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**NC Sustainable Energy Association Announces New
Members to Board of Directors**

*The Board is joined by clean energy experts with years of experience in
non-profit and corporate leadership*

RALEIGH, N.C. – Today, the NC Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA) announced the newest additions to its Board of Directors marking the next generation of leadership in the now 45-year-old clean energy policy advocacy organization. This year, the Board will be joined by Graham Lewis (Schneider Electric), Greg Lennon, and Mazine Lowe (Center for Energy Education). These individuals join with decades of experience leading clean energy non-profits and corporations, and will bring that foresight and expertise to the table to guide NCSEA into the next era of the clean energy transition in North Carolina. Additionally, the Board of Directors will be led by a new chairperson, Riza Jenkins of PurEnergy, who was appointed to the role beginning January 1, 2024.

“It’s truly an honor to welcome each of these individuals to NCSEA’s Board of Directors. Our Board is critical to the organization’s connectedness to the clean energy ecosystem, ensuring that the policy solutions we advocate for daily have the largest impact possible in our pursuit of decarbonizing the state’s economy,” shared Matt Abele, Executive Director of NCSEA. “Their vision and leadership will be critical in this next phase of the clean energy transition as our organization cultivates innovative solutions to solve some of the toughest challenges on the path to decarbonization.”

Riza Jenkins (PurEnergy, Chapel Hill, NC) - Riza Jenkins is currently the Vice President for Solar Asset Management at PurEnergy. Previously, Riza was a Senior Consultant with ICF and the Vice President of Asset Management for Summit Ridge Energy (SRE), managing its growing community solar portfolio. Riza also managed Strata Solar’s Asset Management department overseeing its 900 MW portfolio of solar projects.

In addition to her now role as Board Chair for NCSEA, Riza is the former chair for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion board committee and Secretary. Riza volunteers in the community serving with various school and church organizations. Riza is a board member for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) Board of Education and The ArtsCenter. Riza is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University and has her JD-MBA from Howard University. Riza lives in Chapel Hill with her three children.

Graham Lewis (Schneider Electric, Morrisville, NC) - Graham

Lewis has over 7 years of experience in the North Carolina energy efficiency and clean energy marketplace through his role as Program Manager at Schneider Electric. Graham leads a team that designs, builds, and monitors energy efficiency and renewable projects with public sector customers throughout the state. In addition to his role at Schneider Electric, he also serves as Private Chair of the NC Chapter of the Energy Services Coalition, Track Manager of the Government & Institutional Buildings Track at the North Carolina State Energy Conference, and as an Advisory Board Member of the NC Public School Forum.

Greg Lennon (Raleigh, NC) - Greg Lennon is the Vice President, Head Global Offshore Wind Business for the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS). He has more than 25 years energy industry experience with Fortune 500 and global energy companies notably as a Strategic Planner, Developer, Start Up, Investor and Government lead. He has covered offshore wind (OSW), hydrogen, battery, EV charging, carbon capture and solar industries and investments.

He was most recently with Mitsui and Co., where he created new business for their Energy and Infrastructure Division. Prior to Mitsui, he oversaw offshore wind development activities with the Power Authority of New York and NRG Energy (held the first Offshore Wind power purchase agreement in the U.S.). While at NRG Energy he helped start and create NRG Solar, EvGo (EV charging) and Petra Nova (largest global Carbon Capture project). And held other energy lead development and operations roles with Ocean Power Technologies (first FERC licensed offshore energy device), Engie (former International Power) and Avista Corp. He has worked in various global energy markets, creating global strategic partnerships for renewable generation sources and clean infrastructure. He holds a BA degree from Saint Anselm College as well as an MA and MBA from Boston College.

Mozine Lowe (Center for Energy Education, Roanoke Rapids, NC) - Mozine Lowe was appointed Executive Director of C4EE in 2017. Lowe currently services on several boards, including past vice chairman of the Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce, Halifax Community College Foundation board member and Conservation Trust of North Carolina board member. Because of her extensive corporate experience with telecommunications companies (AT&T and Lucent Technologies) in the areas of organizational change, team-based learning systems, team building, leadership development and work redesign, she sees how to adjust and restructure programs to fit the needs of underserved communities. Lowe has a bachelor's degree in sociology/social work from North Carolina A&T State University. She has also completed AT&T's two-year organization effectiveness program and is a certified Myers-Briggs Type Indicator trainer. She is active in her community and in several education and community organizations, including the Lake Gaston Association and Vidant Health's Partners in Faith. Lowe and her husband Walter have two children, Monique and Walter III.

In addition to the new leaders joining the Board of Directors, NCSEA would like to acknowledge and thank Chase Counts, Ben Prochazka, Julio Rovi, Sara Telano, and Rubenka Bandyopadhyay for their years of service to the organization as recent Board members.

For additional details about each of the board each of the Board members above and on the rest of the Board of Directors, visit: <https://energync.org/board/>

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About North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association

NC Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA) is the leading 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that drives public policy and market development for clean energy. Our work enables clean energy jobs, economic opportunities, and affordable energy options for North Carolinians. Learn more about NCSEA, our mission, and vision at www.energync.org.