

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

Monday, June 1, 2026

9:00 A.M. Work Session

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, Second floor, Durham County Government
Administrative Complex, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC

Present: Chair Dr. Mike Lee, Vice Chair Nida Allam, Commissioners Michelle Burton,
Wendy Jacobs and Stephen Valentine

Presider: Dr. Mike Lee

Zoom Hybrid
Participants: 2

Closed Session 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

The Board requested to adjourn to Closed Session for the following:

- To prevent the disclosure of sensitive public security information protected under N.C.G.S. 132-1.7(a)(3), pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1).

Vice Chair Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to adjourn into Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Vice Chair Allam announced the Board met in Closed Session and no action was taken.

Recess

The Board requested to adjourn to Recess to attend Juneteenth Flag Rising Ceremony

Citizen Comments

The Board of County Commissioners provided a 30-minute comment period to allow Durham County citizens an opportunity to speak. Citizens were given the option to deliver their Citizen Comments in-person, virtually or via email to the Clerk no later than Sunday, May 31st at 12 noon.

The following citizens voiced their concerns regarding Child Protective Services and County Department of Social Services: *Antoinette Hawes and Amanda the Durham Wallace*

Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the following Consent Agenda items for the June 15, 2026, Regular Session meeting.

26-0261 Receive Keep Durham Beautiful's 2025 Annual Report

The Board acknowledged the Keep Durham Beautiful team for all of their hard work.

26-0263 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC084 for the Department of Social Services to recognize Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC "Share the Light" (STL) funds in the amount of \$16,909

The Board asked if this amount was consistent with previous years. Margaret Faircloth, Assistant Director of Social Services, responded yes.

There were no questions regarding the items below:

26-0264 Approval of Board Review of the FY 2026-27 County Funding Plan for the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) for Aging Adults

26-0266 Approval to enter into a contract with Southern Elevator Company, Inc. in the amount of \$148,200.00 to provide elevator maintenance and repair services across Durham County Government facilities and parking decks

26-0283 Approve and Authorize the Manager to Execute A Resolution and Lease Agreement with Bull City Slabs, LLC for a suite at Shoppes of Hope Valley

26-0284 Approve Durham County's Support for and Participation in Triangle Land Conservancy's Purchase and Protection of 145 acres of Farmland at 4209 and 4310 Hall Road, Including a \$750,000 County contribution, and the Conveyance of a Conservation Easement to Durham County for Permanent Land Protection

26-0298 Library Requests to Award Contract for Sole Source Purchase of Digital Content Management Services and for eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and Streaming Content from OverDrive

Other Business

Suspend the Rules and Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 26BCC086 Appropriating \$1,379,000 of General Fund Fund Balance and Authorize the Manager to Execute a Contract with TKC Management Services for Facility Management at the Durham County Detention Center

The Board asked why this was moving from General Services Department to an outside vendor, how many bids were received, what was the cost per year prior and was the county able to cancel the contract prematurely.

Claudia Hager, County Manager, stated that all Durham County contracts had a 30-day notice termination clause. Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director, Durham County General Services stated that from 2000-2012 an outside vendor (Airmark) contracted for Facility Management at the Durham

County Detention Center and their contract started at \$700,000 per year and ended at \$1,100,000 per year. She stated that the proposed shift back to an outside vendor would reduce some of the current burden on the General Services Department due to increased workload. Ms. Keambiroiro stated that the County received one bid.

Chair Dr. Lee entertained a motion to suspend the rules.

Vice Chair Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton, to suspend the rules.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Dr. Lee entertained a motion for approval.

Vice Chair Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton, to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 26BDD086 appropriating \$1,379,000 from General Fund fund Balance for Facility Management at the Durham County Detention Center; as well as approved year-one of a five-year contract with TKC Management Services and authorized the County Manager to execute subsequent renewals not to exceed \$6,895,000.00. Contract years 2-5 would be budgeted during the annual budget process.

The motion carried unanimously.

Board and Commission Appointments – Durham County Hospital Board of Trustees “Community Representative” Position

Larissa Williamson, County Attorney announced the voting results.

The Board made the following appointments (incumbents are identified with an (i). Individuals who are recommended by a Board are underlined.) Individuals listed in bold print were appointed.

Durham County Hospital Board of Trustees

(i)Charles Cooperber, MD (Allam, Burton, Jacobs, Lee)

Ellen Reckhow (Lee, Allam, Burton, Jacobs, Valentine)

Gracie Johnson-Lopez (Lee, Allam, Burton, Jacobs, Valentine)

Pablo Friedman (Valentine)

Discussion Items

Approval of the Final Recommended FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program

The Board was requested to receive an update prior to the Final approval of the FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program.

Brandi Minor Transit Program Administrator gave a brief informational presentation of the final recommended Durham Annual Transit Work Program.

The Board asked what the strategic timeline was for the delayed projects. Ms. Minor stated that project sponsors were required to give updates twice per year when the Transportation Tracker was updated.

Katharine Eggleston, Deputy CEO at GoTriangle presented a request for two cost neutral adjustments to the FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program that would improve reliability for route 800 and would increase midday frequency on the Durham to Raleigh Express (DRX). These changes would not have required any funding from Durham County, would not have increased total operating allocation for regional bus service and would not have affected FY27 Durham County budget. She stated even though this was a cost neutral request that under the current Inter-Local Agreement framework would have required a vote from the Board of County Commissioners and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees.

The Board asked if timing played a part in the request not being approved by the FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program working group. Ms. Minor stated that the working group received the cost neutral request May 1st, 2026, which did not allow enough time for vetting. She recommended the FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program be approved and that the cost neutral request from GoTriangle be resolved with a future amendment.

The Board asked Ms. Eggleston what GoTriangle's position was on implementing a future amendment. She stated that GoTriangle would have preferred this matter to be resolved now rather than waiting for an amendment cycle.

Directive

- The Board requested that an expected completion date be added to future reports for carry-over/delayed projects.
- The Board requested staff to draft a letter on behalf of the Board to the City of Durham concerning future requests for additional funding for transportation.

Future Data Center Policy Discussion

The Board provided staff with guidance on the information needed to inform future policy discussions regarding data centers. As data centers expanded across the state and nation, some jurisdictions enacted temporary moratoria on new large-scale facilities, citing concerns about rising utility costs and environmental effects.

Chair Dr. Lee stated that he agreed with a moratorium for the large-scale data centers; however, he did not support a blanket moratorium for all data centers.

Vice Chair Allam stated that she had proposed a 12-month moratorium ordinance and resolution for large-scale data centers that would impact our environment.

The Board asked how long it would take to create an ordinance around data centers. Sara Young, Durham City-County Planning Director, stated that it would take a year or less.

Directive

- The Board requested to have Data Centers as a specified use on site plan applications

- The Board requested staff in coordination with our partners from Research Triangle Park and Treyburn come back with clear language specific to Durham County.
- The Board requested proposed language from staff for a 12 month moratorium for large-scale data centers be presented at a Regular Session Meeting in June 2026.

Closed Session

The Board requested to adjourn to Closed Session for the following:

- 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 by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Vice Chair Lee to adjourn into Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session


Chair Lee announced the Board met in Closed Session and direction was given to staff.

Adjournment

Commissioner Valentine moved, seconded by Vice Chair Allam, to adjourn the Work Session meeting at 3:15 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Georgina Nicole Moreno
Administrative Assistant