

{audio}files/preroll.mp3;files/Shows/2013/People In Politics 2013/PNP 2013 March 16 FINAL SHOW 4650.mp3{/audio} Winds of change are in the air for the North Carolina Republican Party. Chairman Robin Hayes announced he will not seek re-election and already, a contender for the job has emerged. Host Donna Martinez talks with former Wake County Republican Chairman Claude Pope, who has thrown his hat into the ring for the job. Republicans will select a chairman in early June. Then we turn to the ongoing debate over legislative Republicans' plan to introduce and pass a law requiring some form of identification to vote in North Carolina. We bring you the debate from a raucous public hearing. Next is a look at news that Sen. Kay Hagan has hired a campaign manager for her 2014 re-election bid. Rick Martinez of SGRToday.com, NCN News, and NewsRadio 680 WPTF in Raleigh joins Donna Martinez to analyze how the Senate race is shaping up. Democratic Hagan's seat is considered a prime pickup opportunity for Republicans. That's followed by a discussion with Dana Cope about his recent trip to the White House. Cope, the executive director of the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) rubbed shoulders with Vice President Joe Biden during a meeting with labor leaders. Cope also assesses for Martinez the two-month tenure of legislative leaders and Gov. Pat McCrory, and talks about his success as a lobbyist no matter which political party is in charge, and legislative issues such as pay raises for state employees. Then Martinez talks about a new job for former Forsyth County legislator Dale Folwell, who has been tapped as an Assistance Secretary at the Department of Commerce, and a legal settlement that requires a conservative activist to pay six figures to a member of the Democrat-aligned organizing group ACORN.