



North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force

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Wednesday, March 8, 2023 - 9:30AM (EST)

Meeting Minutes

I. **Welcome, Introductions, & Membership Engagement- Sarah Cope, Chair**

- New attendee introductions
 - Thomas Parrott and Todd Brown Emergency Management
- “Meet me in 3” member introduction
 - Daniel Gaines, Food Administrator, Food & Drug Protection Division, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

II. **Minutes Approval**

- January 11, 2023 meeting minutes approval
 - Motion: Lynette Johnson
 - Second: Shane Smith

III. **Outbreak Update**

- Neeti, Norovirus outbreaks in Jones, Carteret, Wake and Durham Counties

IV. **Business**

- Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee- **Sarah Cope, NCDA&CS**
 - i. Conference Planning
 - b. **Food Emergency Response and Communication (FERC)- Sean Silva, NCDA&CS**
 - i. Reckitt recalled the Enfamil Plant-Based Infant Formula for possible Cronobacter sakazkii. NC was impacted by the recall and recall effectiveness checks were conducted by our inspectors at store level. It was discovered that some Carlie C’s stores were found to still have some of the products on the shelf. The products were embargoed and inspectors are conducting checks of all Carlie C’s locations remaining on the distribution list. MDI, who distributed the products to those locations, was also updated on the situation and asked to send out another notification with disposition instructions.
 - ii. Lidl is recalling Tapas Cocktail Shrimp due to possible Listeria monocytogenes. Lidl stores in NC were impacted by recall. Once a distribution list is received, recall effectiveness checks will be conducted to ensure information about the recall was received and product was successfully removed
 - iii. Snack Innovations Inc recalled the Drizzilicious Mini Rice Cakes and Popcorn Products due to Undeclared Peanuts. This was a nationwide recall which also impacted stores in NC. Recall effectiveness checks were conducted.
 - iv. Savos Brands Intermediate, Inc. recalled Rao’s Soup Products due to undeclared eggs. Stores in North Carolina were impacted by the recall. Recall effectiveness checks were conducted.
 - v. Meat & Poultry Division
 - 1. M&P reported that Ready-To-Eat Sausage Products were recalled due to Possible Listeria Contamination. This recall only impacted Publix store locations in North Carolina.

- c. Crop/Produce- **Chris Harris, NCDA&CS**
 - i. Inspections are continuing under the Produce Safety Rule, gearing up for prime growing season in NC
- d. Conference Planning Committee 2023- **Lynette Johnston, NCSU**
 - i. Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023
 - ii. Location: NC A&T Extension and Research Farm Pavilion at 3020 McConnell Rd, Greensboro, NC 27401. Online attendance option will be available.
 - iii. Theme: The Vulnerability Of North Carolina's Food Supply
- e. Task Force Education and Exercise Committee- **Candice Christian, NCSU**
 - i. May- Conference
 - ii. July 12th, 2023 - CFP Panel; Regulatory and Academia (So far Shane Smith and Ellen Shumaker are confirmed speakers).
 - 1. *Need one more regulatory individual and academia individual.*
 - iii. September- Produce safety Task force
 - iv. November 8th, 2023 - *Need Speaker*

- Other reports:
 - Academic Reports: Chip mentioned the Dean search has identified 3 to 4 candidates for NCSU but no further information was available
 - Industry Reports: No Reports
 - Agency Reports: NCDHHS in process of re-adopting 33 rules currently.
- Additional business: None

V. Speaker

- Dr. Reagan Converse, Laboratory Director for the Food & Drug Protection Division
 - a. Topic: North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Food & Drug Protection Division

VI. Adjournment

- Motion: Shane Smith
- Second: Chip

VII. Steve Troxler Agricultural Sciences Center Tour

- At 11:00AM sharp, the first 25 NCFSDTF members to register will attend the in-person tour of the Steve Troxler Agricultural Sciences Center. Anyone who wishes to attend the tour must register and it is only open to the first 25 folks.

VIII. Attendance

Name:	Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023
Alexandria Rimmer	
Alexis Welch	
Alice Isley	
Allison Sain	
Alyssa Barkley	
Amanda Osteen	
Amber LaRose	
Andre C. Pierce	
Anna Allen	
Anne Lowry	
Ashley Miles	

Ben Bailey	
Ben Chapman	
Beth Frith	
Betsy Meeks	
Cameron Howell	
Candice Christian, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	x
Carla Catalán Day	
Carla Pressley	
Carolyn Griffin	
Christopher Harris	
Chuck Martin	
Courtney Matthews	
Dan Tew	
Daniel Gaines	x
Danny Thornton	
David Buckley, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	
Debbie Hamrick	
Diane Ducharme	
Donna Wanucha	x
Ellen Reynolds	
Felissa Vazquez	
Garry Freeman	
Genevieve Sinclair	
Gordon (Ross) Jackson	
Hannah Byers	
Harold Jernigan	
Hillary Waldroop	
Holly Haire	
James Ball	x
James Thomas Jumalon	
Jamie Stamey	
Jason Smith	
Jaymin Patel	
Jeff Hawley	
Jeff Suggs	
Jeff Uriate	
Jennifer Hatley	
Jessica Badour	
Jessica Zetlau	
Jimo Ibrahim	
Joan Sims	
JoAnn Pittman	
Joe Doster	
John Zeberan	
Julie Schlegel	
Jonathan Ruiz Espejo	
Karen Beck, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	x
Kate Nicholas	
Katelynn Rollins	
Kevin Hardison	
K.P. Sandeep	
Kristine Markulin	
Larry Michael, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	
Lee-Ann Jaykus	
Lindsey Kueffner	x

Lisa Benton	
Lisa Halbedl	
Lisa McCoy	
Lisa Morgan	
Lori Jenrette	
Lucy Love	
Lynette Johnston, Executive Committee, Past Chair	x
Mark A Kenion	
Marvin Lackman	
Mary Yavelak	
Matthew Perkins	
Meg McGuire	
Michele Howard	x
Michelle Bouchey	
Minoo Mehrotra	x
Miranda Roehrig	
Monica T. Kiker	
Neeti Karmacharya	
Nicole Arnold	
Nicole Clausen	
Nicole Lee, Executive Committee, Past Chair	
Nykesse Roberts	
Otto "Chip" D. Simmons, III, Executive Committee, Member	x
Paul Potter	
Peter Sloane	
Rachel McDowell	
Reagan Converse	
Rick Barney	
Roger Mozingo	
Rose Hoban	
Sandra Bridges	
Sandra Saunders	
Sarah Cope, Executive Committee, Chair	x
Stan Biconish	
Sean Silva, Executive Committee, Member	x
Shane Smith, Executive Committee, Chair Elect	x
Steve Tracey, Executive Committee, Member	
Summer Williams	
Susan M. Thompson	
Tammra Morrison	
Terri Ritter	
Thomas Jumalon	
Todd Taylor	
Tommy Hyatt	
Traci Stevens	
Valerie Lott	x
Veronica Bryant, Executive Committee, Past Chair	x
Warren Richardson	
Wilbur Huggins	

Other Attendees:

NOTE: Our next full Task Force meeting is July 12th at 9:30am. Our regular meetings are scheduled for every 2nd Wednesday of the next odd-numbered month. If you have any questions, or would like to join the Executive Committee, please reach out to Sarah Cope, Shane Smith, or Lynette Johnston. The Executive Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every even-numbered month. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for April 12th at 9:30am.