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Boham Appointed to NC Commission on Workforce Development

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute President Ken Boham was recently appointed by Governor Bev Perdue to serve as a member of the North Carolina Commission on Workforce Development. His term begins immediately through January 2013.

The Commission's main function is to establish and guide a world-class workforce development system for the state that will be comprehensive, integrated, relevant and effective. A total of 38 members include the Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Revenue, four members of the Senate, four from the House of Representatives, the North Carolina Community College System President, the University System President and other appointed officials.

"Being able to bring an application perspective to the Commission will be important for this area and the economy," said Boham. "The concept of having an entry-level portal in workforce development and preparation activities through the Caldwell County JobLink Career Center will allow first-hand insight into what works."

The Commission's challenge is to coordinate and develop strategies for cooperation among the academic, governmental and business sectors, as well as to assess the effectiveness of workforce training and employment in the state. The organization meets quarterly in Raleigh with ongoing committee work.

Boham hopes to be part of the Operations and Programs, which he says will put focus in the arena where it fits with our constituency and mission. "Community colleges are already a large part of workforce development," added Boham. "I hope to make a difference and look forward to working with the Commission and the cross-representation it will provide across the state."

Boham has served as the president of CCC&TI since 1995. He is also active as a vice president of the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce, with the board of directors for Smart Start of Caldwell County and as a member of the NC Community College Presidents Association. Boham holds his doctorate in Adult Education from NC State

University and an undergraduate degree in history and political science from East Carolina University.

Prior to joining the college, Boham served as Vice President for Continuing Education at Wake Technical Community College and as interim President for Mayland Community College. He was named NC Community College System President of the Year in 2003 and was the recipient of the Caldwell Chamber Visionary Leadership Award in 2006. Originally from Northampton County, Boham and his wife Betty are long-term residents of Lenoir and have two children, Stephen and Chelsea. Both are members of the First United Methodist Church in Lenoir.