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With no budget in sight, SEANC members head to the Capitol for Lobby Day

The General Assembly returned to Raleigh this week for the first full week of the Short Session, and legislators made no announcement of a budget. For state employees and

retirees still waiting on raises and cost-of-living adjustments that did not come last year, the clock is ticking.

House Bill 1054 was filed this week, including pay raises for teachers and state employees, as well as a cost-of-living adjustment for retirees. While the bill signals that some legislators recognize the urgency, standalone bills like this rarely pass on their own. Pay raises and COLAs will ultimately be decided in a full budget negotiation — and that work has not yet begun.



The vacancy crisis facing correctional staff got statewide attention this week when [WSOC in Charlotte profiled the staffing challenges at facilities across North Carolina](#). SEANC District 11 member Kim Martin, who works at Piedmont Correctional Institution, and SEANC Executive Director Ardis Watkins both spoke with the station about what understaffing looks like on the ground.

"This is not one of those jobs where, if no one shows up, you can just close the doors," Martin said. "You've got to have people there."

This week on The SEANC View Podcast, we sit down with Secretary of State Elaine Marshall to discuss her agency's staffing shortages amid a surge in new business formations. We also discuss the need for better funding across state government, and her long career in public service.

[Click here to listen to the podcast](#)

On Wednesday, May 6, SEANC members will gather at the State Capitol to deliver a direct message to their legislators: state employees and retirees deserve a budget with raises and benefits that keep pace with the cost of living.

Whether you are joining us or following from home, [our Lobby Day website](#) has everything you need. Attendees can find room numbers and phone numbers for any legislator in the building, review talking points, and get parking and schedule information — all in one place.

Can't make it in person? You can still take action. Send a message directly to your legislators by clicking the button below, urging them to pass a budget that includes real raises, cost-of-living adjustments, and State Health Plan protections. It takes about 60 seconds.

Follow live updates throughout the day at [@seanc](#) on X and use [#SEANCLobbyDay](#) on anything you post. We hope to see you on Wednesday.

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6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

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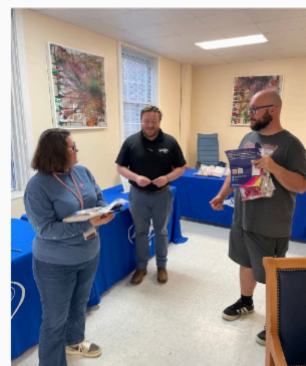
MEMBERSHIP



It's **ANNUAL MEETING** Time

Find your district's meeting information here!

Find your annual meeting



We're ready to visit your worksite!

SEANC made several stops in western North Carolina this week, from Broughton Hospital to the Buncombe County Department of Environmental Quality and Public Safety, sharing information with members about upcoming SEANC events and how they can get involved, and recruiting new members.

Other agencies that SEANC visited this week include:

- Black Mountain Neuro-Medical Treatment Center
- Black Mountain Substance and Abuse Treatment Center
- Division of Employment and Independence for People with Disabilities
- Western Correctional Center for Women
- JFK Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center

And many more!

SEANC is ready to present our many benefits and recruit new members at your worksite! Click [here](#) to let us know if you'd like us to visit. We'll take care of the rest!

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SEANC office temporarily closed for repairs

Due to an unexpected plumbing issue, the SEANC Central Office in Raleigh is closed to the public while extensive repairs are completed.

We remain committed to our mission of protecting and enhancing the rights and benefits of state employees and retirees.

The SEANC staff is working regular business hours and is here to help you with any needs you may have. Please get in touch with us by phone, email, or through our website for assistance.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Upcoming Retiree Forums

DISTRICT
37, 38, 39, 40,
41, 42, 43 & 44
MAY 12
11:30 AM

VICTORY TABERNACLE CHURCH

1329 US Hwy 70 W
Garner, NC 27529
Lunch Served

DISTRICT
64 & 65
MAY 30
10 AM

PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE - DAVENPORT MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 138

1986 Pitt Tech Rd,
Winterville, NC 28590
Light Refreshments

DISTRICT 24
JUNE 11
11:30 AM

ADELIO'S RESTAURANT

111 West 3rd Street
Lumberton, NC 28358
Lunch Served



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