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COUNTY OF DURHAM
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Durham Board of County Commissioners
County Attorney

FROM: Shaunecie Wardrick, Administrative Assistant

THROUGH: Monica W. Wallace, Clerk to the Board

DATE: January 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Applicant Information for Appointments Scheduled for January 26, 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:

- **Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**
- **Board of Health**
- **Boxing and Wrestling Commission**
- **Durham Planning Commission**
- **Historic Preservation Commission**

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.

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee: Established to provide recommendations regarding animal control matters. The committee is responsible for annually reporting activities, findings, and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Appoint a citizen to fill one vacant position – 1 “APS Appointee” Position.

- (i) Jenny Campbell

Board of Health: Creates policies and mandates rules for the Durham County Department of Public Health. Responsible for protecting and promoting the public’s health. The board's authority is established by NC General Statutes 130A-35: The Board of Health shall be the policy making, rulemaking and adjudicatory body for the county health department. By law, the 11 members include: one physician licensed to practice medicine in the State, one licensed dentist, one licensed optometrist, one licensed veterinarian, one registered nurse, one licensed pharmacist, one county commissioner, one professional engineer, and three representatives of the general public.

Appoint citizen to fill five vacant positions – 1 “At-Large,” 1 “Dentist,” 1 “Optometrist,” 1 “Nurse,” and 1 “Veterinarian” Positions.

At-Large

- (i) Anthony Gregorio
- Tamario Howze
- Gersham Strange
- Rya Williams

Dentist

- Roger McDougal

Optometrist

- Pelashia Rhodes

Nurse

- (i) Victoria Orto

Veterinarian

- (i) James Miller

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

Boxing and Wrestling Commission: Supervises boxing and wrestling events in Durham County. The commission seeks to promote public trust in the conduct of these sports and the administration of the rules and regulations governing them. The commission also levies and collects fees for such events. The fees are used according to the directions of the Durham County Board of Commissioners.

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

- Charles Robinson Jr.

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 two vacant positions – 2 At-Large Positions

- Sarah Cunningham
- Valerie Parham-Thompson

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 At-Large Position

- Ora Musu Clemens
- Ben King
- Italo Medelius
- Daikwan Redfearn

Historic Preservation Commission: Holds quasi-judicial public hearings to determine whether requested changes to the exterior of historic district or landmark properties are appropriate by State law, local ordinance and historic preservation plans for the districts.

Appoint citizen to fill one vacant position – 1 "Banker/Attorney" Position

- Italo Medelius