



ABC &-NEWS

A weekly newsletter on North Carolina policy and political news relevant to the North Carolina's ABC Boards

NCAABCB Committee Members Wanted



NCAABCB is recruiting for committee members for 2021-2022.

Please see the list of committees below and email President [Nancy Gooch](#) if you are interested in serving.

NCAABC Committees:

- ABC 101
- Education & Public Relations
- Efficiency
- Ethics, Grievance, By-Laws, and Contracts
- Finance Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Membership Committee
- Program & Arrangements

"This is a great opportunity to support the profession with your time and talents," wrote Gooch in an email to members sent on Tuesday morning.

The committees are the foundation of the work for the NCAABCB Board of Directors.

Omnibus ABC Bill Advances to Senate Floor

House Bill 890 (ABC Omnibus Legislation) was given approval by a voice vote in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Insurance on Wednesday. The committee vote came one day after a hearing of the bill that included testimony offered by NCAABCB lobbyist Jon Carr.

The bill was presented by [House ABC Chairman Tim Moffitt \(R-Henderson\)](#), who sponsored the bill in the House, but he acknowledged before his presentation on Tuesday that the bill has morphed so much that it just as much reflects the priorities of [Sen. Todd Johnson \(R-Union\)](#), who included a provision that allows online ordering, and would include online payment.

These orders must be picked up in person at the ABC store by the individual who placed the order, and requires an ABC employee to confirm that the individual picking up the order is the same person that placed the order, as well as check the individual's identification.

The hefty 28-page, 33-part bill changes a variety of ABC statutes. NCAABCB lobbyists were contacted this week by the bill sponsor, Rep. Moffitt about a change proposed by NCAABCB, which would allow mini liquor bottles to be given away instead of selling the miniature bottles at events. This change was agreed to by all stakeholders.

NCAABCB is still concerned about part 30 of the bill, which requires local boards to offer delivery service to mixed beverage permittees. In providing delivery to mixed beverage permittees, the local board could either use its employees or contract with one or more independent contractors. The local board would also be authorized to charge a fee to the permittee.

After an amendment passed on Wednesday, a local board in a Tier 1 or Tier 2 county could request an exemption from the ABC Commission, which the Commission must grant if the local board can show evidence of unreasonable hardship or difficulty incurred by implementing delivery service.

"NCAABCB lobbyists are working with Senators to expand the hardship exemption to all ABC boards," said NCAABCB President Nancy Gooch. "While we understand the good intentions of the Senate in part 30, we are concerned about the unintended consequences this bill will have on our ABC system and the customers we serve."

HB890 was given approval by the Senate Rules Committee on Wednesday to be forwarded to the Senate floor next week for a vote.

If successful in the Senate, the bill will need to go to the House for a concurrence vote before advancing to Governor Roy Cooper's desk.