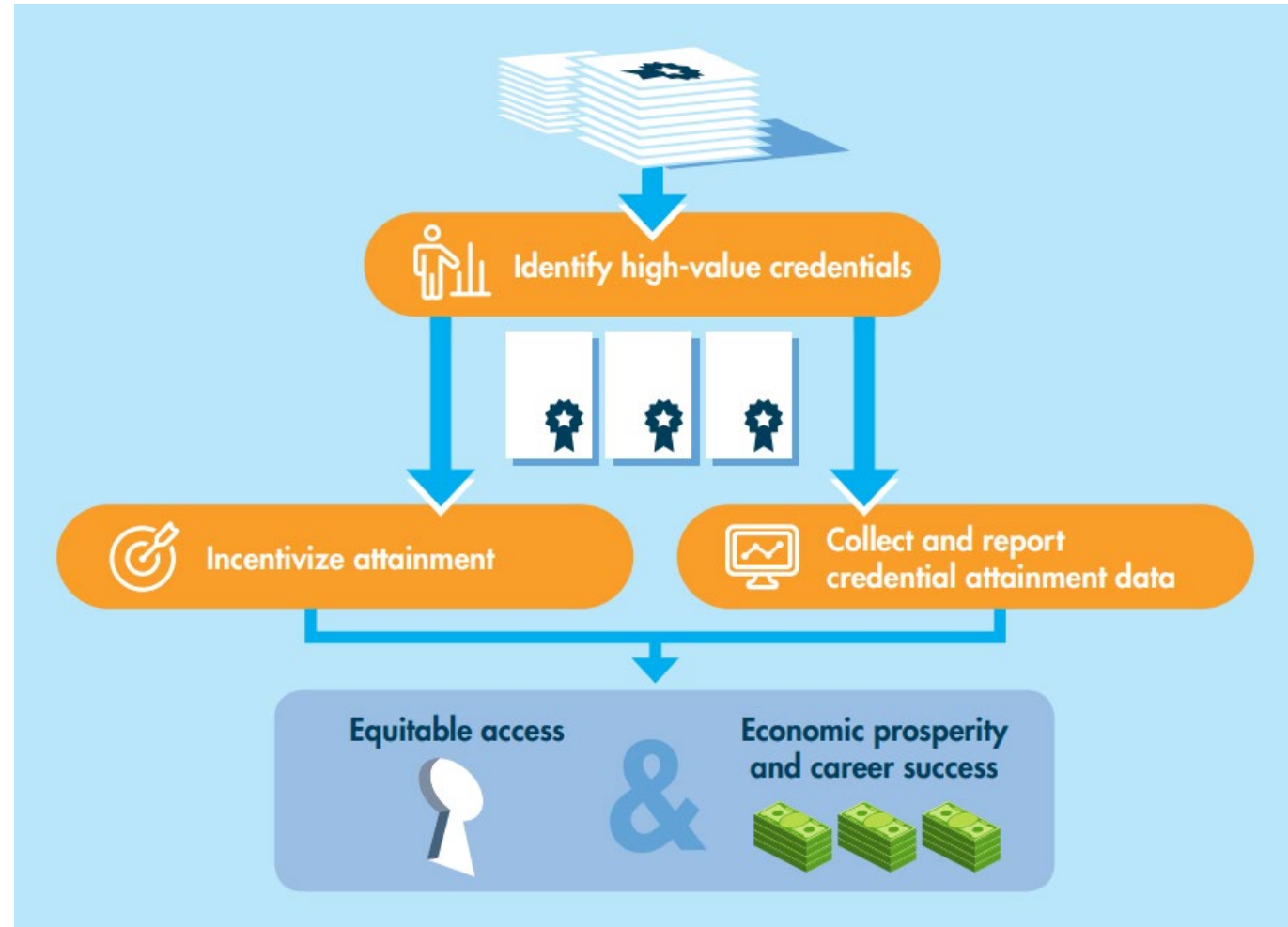


# NC WORKFORCE CREDENTIALS

Defining and Counting Non-degree Workforce Credentials for North Carolina

## Definition:

High-quality, non-degree credentials Recognized by employers that help workers obtain in-demand living wage jobs



# Credential Categories

## Foundational Credentials

Credentials Demonstrating Standard or Baseline Skillsets

Examples:  
First Aid, Soft Skills, Notary, MS Office Applications

## Essential Credentials

Credentials with Pathways Leading to Sustainable Wage Careers

Examples:  
Vet Tech, Nurse Aide I, Pharmacy Tech, Construction Labor

## Career Credentials

Credentials Supporting Sustainable Wage Careers

Examples:  
CDL, BLET, Lineworker, HVAC Technicians, Building Trades

## Advanced Credentials

Credentials Supporting Career Development

Examples:  
Marine Welding, Cisco Network Professional, Computed Tomography

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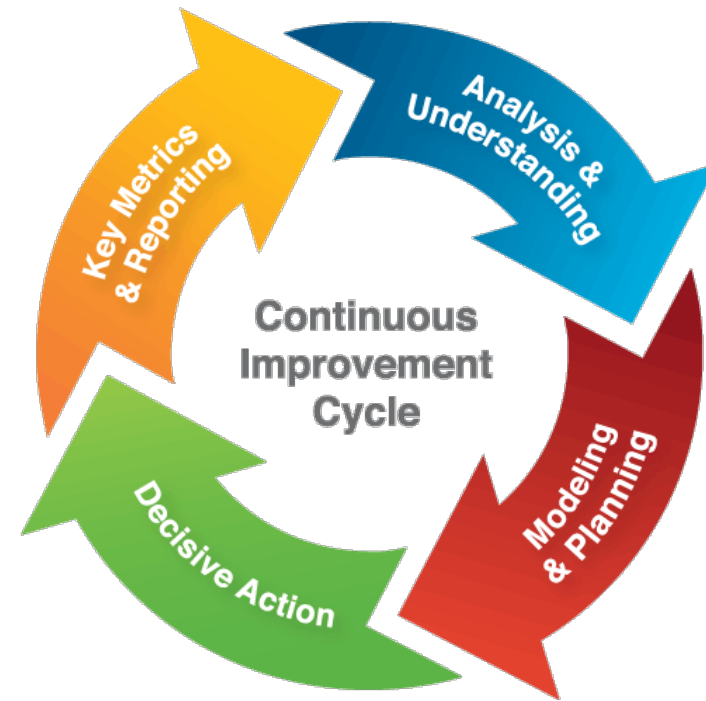
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## Next Steps

- Feedback Analysis
- Publishing List as a Resource
- Using the List
  - Short Term
  - Medium & Long-Term
- Data & Outcomes Monitoring
  - Student Completion
  - Equitable Outcomes
  - Mission Fulfillment



# Chair Tom Rabon

## Next Meeting Dates:

August 11, 2021

November 10, 2021

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