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Henry McKoy is a seasoned professional in business, community and economic development, policy, government, finance, philanthropy and the academic worlds. He is a faculty member and Director of Entrepreneurship at NC Central University in the School of Business. He is also on the faculty of the Kenan-Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he is Professor of Practice in Strategy and Entrepreneurship. In addition, he teaches in Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy and is part of the faculty of Duke's Executive Leadership Institute where he teaches on Public-Private Partnerships. Henry has been a Fellow of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at UNC-Chapel Hill, as well as an Aspen Institute Scholar.



He served from 2010-2012 in the North Carolina Department of Commerce where he was appointed by the Governor as Assistant Secretary of Commerce. At Commerce he was the top Community Development official and representative in NC government. His Division oversaw more than one billion dollars in community and economic development investments across hundreds of projects throughout NC in areas of Infrastructure, Housing, and Business. He has worked extensively with federal, state, and local government agencies and officials including Mayors, City Council and County Commissioner members, City and County staff, state representatives and agencies, Congressional offices, and the White House. He has been an innovative policy maker conceiving of, crafting, designing, and implementing economic policy at all levels of government.

Before entering state government, Henry was a successful, well-respected, and award-winning business and banking leader with more than 15 years of retail and commercial banking experience, community financial development, charitable and community service, at the local, regional, and national levels. He spent more than a decade as an executive with Central Carolina Bank, National Commerce Financial and Suntrust Bank, being promoted and receiving progressively more responsibility while growing and leading several multibillion-dollar divisions.

Since leaving banking in the mid-2000s, Henry has served as founder and Chief Executive of a national consulting and financial advisory firm, working with businesses, universities and organizations in preparing for and identifying capital sources, as well as on operational growth strategy. He is considered a national thought leader in those areas and their connections to community and economic development. He has worked both nationally and internationally in these areas, and his research has formed the basis for several national initiatives. Henry has been involved with nearly 200 non-profits since 1993, serving on boards and volunteering at the local, statewide, national, and international level.

Dr. McKoy has a BSBA from Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Master's degree in policy and leadership from the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, and a PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Department of City and Regional Planning program with a concentration in entrepreneurship and economic development.