

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, October 27, 2025

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, Second Floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

Present: Chair Nida Allam and Commissioner Stephen Valentine

Absent: Vice Chair Dr. Mike Lee, Commissioners Michelle Burton and Wendy Jacobs

Presider: Chair Nida Allam

Zoom Hybrid
Participants: 5

Regular Session – 7:00 PM

Chair Allam stated the Board did not have a quorum and under North Carolina Law, the meeting would not be called to order, and no official business would be conducted. She added remarks on ceremonial items would be informal and not part of an official Board meeting.

Minutes

There was no quorum met to obtain a vote. The minutes were moved to the November 10, 2025, Regular Session meeting.

Ceremonial Items

To Be Recognized

25-0568 Resolution – Honoring the Life and Legacy of DeWarren K. Langley

The resolution was moved to the November 10, 2025, Regular Session meeting.

To Be Acknowledged

25-0540 Resolution – Operation Green Light and Veterans Day 2025

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS AND VETERANS DAY 2025

- WHEREAS,** the residents of Durham County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS,** the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and
- WHEREAS,** Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and
- WHEREAS,** Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future, and studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and
- WHEREAS,** Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers encourage all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, the Durham Board of County Commissioners hereby declares November 4-11, 2025, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Durham Board of County Commissioners also declares November 11, 2025, as Veterans Day in Durham County, a day to recognize the patriots across our great nation and the county's approximately 15,000 veterans.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light and Veterans Day, the Durham Board of County Commissioners encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4-11.

This the 27th day of October 2025.

Nida Allam, Chair

Dr. Mike Lee, Vice Chair

Michelle Burton, Commissioner

Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

Stephen Valentine, Commissioner

Linzie Atkins, Veteran Services Director, thanked the Board for annually recognizing the Operations Green Light and Veterans Day. Jonathan Crooms, Veterans Services Supervisor, invited residents to attend the Durham County Veterans Day Celebration on November 10th at 11 a.m. at the Human Services Building. Mr. Crooms added Dr. Rodney Jenkins, Public Health Director, was the keynote speaker and Hillside High School's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) would present the colors at the event.

Chair Allam thanked Mr. Atkins, Mr. Crooms and the Veterans Services Department for providing services and offering programs to the 12,000 Veterans in the Durham community.

25-0569 Resolution – Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Durham Interdenominational Usher Union

**RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DURHAM
INTERDENOMINATIONAL USHERS UNION**

WHEREAS, the Durham Interdenominational Ushers Union, Inc. (DIUU) was founded in 1925 and included church ushers of all denominations from the county of Durham; and

WHEREAS, the organization was founded to promote the welfare of churches and the ministry of benevolence and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the DIUU provides scholarships to those graduating Youth Ushers from its current 18 member churches going on to higher learning; and

WHEREAS, the organization supports the services of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the community endeavors of the Durham Rescue Mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize

DURHAM INTERDENOMINATIONAL USHERS UNION, INC.

on its 100th Anniversary and celebrates its legacy of faith, fellowship and its unwavering commitment to leadership and service.

This the 27th day of October 2025.

Nida Allam, Chair

Dr. Mike Lee, Vice Chair

Michelle Burton, Commissioner

Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

Stephen Valentine, Commissioner

Ms. Dollie Burroughs and Mr. Augutus Thompson, Durham Interdenominational Ushers Union thanked the Board for recognizing the resolution and gave an overview of the programs and events that would be

offered at the 100th Anniversary Celebration. Mr. Thompson invited residents to attend the celebration on Saturday, November 8th at 1 p.m. at the Greater Emmanuel Temple Pentecostal.

Chair Allam thanked Ms. Burroughs and Mr. Thompson for the resolution and stated she would present a framed and signed copy of the resolution at the celebration event.

Consent Agenda

There was no quorum met to obtain a vote. The consent agenda was moved to the November 3, 2025, Work Session meeting.

Board and Commission Appointments

There was no quorum met to obtain a vote. The board and commission appointments was moved to the November 3, 2025, Work Session meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23p.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Macio Carlton', is written over a large, light gray 'DRAFT' watermark.

Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board