

# City of Charlotte

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center  
600 East 4th Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202



## Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 6, 2026

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room  
CH-14

### **Economic Development and Workforce** **Council Committee**

*Mayor Pro Tem James Mitchell, Chair*  
*Council Member Dante Anderson*  
*Council Member J.D. Mazuera Arias*  
*City Council Member LaWana Mayfield*  
*Council Member Victoria Watlington*

## 11:00 a.m. Economic Development and Workforce City Council Committee Meeting

*The public and the media can view the meeting on the Government Channel or on the city's YouTube Channel.*

### 1. Vendor Workforce Participation Program - 25 minutes

**Staff Resource(s):**

Danielle Frazier, Special Assistant to City Manager, Workforce Development  
Guest: Ben Hutchins, Director of Workforce Strategic Solutions, The Ben Group

**Explanation**

- Staff will introduce a vendor participation program that can strategically leverage city procurement processes to expand workforce development and create employment opportunities

**Action:** Information only

[01 Vendor Workforce Participation Program](#)

### 2. Project Selection Committee Update - 30 minutes

**Staff Resource(s):**

Monica Allen, City Manager's Office  
Andrea Leslie-Fite, City Attorney's Office

**Explanation**

- The topic is a continuation from 2025 focused on the question regarding City Council members sitting on selection committees during the interview phase. A discussion will take place amongst the committee members and staff. Staff will highlight the County's process and review previous discussions that occurred regarding the topic.

**Action:** Information only

[02 Project Selection Committee Update](#)

### 3. Workforce Development Youth Programming - 30 minutes

**Staff Resource(s):**

Rebecca Hefner, Director of Housing & Neighborhood Services

Raquisshela Stewart, Deputy Director of Housing & Neighborhood Services

**Explanation**

- On March 25, 2026, the mayor asked the Committee to consider what strategies and partnerships are needed to increase career exploration experiences and employment opportunities for Charlotte's youth, and create meaningful pathways to education and jobs. 2026 also marks the 40th anniversary of the Mayor's Youth Employment Program and a record number of youth expressing interest in participating in the program's job and career exploration experiences. Staff will introduce the referral including strategies to strengthen employer and community partnerships, scale program impact, and better connect youth employment to long-term career pathways.

**Action:** Information only

[03 Workforce Development Youth Programming](#)

### 4. Charlotte Has A Lot - 5 minutes

**Staff Resource(s):**

Sha Rana, Economic Development

**Explanation**

- This presentation will highlight key economic development events taking place in April.

**Action:** Information only

[04 Charlotte Has A Lot](#)

## Adjournment