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Caroline Sullivan has more than 30 years of experience in government, nonprofit management, and workforce development. She serves as Executive Director of the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE), the education and workforce nonprofit in the Office of the Governor. NCBCE builds bridges between education and employers so students gain the skills employers need, and employers gain the talent to grow.



Under Sullivan's leadership, NCBCE has become one of the state's most effective builders of apprenticeship programs, known for launching initiatives quickly and to a high standard. NCBCE's youth apprenticeship programs have directly supported 700 high school students, with 900 more over the next two years, in fields spanning advanced manufacturing, energy, skilled trades, agribusiness, nursing and allied health, behavioral health, hospitality, and education. NCBCE also provides technical assistance to communities building their own programs. Sullivan speaks to statewide and national audiences on business engagement in work-based learning and best practices for building youth apprenticeship programs.

Previously, Sullivan served as a Wake County Commissioner and as a member of the National Board for Education Sciences. Her honors include the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for outstanding service to North Carolina. A UNC Chapel Hill graduate, she is married with two children, both graduates of Wake County Public Schools.