



# North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force

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## Wednesday November 10, 2021 - 9:30AM (EST) Zoom Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Introductions, & Membership Engagement** – Lynette Johnston
  - A. New attendee introductions
    - a. All seasoned members on the call
  - B. Meet Me in 3: Hillary Waldroop, Publix
    - a. Responsible for stores in NC, SC, GA, VA
    - b. Being part of the Task Force helps keep up with information and knowledge regarding food safety
  - C. Speed Networking Topic: *What topic or speaker would you like to see at the 2021 annual conference?*
    - a. Conference survey responses were collected at:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaPPXIYXatDMphbGdIAjxtcxECnBz-fRzTbFqgtPSkC-WiLA/viewform>
    - b. Some topics discussed:
      - i. What is the regulatory landscape looking like?
      - ii. How is the pandemic affecting food distribution and food distribution?
      - iii. Traceability software – not only from company standpoint but also from regulatory standpoint
    - c. Noted that there may need to be more time allotted during future speed networking topics
- II. **Minutes Approval and Outbreak Update:**
  - A. September Meeting Minutes
    - a. Motion to approve: Thomas Jumalon
    - b. Second: Shane Smith
      - i. Changes: Jeff Hawley is with Harris Teeter, not Food Lion
  - B. Foodborne Illness Outbreak Update – DPH/NCDHHS
    - a. Neeti Karmacharya: Multistate outbreak of *Salmonella* from onions
      - i. Currently 875 cases in 38 states
      - ii. NC has 28 cases
- III. **Business:**
  - A. Committee reports:
    - Executive Committee – **Lynette Johnston**
      - i. The Executive Committee meets every month (the even numbered months) and we welcome anyone who would like to join and participate on the committee.
      - ii. Discussion of committees at next executive committee meeting.
      - iii. Planning for the 2022 annual conference
    - FERC – Food Emergency Response and Communication (FERC) sub-committee– **Sean Silva, NC Dept. of Ag (NCDA&CS)**
      - i. Meet every Monday via phone conference
        1. For any new attendees interested in joining the FERC Meetings on Mondays @ 10am, please email [sean.silva@ncagr.gov](mailto:sean.silva@ncagr.gov)
      - ii. Most recent recalls, issues, other situations that have impacted NC:
        1. Prosource; onions – possible *Salmonella*, affected mainly restaurants, possible retailers
        2. Keeler Family Farms; red, white and yellow onions – possible *Salmonella*; have not heard from company; most likely sent to restaurants
        3. Maple Island Inc; rice baby cereal – tested above level for naturally occurring arsenic; only at Walmart stores; sent to check shelves to remove product, some remained on shelves but Walmart puts block on UPC so product not purchasable

4. System pressure advisory in Lenoir and Caldwell county, did not impact restaurants; cancelled Cct 11
  5. Public health has adopted 2017 FDA Food Code
- Crop/Produce – **Chris Harris, NCDA&CS**
    - i. Chris Harris not present at meeting
    - ii. Lynette: Fresh Produce Safety Task Force Annual Conference is Dec 14  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2HHZFFP>
  - Dairy Committee/ Egg & Poultry Committee – **Daniel Gaines, NCDA&CS**
    - i. Aflatoxin in farms, taken care of
    - ii. Nothing on egg and poultry side
  - Conference Planning Committee - **Veronica Bryant/Lynette Johnston/Sarah Cope**
    - i. 100% virtual because of travel restrictions
    - ii. Getting quotes on platforms, learning from 2021 conference
  - Task Force Education and Exercise Committee – **Candice Christian, NC State University**
    - i. January speaker - discuss flooding that occurred in Western NC (confirmed)
    - ii. Looking for speakers for March and July 2022
    - iii. Idea from executive committee meeting- speaker from FBI/Homeland Security
      1. If you are interested or know someone, reach out to Candice
        - a. Please reach out if you would like to speak in a future meeting – [cadescha@ncsu.edu](mailto:cadescha@ncsu.edu)
- B. COVID Updates from All Stakeholders
- a. None
- C. Other reports:
- Academic Reports
    - i. None
  - Industry Reports
    - i. Chuck Martin, RBS and Food Lion: Has Task Force established to understand requirements and compliance; With ETS, becoming all-consuming again, but vaccination is the way out of it
    - ii. Hillary, Publix: Working towards complying with any mandates
  - Agency Reports
    - i. Shane Smith, DHHS: 2017 Food Code roll-out effective October 1<sup>st</sup>; Index should be finalized this week; Task Force sponsored meetings were very helpful; EHP questions are frequent; FAQs will be kept updated and live on website; not much feedback – positive or negative
- D. Additional business
- a. None
- IV. **Speaker – Chuck Martin, Director of Quality Assurance, Retail Business Services**
- a. Topic: Navigating the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Retailer’s Perspective
- V. **Adjournment: 11:06 AM**
- a. Motion to adjourn: Chuck Martin
  - b. Second: Shane Smith

**NOTE:** Our next full Task Force meeting is scheduled for January 12 at 9:30am (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the next odd-numbered month). If you have any questions, or would like to join the Executive Committee, please reach out to Veronica Bryant, Lynette Johnston or Sarah Cope. The Executive Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every even-numbered month.

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## I. Attendance – 40 people present

Name:	Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Alexandria Rimmer	
Alexis Welch	X
Alice Isley	
Allison Sain	
Alyssa Barkley	
Amber LaRose	X
Andre C. Pierce	
Anna Allen	
Anne Lowry	
Ashley Miles	
Ben Chapman	
Beth Frith	
Betsy Meeks	X
Cameron Howell	
Candice Christian, Executive Committee, Member	X
Carla Catalán Day	
Carla Pressley	X
Christopher Harris	
Chuck Martin	X
Courtney Matthews	
Dan Tew	X
Daniel Gaines	X
Danny Thornton	
David Buckley, Executive Committee, Member	
Debbie Hamrick	
Diane Ducharme	
Donna Wanucha	
Ellen Reynolds	
Garry Freeman	
Genevieve Sinclair	
Gordon (Ross) Jackson	
Hannah Byers	
Harold Jernigan	
Hillary Waldroop	X
Holly Haire	
James Ball	
James Thomas Jumalon	
Jamie Stamey	
Jaymin Patel	
Jeff Hawley	
Jeff Suggs	
Jennifer Hatley	X
Jessica Badour	
Jessica Zetlau	

Joan Sims	X
JoAnn Pittman	X
Joe Doster	X
John Zeberan	X
Julie Schlegel	
Karen Beck, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	
Kevin Hardison	X
Kristine Markulin	X
Larry Michael, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	
Lee-Ann Jaykus	
Lindsey Kueffner	
Lisa Benton	X
Lisa Halbedl	
Lisa McCoy	
Lisa Morgan	X
Lynette Johnston, <i>Executive Committee, Chair</i>	
Mark A Kenion	
Marvin Lackman	
Mary Yavelak	X
Matthew Perkins	
Meg McGuire	
Michele Howard	
Michelle Bouchey	X
Miranda Roehrig	
Monica T. Kiker	X
Neeti Karmacharya	X
Nicole Clausen	
Nicole Lee, <i>Executive Committee, Past Chair</i>	
Nykesse Roberts	
Otto "Chip" D. Simmons, III, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	
Peter Sloane	X
Rachel McDowell	
Reagan Converse	
Rick Barney	
Roger Mozingo	
Rose Hoban	
Sandra Bridges	
Sandra Saunders	
Sarah Cope, <i>Executive Committee, Chair Elect</i>	
Sean Silva, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	X
Shane Smith, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	X
Steve Tracey, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	
Susan M. Thompson	
Tammra Morrison	X
Terri Ritter	
Todd Taylor	X
Tommy Hyatt	X
Traci Stevens	X
Valerie Lott	
Veronica Bryant, <i>Executive Committee, Past Chair</i>	X
Warren Richardson	

Other: Currey Nobles, Thomas Jumalon, Barbara Davis, N. Patterson, Chad Gambill, Felissa Vasquez, Jessica Silver, Jon Morgan, Jonathan, Leslie Easter, Margareta Slagle, Shakera Robbins