

Secretary of Commerce John E. Skvarla, III



Appointed Secretary of Commerce on January 5, 2015

Statutory Appointment for Term of Office

Governor Pat McCrory named **John E. Skvarla, III** Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Commerce in Dec. 2014, and he assumed those responsibilities on January 5, 2015.

Mr. Skvarla comes to Commerce after serving as Governor McCrory's Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the two previous years.

Prior to his government service, Mr. Skvarla enjoyed a successful business career, most recently serving as chief executive officer for Restoration Systems, an environmental mitigation firm based in Raleigh that helps improve and restore wetlands and waterways. He also led Wilkinson Hi-Rise, a manufacturer of waste management and automated recycling systems. Mr. Skvarla previously served as chief operating officer for Proactive Therapy, one of the largest physical therapy providers in the Southeastern United States. He also was chief operating officer of The Aviation Group, Inc., a company that emerged as the world's largest all-cargo airline during his tenure.

An attorney, Skvarla in 1978 founded and served as senior partner to the Raleigh-based Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton law firm, where he specialized in corporate and tax matters, as well as public and private capital formations.