



Durham County
PAC-2 Meeting Notes
April 8, 2019

Durham Public School Staff Development Center – 2107 Hillandale Road

Attendees:

Chair Wendy Jacobs; Vice Chair James Hill; County Commissioners Heidi Carter, Brenda Howerton and Ellen Reckhow; County Attorney Lowell Siler; and Interim County Clerk Monica Toomer; General Manager Claudia Hager; and Budget Director Keith Lane

Questions and Answers

1. Questioned the re-appropriation of funds; money already spent on the Light Rail and wanted to know if it was available for the public to view?
 - Chair Jacobs responded there would be a discussion at tonight's Regular Session meeting and it would also be available on the County website (www.dconc.gov). She added much of the money was spent on transit improvement which included \$2.5 million on new buses. Chair Jacobs stated she would also reach out to GoTriangle for a breakdown regarding equity.

Hearing no additional questions, the Board briefly discussed the following:

Chair Jacobs highlighted the State of the County address which included Light Rail and the need for regional transportation; a breakdown of poverty in Durham and Universal Pre-K.

Commissioner Carter shared County services and the areas funding was provided to. Those areas included the Sheriff Office, Public Health and DPS. She also provided an overview on where a large portion of the County tax dollars were being spent.

Commissioner Howerton discussed the poverty rate, how it impacted the citizens and shared information on being a trauma informed community.

Vice Chair Hill stated the County was working to prepare citizens for jobs by ensuring they were qualified and well skilled.

Commissioner Reckhow discussed affordable housing units planned for construction at the 300-500 blocks of East Main Street. She explained the commercial uses and parking availability; adding this was a great opportunity and use of public land.

Facilitator Zion Tankard thanked the Commissioners' for attending the meeting and being available to answer questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Monica Toomer".

Monica W. Toomer
Interim Clerk to the Board

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