

Cooper Names Transition Team Leaders

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Attorney General Roy Cooper on Monday named the leaders of his transition team although the governor's race has yet to be certified. Cooper leads Governor Pat McCrory by 6,519 votes in the unofficial count. Under North Carolina law, a candidate for statewide office can call for a recount if the margin is less than 10,000 votes.

The final counts have been delayed by numerous issues including protests filed by Republicans; voters who registered at Division of Motor Vehicles offices but whose names did not appear on voters rolls as well as problems with absentee and provisional ballots.

Anticipating victory, Cooper has selected Kristi Jones of Raleigh, Jim W. Phillips Jr . of Greensboro and Ken Eudy to leadership positions of his transition team.

Jones works for Cooper as chief of staff in the Attorney General's Office. The Wilson native graduated from N.C. Central University and earned a law degree at UNC-Chapel Hill. Phillips, an attorney, represented Cooper in a long-running defamation lawsuit stemming from a campaign for attorney general. Eudy is a former executive director of the N.C. Democratic Party and a former newspaper and TV reporter.