



COUNTY OF DURHAM
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Durham Board of County Commissioners
County Attorney

FROM: Tania De Los Santos, Senior Administrative Assistant

THROUGH: Monica W. Wallace, Clerk to the Board

DATE: October 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Applicant Information for Appointments Scheduled for October 23, 2023

The current roster for Boards and Commissions can be found at the following link. Under the Board's tab, select the desired Board and the next screen will show the Roster tab.

<http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and-commissions>

Ballots will be distributed to make appointments to the following authorities, boards, commissions, and teams:

- Alliance Board of Directors
- Discover Durham Tourism Development Authority
- Durham County Women's Commission
- Durham Racial Equity Commission
- Farmland Protection Advisory Board
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Tax status has been verified by the Tax Administration Office.

Please note: Incumbents are identified by (i) and applicants who received Board recommendation are underlined.

Alliance Board of Directors: Governs Alliance Health and is responsible for comprehensive planning, budgeting, implementing and monitoring of community-based mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services to meet the needs of individuals in the Alliance region. The members of this board suggest methods to solve the many and varied mental health problems in the community. It is also this board's responsibility to coordinate resources, personnel and facilities in the area of mental health and substance abuse. The Alliance Board consists of community stakeholders from Durham, Wake and Cumberland counties that are appointed by their respective County Commissioners, as well as representation from Johnston County. Service providers do not serve as members of the Board.

Appoint a citizen to fill one vacant position – 1 At-Large Position.

- Alexandria Gwynn

Discover Durham Tourism Development Authority: Actively promotes travel and tourism within the City and County. The County appoints five (5) members and jointly appoints the sixth (6) member with the City. Discover Durham was formally known as the Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau (DCVB).

Appoint a citizen to fill one vacant position – 1 “Full-Service Lodging” Position.

- (i) Carlos Rubio

Durham County Women’s Commission: Strives to educate the community and advise the Durham County Board of Commissioners as necessary on issues relating to the changing social and economic conditions of women in the County. The commission develops information systems, provides advice, conducts research, hosts educational programming, analyses policy and advocates for women’s issues to improve the lives of and opportunities for all women in Durham.

Appoint a citizen to fill one vacant position – 1 At-Large Position.

- La-Tasha Best-Gaddy
- Montrelle Caldwell
- Michelle Digsby
- Hope Venetta

Durham Racial Equity Commission: Advises local government entities regarding the implementation of City-County-DPS specific recommendations from the City of Durham Racial Equity Taskforce Report; advise these entities regarding implementation of racial equity action plans, developed in tandem with GARE (Government Alliance on Race and Equity) to encourage progress on equitable outcomes on practices that may disproportionately impact persons of color and low-income residents; establish communication with residents, relay progress on plan implementation, and prioritize community interests to integrate racial equity initiatives; advise racial equity staff in developing and implementing a racial equity evaluation based on the Taskforce report and jurisdictional racial equity action plan recommendations; pursue data, research and policy recommendations to advance racial equity and uphold governmental accountability in promoting anti-racism practices and to promote anti-racist practices across the community.

Appoint citizens to fill two vacant positions – 2 At-Large Positions.

- Morris Jones
- Maima Kamara
- Brahmajothi Mulugu

Farmland Protection Advisory Board: Seeks to promote the best use of land in Durham County so that development and growth will be accompanied by protection of our attractive and ecologically desirable forests and farms. Durham County residents derive many benefits from local farmland: clean water and air, plant and animal habitats, fresh fruit and vegetables, and visual pleasure from these forests and farms. Farmland protection will enable Durham County to continue to produce food and various fibers on nutrient enriched soils, alongside the more closely developed urban areas. The board actively works with farmers, the community, government entities, agencies and other resources to identify and implement strategies for preservation and enhancement of the farming community by protecting land and soils for future generations.

Appoint a citizen to fill one vacant position – 1 “Cape Fear VAD” Position.

- John Cowan

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council: Reviews the needs of Durham juveniles who are at risk of delinquency or who have been adjudicated, undisciplined, or delinquent, review and evaluate the resources available to address those needs, develop and implement a request for proposals process, and submit a written plan of action for the expenditure of juvenile sanction and prevention funds to the Durham Board of County Commissioners for its approval. Members do not directly interact with any juveniles.

Appoint citizens to fill two vacant positions – 1 “Citizen” and 1 “Member of the Public Representing the Interests of Families of At-Risk Juveniles” Position.

- Dorothy Hardin (Member of the Public Representing the Interests of Families of At-Risk Juveniles)
- Ramya Krishna (Citizen)