



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: December 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Applicant Information for Appointments Scheduled for December 8, 2025

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:

- **Durham Open Space and Trails Commission**
- **Farmland Protection Advisory Board**

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.

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 citizens to fill four vacant positions – 3 At-Large and 1 “Mangum Township” Position.

- (i) Stephen Artabane (At-Large)
- (i) Steve Cohn (At-Large)
- (i) Deborah Luecken (Mangum Township)
- Geoffrey Phillippe (At-Large)
- Sarah Verbiest (At-Large)

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 citizen to fill one vacant position –1 “Falls/Lick Creek VAD” Position.

- Natalie Barber
- (i) Talmage Layton