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Mark Poole has been with the NC Department of Commerce for 18 years and currently serves as the Director of the Commerce Finance Center. While in this role, Mr. Poole manages a variety of the department's grant programs and discretionary incentives, including the Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG), The One NC Fund, the Major Events, Games, and Attractions Fund, the Film Grant Program, the Industrial Development Fund and other programs that support activities through the motorsports and esports industries. Prior to his work at Commerce, Mr, Poole spent 15 years in Washington, DC and three years in Chicago, working in a variety of capacities that spanned venture capital, international non-profits, corporate communications and the federal government.

Mr. Poole is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, and the Kenan-Flagler School of Business with a Master's degree in Business Administration. A native of North Carolina, Mark moved back to the state in 2007 and currently lives in Raleigh where he and his wife, Ashley, are the proud parents of two children..