

North Carolina Legislators Choose Leadership

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This week, legislators in both chambers of the General Assembly chose their leadership for the upcoming 2023 session.

Senate Republican voted for these leaders:

- Sen. Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) to a seventh term as President Pro Tem
- Sen. Paul Newton (R-Cabarrus) as Majority Leader succeeding Sen. Kathy Harrington (R-Gaston), who did not run for reelection. Newton is a retired Duke Energy executive and was first elected to the Senate in 2016.
- Sen. Ralph Hise (R-Mitchell) as Deputy President Pro Tem
- Sen. Tom McInnis (R-Moore) and Sen. Jim Perry (R-Lenoir) as Majority Whips
- Sen. Carl Ford (R-Rowan) as Caucus Liaison

In a separate meeting, Senate Democrats reelected Sen. Dan Blue (D-Wake) as Minority Leader and Sen. Jay Chaudhuri (D-Wake) as Minority Whip.

House Republicans earlier this month supported Rep. Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) for a fifth two-year term as House Speaker. If elected by the full House in January, Moore will hold the record for longevity in that post. House Democrats will meet on December 5 to choose their leaders. Current House Minority Leader Rep. Robert Reives (D-Chatham) has said he will seek another term.

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