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Kristin Walker is the State Budget Director of North Carolina and leads the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM). In this role she provides management oversight for statewide budget issues, demographic and economic analysis, preparation of budget recommendations, agency strategic planning, internal audit, and encouraging evidence-based policymaking.

She also serves on the state's Committee on Actuarial Valuation of Retired Employees' Health Benefits, Council of Internal Auditing, Economic Investment Committee, NC Federal Tax Reform Allocation Committee, Governor's Advisory Committee on Performance Management, and as secretary to the Council of State. She is an ex officio member of the Debt Affordability Advisory Committee and the State Health Plan Board. Kristin also serves on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Budget Officers.

Prior to her 2022 appointment as State Budget Director by Governor Roy Cooper, Kristin served as Chief Deputy Budget Director for OSBM. She joined the agency in 2017. Before joining the state budget office, Kristin was a Fiscal Analyst for the North Carolina General Assembly for more than 10 years. Before joining the state of North Carolina, she worked for the federal government at the National Science Foundation, managing multi-million-dollar grant programs in the social and behavioral sciences.

Kristin graduated with honors from the University of Michigan and obtained her Master of Public Policy degree from the Sanford School at Duke University. She currently serves on the Sanford MPP Alumni Board. Kristin has also served on various nonprofit boards and committees and is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Raleigh.