



COUNTY OF DURHAM
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Durham Board of County Commissioners
County Attorney

FROM: Shaunecie Wardrick, Senior Administrative Assistant

THROUGH: Monica W. Wallace, Clerk to the Board

DATE: June 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Applicant Information for Appointments Scheduled for June 22, 2026

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:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
- Board of Adjustment
- Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
- Durham County Women's Commission
- Durham Open Space and Trails Commission
- Durham Planning Commission
- Durham Sports Commission
- Durham Technical Community College Board of Trustees
- Environmental Affairs Board
- Homeless Services Advisory Committee
- 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.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Advises the Board of County Commissioners on questions relating to bicycle and pedestrian issues. The commission consists of 17 members, representing citizens in subject areas such as bicycle commuting, urban trails and greenways, university students/university facilities, transportation planning/policy, recreation/recreation business and Inter-Neighborhood Council.

Appoint a citizen to fill three vacant positions – 1 “Bicycle Community,” 1 “Disabilities Advocacy,” and 1 “Senior Advocacy” Position.

Bicycle Community

- (i) Mary Fontana

Disabilities Advocacy

- (i) Edward Rizzuto

Senior Advocacy

- (i) John Lawler

Please note: Mr. Rizzuto has reached his term limit, but the BPAC Liaison and Chair is recommending he be reappointed due to his experience on the board and his seat designation being particularly difficult to fill.

Board of Adjustment: Holds quasi-judicial public hearings to determine requests made by property owners in the City and County of Durham for minor and custodial care special use permits, variances and appeals of administrative interpretations or decision, as authorized by State law and local ordinance.

Appoint citizen to fill two vacant positions – 1 “City Resident,” and 1 “County Resident” Positions.

City Resident

- Nicholas Chrapliwy
- (i) Michael Tarrant

County Resident

- (i) Scott Mofield

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee: Purpose is to develop a comprehensive continuum of services for the adult criminal justice system, identify services gaps, and develop intervention strategies and comprehensive solutions. The CJAC is advisory in nature and has no authority over any public or private entity. Shared Values: Reduce the demand for County jail beds, Reduce the number of Durham County residents in state prison facilities, Develop a continuum of programs, services and sanctions

that provides options to the criminal justice system, Pursue initiatives that are respectful towards victims, offenders and the community, Pursue funding for initiatives through grant opportunities and requests to local and state government.

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

- (i) Tonia Dixon
- Tamaro Howze
- (i) Mike Sstrom
- Gershem Strange

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, analyzes policy and advocates for women’s issues to improve the lives of and opportunities for all women in Durham.

Appoint citizen to fill four vacant positions – 4 At-Large Positions.

- Finesse Couch
- Lauren Ettson
- Kayla Keels
- Myesha Ockletree-Morris
- (i) Roberta Price
- (i) Valerie Parham-Thompson

Durham Open Space and Trails Commission: Advises the City Council and the Board of Commissioners on matters relating to open space preservation and trail development while involving and educating all segments of the Durham community. The commission consists of eight members appointed by both the City Council and Board of Commissioners, four elected or appointed officials, and up to 10 members appointed by the commission. The commission has committees that meet on a monthly or as-needed basis: Trails, Matching Grants, Development Review, Community Education/Newsletter, Finance, Open Space, and Nominations.

Appoint citizen to fill two vacant positions – 1 “Carr/Oak Grove Township,” and 1 “Lebanon Township” Positions.

Carr/Oak Grove Township

- Ben King

Lebanon Township

- Kerry Branon

Durham Planning Commission: Reviews recommended plans, policies and reports of the professional planning staff and makes recommendations concerning them to the governing bodies, including rezoning and zoning ordinance changes. Other duties include reviewing reports, proposing and reviewing policies and procedures for encouraging broad public input on all plans and reporting to the governing bodies on the conditions of the planning jurisdiction and the status of planning activities.

Appoint citizen to fill one vacant position – 1 “Lebanon Township” Position.

- Drew Woten

Durham Sports Commission: Provides leadership for sports-based initiatives and creates positive economic impact and quality of life in Durham and the surrounding region. The DSC is operated by DCVB through an Interlocal Agreement between the city, the county, and DCVB. The appointing bodies seek owners, general managers or other individuals with senior level decision-making authority for Durham-based businesses and organizations to serve on the DSC board. Additionally, board members should have expertise in sports, fund raising, business or related areas and have the desire, time and expertise to dedicate to the DSC.

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

- Harry Davis Jr.
- Kayla Keels
- Mike Morrel
- Twan Morris
- Lee Rodio

Durham Technical Community College Board of Trustees: Governs the Durham Technical Community College. Trustees serve four-year terms and supervise the administration of DTCC through the election of a president, personnel oversight and the adoption and enforcement of rules, regulations and laws for the operation of the college.

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

- (i) Thashundray “Shun” Edmonds
- James Hess
- Dez Hill
- Michael Page
- Cornell Richards
- Kamala Uzzell

Environmental Affairs Board: Advisory board of appointed volunteer citizens to provide to the City and County with expert and comprehensive advice on various matters related to environmental quality, environmental safety, equity, and environmental justice. The general purpose of the board is to advise and assist the City and County on matters related to the maintenance and improvement of the quality, accessibility, and safety of the environment and its people.

Appoint citizen to fill five vacant positions – 4 At-Large, and 1 “Youth (15-22)” Position.

At-Large

- David Barron
- Elizabeth Boxer
- (i) Astrid Cook Dali
- Ashley Hillard
- Luna Homs

- Edgard Ngaboyamahina
- Peter Sergison
- Sally Jernigan-Smith
- Joshua Sternfeld
- Peter Wasswa

Youth (15-22)

- (i) Lola Chafatelli
- Kamiyah Mullen

Homeless Services Advisory Committee: Advises the Durham Board of County Commissioners and the Durham City Council on the implementation of collaborative initiatives to prevent and end homelessness in Durham.

Appoint citizen to fill one vacant position – 1 “Faith Community” Position.

- (i) Renee Vaughan

Please note: Ms. Vaughan has reached her term limit, but the HSAC Liaison is recommending she be reappointed due to his experience on the board and his seat designation being particularly difficult to fill.

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 citizen to fill two vacant positions – 1 “Citizen,” and 1 “Rep. of Parks and Rec.” Position.

Citizen

- Harry Davis Jr.
- Tonia Dixon
- Tamario Howze
- (i) Seth Kandl

Rep. of Parks and Rec

- (i) Alex Hurdle