



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, January 26, 2026

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Cancelled - Regular Session

"Public Charge"

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and residents to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow residents. At any time, should any member of the Board or any resident fail to observe this public charge, the Chair will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chair will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to the public charge is observed.

"Land Acknowledgment"

As we convene for the Durham County Commissioners meeting, it's crucial to recognize the painful truth of history. We stand on the stolen ancestral lands of the Catawba, Eno, Occaneechi, Shakori, and Tuscarora peoples, whose deep connection to this land predates our arrival. We acknowledge with humility the unjust displacement and violence that occurred, leading to the dispossession of indigenous peoples from their homelands. Their resilience in the face of such adversity is a testament to their strength and spirit.

May we humbly honor the ancestors and elders of these nations, both past and present, by committing ourselves to fostering understanding, healing, and justice for all who inhabit this land. Let us walk forward together with open hearts, acknowledging the past and embracing a future guided by compassion, respect, and unity.

7:00 pm Regular Session

1. Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance (5 min)
2. Agenda Adjustments (5 min)
3. Announcements (5 min)

[26-0045](#)

Announcements (5min)

Agenda Text:

1. Electronics Recycling Drop Off Event - The Solid Waste Division of

Durham County General Services will host an Electronics Recycling Drop Off Event on Saturday, January 31. The event runs from 8 a.m. until noon at the Northern Durham Convenience Site located at 11894 N. Roxboro Road. This event is open only to residents with a current 2025-2026 solid waste decal issued by Durham County Government. For a list of items eligible for drop off or to ask general questions, please contact 919-560-0433 or email recycle@dcconc.gov <<mailto:recycle@dcconc.gov>>.

2. **Durham City-County Martin Luther King, Jr. Employee Observance, January 27** - All are welcome to the 21st Annual Durham City-County Martin Luther King, Jr. Employee Observance on Tuesday, January 27, at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 305 E. Main Street. North Carolina Central University Chancellor Dr. Karrie G. Dixon will be the keynote speaker. Musical selections will come from the NCCU WPI Mass Choir and Stellar Music Award nominee and gospel artist, Kim Person. For more information, email publicinformationoffice@dcconc.gov <<mailto:publicinformationoffice@dcconc.gov>>
3. **White Flag Shelters in Durham** - When temperatures are below 32 degrees, White Flag shelters are activated in Durham. Entry Point Durham, a trained team that helps people facing homelessness is located in the Human Services Building, located at 414 E. Main Street, during the day Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To learn more about Entry Point Durham, call 984-287-8313. The intake phone line is open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. on weekdays, or Saturdays and holidays from 4 - 8 p.m.
4. **NC Voter ID Event on February 7** - Durham County Board of Elections will host free NC Voter Photo Identification Card outreach events for registered Durham County voters throughout 2026! Each month, staff will be at one of the Durham County libraries to distribute free IDs, assist with voter registration, and answer any questions. On February 7, the BOE will be at South Regional Library, from 2-5 p.m. For more information, visit <https://www.dcovotes.dconc.gov/voters/voter-id>, call 919-560-0700, or email elections@dcconc.gov <<mailto:elections@dcconc.gov>>.
5. **Farmer and Landowner Breakfast** - Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District invites you to the Farmer and Landowner Breakfast at 8 a.m. on Thursday, February 12 at the Durham Cooperative Extension at 721 Foster Street. This FREE event will feature a breakfast and a conversation with Matt Bertone, Director of NCSU's Plant Disease and Insect Clinic. Registration is required by calling 919-560-0558 or visiting <<https://dconc2.jotform.com/253446100939861>>.

6. **Durham City-County Open Space Plan Survey** - The Durham City-County Open Space Plan is underway and will begin pre-planning with a survey to gather feedback from City of Durham and Durham County residents. We want your input on how you as a Durham resident define open space and what open space means to you. This survey is available in English or in Spanish here:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScM2MGRuAiMP2HHI5CYcLuj0BrOrRI9wudD-uLvK97XenczMA/viewform>. Your feedback is crucial and can shape how Durham will move forward in the future on land acquisition, land protection and shaping how Durham residents interact with open space.

7. **Planning Drop-In Office Hours at DCo Libraries** - Durham Planning & Development Department staff will host Office Hours at the Durham County Main Library where you are invited to bring your questions and talk directly with staff. Regular hours are held on the first Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and third Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Planning staff will also hold hours at the following dates and locations: Tuesday, Jan. 27, 12:30-3 p.m., at North Regional Library, 221 Milton Rd.; Thursday, Jan. 29, 3-5:30 p.m., at South Regional Library, 4505 S. Alston Ave.; and Tuesday, Feb. 3, 3-5:30 p.m., East Regional Library, 211 Lick Creek Ln. More information can be found at <https://engagedurham.com/35/New-UDO>.

4. Minutes (5 min)

[26-0044](#)

Minutes (5min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the December 8, 2025, Regular Session meeting minutes.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal - High Performing Organization

Resource Persons: Monica W. Wallace, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the December 8, 2025 Regular Session meeting minutes.

Attachments:

[Regular Session - December 8, 2025](#)

[Work Session January 5, 2026](#)

[Regular Session - January 12, 2026](#)

5. Ceremonial Items (5min)

[26-0038](#)

Introduction of Newly Appointed County Library Director, Dana Conners (5min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to meet Durham County Library's new Director and

welcome her as she assumes leadership in guiding the library's mission and programs.

Durham County Government announces the appointment of Dana Conners as Director of Durham County Library following an extensive nationwide search. Conners brings more than 30 years of service in library systems across North Carolina and Texas, including Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Union, Cabarrus, and New Hanover Counties, as well as serving as Assistant Director of Public Services at the Austin Public Library.

As Director, Conners oversees library operations, strategic planning, programming, staff development, and partnerships that promote equitable access to information and educational opportunities for all residents. Her career includes leading new library openings, long-range planning, and building collaborative initiatives that support lifelong learning.

Dana Conners assumed her duties on January 5, 2026.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with multiple goals of the strategic plan.

Resource Persons: Joanne Pierce, Assistant County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board meets the new Library Director for Durham County.

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

25-0489

Approval of RFP Award for Organizational Assessment Contract in Preparation for Upcoming Enterprise Resource Planning Implementation

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP, to conduct an Operational Assessment Study in preparation for the upcoming Enterprise Resource Planning implementation. The assessment will evaluate operational workflows and workforce capacity needed to support seamless operations while implementing a new Enterprise Resource Planning infrastructure. In addition, the evaluation will give recommendations for opportunities for process optimization, coordination improvements with a focus on the Finance and Information Service & Technology Departments.

The assessment will take a comprehensive approach, examining organizational structure and workforce capabilities in relation to operational demands and planned technology enhancements. Baker Tilly will review daily operations, workflows, and service delivery models to identify opportunities for enhanced operational efficiency and improved cross-departmental coordination.

Upon completion of the assessment, Baker Tilly will deliver formal reports detailing organizational and operational alignment observations. The reports will identify

opportunities for process optimization and coordination improvements, address ERP readiness considerations and implementation sequencing, and provide a phased roadmap to support operational stability and guide future modernization efforts. This proactive assessment will position Durham County to make informed decisions as it embarks on this important technological transition.

Baker Tilly has specialization in evaluation of public sector operations. It is the 10th largest accounting firm in the United States with over 90 years of experience. The evaluation will occur over a six-month period, with the contract totaling \$133,000.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with the Strategic Plan Goal: Financial Stewardship.

Resource Persons: Crystally Wright, Chief Financial Officer, and Greg Marrow, Chief Information Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to negotiate with the vendor and approve the contract following review by the County Attorney's Office. The \$133,000 contract will be funded through existing Finance Department funds.

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County Manager: _____

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document - Baker Tilly](#)
[RFP Response - Baker Tilly](#)

26-0028

Approval to Enter into a Contract with Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement in the Amount of \$500,000.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement (HR-JM) in the amount of \$500,000. Funding is included in Community Intervention Support Service budget approved for FY 2025-26. The Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement operates as an “umbrella organization” that works in concert with existing community partners, with a goal of developing coordinated strategies that interrupt the cycle of violence, while concurrently increasing the health and prosperity within marginalized communities.

HRJM will develop a centralized and consolidated framework of community participants, social justice, and criminal justice partnerships that assess, plan, and treat problems leading to community violence. The target customers are justice involved citizens, their children and families. The service area includes all of Durham County, North Carolina.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic

Goal: Safe & Resilient Community

Resource Persons: Krystal Harris, MSW, Community Intervention & Support Services Director

County Managers' Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement (HR-JM) in the amount of \$500,000. Funding is included in Community Intervention Support Service budget approved for FY 2025-26.

Attachments: [251029HRJM_Durham_County_Contract_FINAL 1. 9.26](#)
[HAYTI REBORN CONTRACT FY25-26- DRAFT 5](#)

26-0036

Resolution Endorsing the Downtown Durham Blueprint: 2035

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to adopt a resolution endorsing the Downtown Durham Blueprint: 2035.

Motions

To adopt a resolution endorsing the Downtown Durham Blueprint: 2035 Plan.

Summary

The Downtown Durham Blueprint: 2035 is a detailed plan on how downtown Durham can preserve its unique character while supporting continued growth and vibrancy. It includes a shared vision, seven targeted goals that each have deliberate strategies which are further defined through implementable actions. Additionally, the Downtown Durham Blueprint provides a detailed implementation matrix identifying key partners, in progress projects, early action projects, and longer term projects.

Attachments

Attachment A: Downtown Durham Blueprint: 2035

Attachment B: Resolution Endorsing the Downtown Durham Blueprint: 2035

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment. Maintaining, protecting, and improving natural and built systems to support a sustainable Community

Resource Persons: Sara Young, AICP, Planning & Development Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adopt a resolution endorsing the Downtown Durham Blueprint: 2035.

Attachments: [00 Downtown Blueprint Cover Memo](#)
[01 Attachment A - Downtown Durham Blueprint 2035 FINAL](#)
[02 Attachment B - Downtown Durham Blueprint 2035 Resolution DCo Legal 1.2](#)

7. Public Hearings (20 min)

26-0037

Public Hearing - Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment

TC2500002: RV Parking (20min)**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive comments on the proposed Unified Development Ordinance text amendment.

Motions

To conduct a public hearing to receive comments and consider the following motions:

Motion 1: To adopt an ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance, incorporating revisions to Article 10, *Parking and Loading*.

Motion 2: To adopt a Consistency Statement as required by N. C. G. S. Sec. 160D-605.

Summary

Text Amendment TC2500002 is a staff-initiated request to amend Section 10.2.3, *Vehicle Parking and Uses, of the Unified Development Ordinance* (UDO), in order to allow flexibility for RV parking in residential zoning districts.

Attachments

Attachment A: TC2500002 Draft Ordinance Language (Track Changes Version)

Attachment B: Consistency Statement

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment. Maintaining, protecting, and improving natural and built systems to support a sustainable Community

Resource Persons: Scott Whiteman, AICP, Senior Planning Manager, and Sara Young, AICP, Planning & Development Director.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive comments on the proposed Unified Development Ordinance text amendment.

Attachments:

[Attachment 00 - Memo](#)

[Attachment A - RV Parking Amendment \(Track Changes Version\) - BOCC](#)

[Attachment C - Consistency Statement](#)

8. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)**26-0056****Board and Commission Appointments (10min)****Agenda Text:**

Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to the Board to make appointments to the following boards:

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

- Historic Preservation Commission

The Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to have a representative sample of the citizens of Durham County serve on boards, commissions, committees, and authorities. No citizen may serve more than four consecutive terms for 2-year term boards; three consecutive terms for 3-year term boards; two consecutive terms for 4-year term boards; and one consecutive term for 5 and 6-year term boards in any one position, unless otherwise stated by statute; or there are no other applicants who meet the eligibility requirements. The Equalization and Review Board shall be exempt from these term limits.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with focus area: High Performing Organization.

Resource Persons: Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners vote to appoint members to the aforementioned Boards and Commissions.

Attachments: [B&C Appt Memo - 1.26.2026](#)

9. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda (20 min)

10. Closed Session

[26-0046](#)

Closed Session

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to adjourn into Closed Session to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal: High Performing Organization

Resource Persons: Larissa S. Williamson, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn into Closed Session and provide direction to staff.

11. Adjournment