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In 2015, Christopher Chung joined the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) as Chief Executive Officer and brings more than 25 years of state-level economic development experience to the role.

As a public-private partnership, the EDPNC is responsible for a number of economic development functions on behalf of the State of North Carolina, including new business recruitment, existing business support, international trade and export assistance, small business start-up counseling, and tourism, sports, and film promotion. With a staff of 70 professionals and an annual operating budget of more



than \$25 million, the EDPNC is focused on improving the economic well-being and quality of life for North Carolina's more than 10 million residents.

Since 2015, the EDPNC has helped North Carolina win more than 1,130 corporate expansion projects, resulting in nearly 170,000 announced new jobs and \$55 billion in announced new investment statewide.

Chris previously held various executive and management responsibilities at the Missouri Partnership (2007-2014) and the Ohio Department of Development, now known as JobsOhio (1997-2007). Chris attended The Ohio State University (OSU), graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a double-major in Japanese and economics. He also completed significant coursework towards a master's in public policy and management.

In 2022, Chris was appointed by United States Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo to serve on two different advisory councils: the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the United States Investment Advisory Council, which advises the Secretary on matters regarding foreign direct investment.

Chris resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, with his wife Emily and daughters Elizabeth and Caroline.