



Ms. Dionne Delli-Gatti

Secretary, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

Governor Roy Cooper named Dionne Delli-Gatti Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality in February 2021.

As DEQ Secretary, Delli-Gatti oversees the state agency whose mission is to protect North Carolina's environment and natural resources. The organization has offices from the mountains to the coast and administers regulatory and public assistance programs aimed at protecting the quality of North Carolina's air, water and land, its coastal fisheries, and the public's health. She is the first woman to serve as the DEQ Secretary.

Prior to joining Governor Cooper's cabinet, Delli-Gatti served at the Environmental Defense Fund as the Director of Southeast Climate and Energy. That followed six years at the Atlanta EPA Regional office as Congressional and Governmental Liaison. Her environmental experience also includes government service at the Ohio EPA and the City of Dallas, as well as time as an Environmental Specialist at Turner Collie & Braden, Inc.

An Air Force veteran, Delli-Gatti holds a B.A. from Wright State in Environmental Geology and a Master of Science from the University of North Texas in Environmental Science.

She lives in Wake County with her husband, Rodney, her son, Crosby, and their Goldendoodle.