The 2015-16 session of the North Carolina General Assembly kicks off this Wednesday, January 28th, at 12:00 p.m., after a ceremonial “organizational session” on January 14th and subsequent two-week recess. The purpose of the organization session was to elect members of each chamber to leadership positions in both the majority Republican and minority Democratic caucuses. While little changed in the Senate leadership roster (with only Democratic Whip Terry Van Duyn new to her role), the House saw significant changes, as a new Speaker was elected to replace now-U.S. Senator Thom Tillis, who served as Speaker during the past four years. As the unofficial election was held late last year there were no surprises, with Speaker-designee Tim Moore of Cleveland County unanimously confirmed to his new position. Rep. Paul Stam of Wake County was re-elected as Speaker Pro Tem, becoming the only returning member of the majority leadership team. The House Democrats elected members to some newly-created positions and retired the Minority Whip role. The full list of House and Senate majority and minority leaders is below. We look forward to working with them and all the members to advance your legislative agenda in the months ahead.

**House Speaker:** Tim Moore (Cleveland)

**House Speaker Pro Tempore:** Paul Stam (Wake)

**House Rules Chairman:** David Lewis (Harnett)

**House Majority Leader:** Mike Hager (Burke, Rutherford)

**House Deputy Majority Leader:** Marilyn Avila (Wake)

**House Conference Chair:** Charles Jeter (Mecklenburg)

**House Majority Whip:** John Bell (Craven, Green, Lenoir, Wayne)

**House Majority Freshman Leader:** John Fraley (Iredell)

**House Majority Freshman Whip:** John Bradford (Mecklenburg)

**House Democratic Leader:** Larry Hall (Durham)
House Deputy Democratic Leader: Susan Fisher (Buncombe)

House Democratic Executive Liaisons: Mickey Michaux (Durham) and Michael Wray (Halifax, Northampton)

House Democratic Conference Chairs: Grier Martin (Wake) and Garland Pierce (Hoke, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland)

House Democratic Freshman Co-Chairs: Graig Meyer (Durham, Orange) and Robert Reives (Chatham)

Senate President Pro Tempore: Phil Berger (Guilford, Rockingham)

Senate Deputy President Pro Tempore: Louis Pate (Lenoir, Pitt, Wayne)

Senate Rules Chairman: Tom Apodaca (Buncombe, Henderson)

Senate Majority Leader: Harry Brown (Jones, Onslow)

Senate Majority Whip: Jerry Tillman (Moore, Randolph)

Senate Democratic Leader: Dan Blue (Wake)

Senate Democratic Whip: Terry Van Duyn (Buncombe)

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