

{audio}files/preroll.mp3;files/Shows/2015/People In Politics/PNP 2015 FEBRUARY 14 FINAL SHOW 4650.mp3{/audio} He's out. In a stunning development, one of the most well-known advocates seen regularly in the halls of the General Assembly has resigned his position. Dana Cope, head of the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC), stepped before the media microphones this week for a 1-minute resignation speech in the wake of a Raleigh News & Observer report that raised serious questions about spending of SEANC money on what appeared to be Cope's personal expenses. You'll hear Cope's emotional statement. Then host Donna Martinez gets analysis from Carolina Journal Managing Editor Rick Henderson. They also discuss the election of the state Democratic Party's new chairwoman, Patsy Keever, and N.C. House Speaker Tim Moore's meeting with Moral Monday protesters. Then Martinez gets the latest polling data surrounding the 2016 election cycle from Tom Jensen of the Democratic polling firm of Public Policy Polling. They discuss new data showing that in a hypothetical matchup for governor, incumbent Pat McCrory would beat Democratic Attorney General Roy Cooper by five points. Jensen also provides survey results for Sen. Richard Burr, who will be up for re-election in 2016, and President Barack Obama, who continues to be very unpopular in North Carolina.