

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

Monday, September 8, 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, Vice Chair Dr. Mike Lee and Commissioners Michelle Burton, Wendy Jacobs and Stephen Valentine

Presider: Chair Nida Allam

Zoom Hybrid

Participants: 7

**Regular Session – 7:00 PM**

**Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Adjustments**

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board read the following announcements:

1. **Free School Meals for All at DPS** – Great news, Durham County! Everyone is eligible for FREE school meals in Durham Public Schools this year. No applications, no hassle – just healthy meals for every student. When we all participate, the program grows stronger and helps every child thrive! Find more information here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/o/dps/page/school-nutrition-services>.
2. **2025 Municipal Primary Election** – Early Voting for the 2025 Municipal Primary Election will be held in person at one of five early voting sites from Thursday, September 18 through 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 4. You can request a no-excuse absentee by-mail ballot fully online on or before Sept. 23rd. Please note that the registration deadline for the Municipal Primary Election is Friday, September 12. The 2025 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025,

from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., at your assigned polling place. More info at [www.dconc.gov](http://www.dconc.gov) or by calling 919-560-0700.

3. **A.S.I.S.T. Training on Sept. 11 & 12** – Join Alliance Health and the DCo Department of Public Health for a FREE two-day workshop. This training is an in person 2 day all day training that teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. Trainings will be on Sept. 11 & 12, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 414 E. Main Street. Register at <https://bit.ly/DCoASIST25>.
4. **Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Plan Survey** – Staff from the City of Durham and Durham County, the NCDOT, and Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization are looking for your input on the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Plan – a project that aims to establish a 26-mile trail network linking Durham to Roxboro. Take a minute to take our online survey by September 22 to provide additional feedback on the conceptual designs for the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Plan. Your input will help us shape a trail that reflects the needs and vision of our community. Survey at <https://durham2roxborotrailplan.com>.
5. **DCo Library “These Routes Are Made for Walkin’ Exercise Challenge”** – Discover the deep roots of Durham with our 2025 exercise challenge that celebrates the story of Bull City’s history. Track the number of minutes you exercise using our tracker available at South Regional Library or request a printable PDF and you could win a prize! The challenge runs from September 19 through October 31. Trackers will be available beginning Monday, September 15 and are due at South Regional Library by Saturday, November 8. More information: <https://durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/14700153>.

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Commissioner Burton stated she attended the Families and Communities Rising Partnership meeting focused on Head Start and Early Head Start in Durham and Orange County. She added she also attended the North Carolina Transportation Summit and learned about the complex infrastructure challenges in the area and disaster relief.

Commissioner Jacobs stated information about the Low-Income Homeowner’s Relief Program (LIHR) was included with the mailed Durham County property tax bills and enrollment for the program started on September 1, 2025. She added data from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction indicated nearly 90 percent of Durham Public Schools were earning higher performance grades with more students reaching growth and proficiency goals since the pandemic.

Chair Allam stated GoDurham expanded the Connect’s Microtransit Rideshare Program to offer free rides to the Museum of Life and Science, Edison Johnson Recreation Center, Rock Quarry Park and Duke Regional Hospital.

## Minutes

Commissioner Valentine moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton to approve the August 25, 2025 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

## Ceremonial Items

### To Be Read/Recognized

#### **25-0494 Proclamation – Six Triple Eight Day**

Commissioner Burton read the following proclamation:

#### **SIX TRIPLE EIGHT DAY | 2025**

- WHEREAS,** during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt created what ultimately become known as the Women's Army Corps (WAC) and at the urging of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary McLeod Bethune, Founder of the National Council of Negro Women, African American Women were later admitted to duty, and
- WHEREAS,** recruitment of African American Women into the WAC was limited to 10 percent to mirror the proportion of African Americans in the greater population of the United States, and
- WHEREAS,** a desire to serve in the European Theater of Operations just as their White counterparts led to the creation in 1944 of a Black WAC unit-the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion-popularly known as the Six Triple Eight. Notably, dozens of the women who served on the Six Triple Eight were from North Carolina, include Staff Sergeant Mildred Dunn Veasey (Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated), and
- WHEREAS,** with upwards of 7 million civilians and military personnel in the European Theater, a backlog of millions of pieces of mail formed and was stored in warehouses in Birmingham, England. The Six Triple Eight was charged with reducing the backlog and boosting troop morale ("No Mail, Low Morale"), by working to sort and route the mail; and
- WHEREAS,** the Six Triple Eight cleared the 6-month backlog in just three Months' time and was next assigned to clear a separate 3-year backlog in Routine, France, and
- WHEREAS,** the 855 African American women who served in the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion were honored in Washington, DC at the United States Capitol with a Congressional Gold Medal for their pioneering and devoted military service to our country and to servicemen and servicewomen.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 13, 2025, as

#### **“SIX TRIPLE EIGHT DAY”**

in Durham County and do commend this observation to the families, friends, supporters and all Carolinians.

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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Nida Allam, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Dr. Tyechia Culmer, North Carolina State Director, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated gave a brief background of the history of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and explained the importance of the Six Triple Eight Day.

Chair Allam thanked the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for honoring the Six Triple Eight Day.

**25-0496 Proclamation – Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties – Find Good Day**

Chair Allam read the following proclamation:

**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF DURHAM AND ORANGE COUNTIES – FIND THE  
GOOD DAY | 2025**

**WHEREAS,** the Junior League of Durham and Orange counties is dedicated to promoting volunteerism, empowering women, and enhancing communities through effective leadership and action; and

**WHEREAS,** Find the Good Day, observed on September 18, 2025, encourages individuals to recognize and celebrate the positive aspects of their communities and to take action to uplift others; and

**WHEREAS,** on this day, we acknowledge the importance of kindness, compassion, and community service in fostering positive change and building stronger, more resilient communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Junior League of Durham and Orange counties continues to play a pivotal role in advocating for significant community initiatives and empowering individuals to make a lasting impact.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2025, as

**“JUNIOR LEAGUE OF DURHAM AND ORANGE COUNTIES –  
FIND THE GOOD DAY”**

in Durham County.

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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Nida Allam, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Shelby Church, President of the Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties gave a brief overview of the history and mission of the Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties.

Chair Allam thanked Ms. Church and the Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties for their educational and charitable contributions to the community.

**25-0502 Resolution – North Carolina NAACP 2025 State Convention**

Commissioner Valentine read the following resolution:

## HONORING THE NORTH CAROLINA NAACP 2025

**WHEREAS,** The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded on February 12, 1909, by a multi-racial group of activists and is the nation's oldest civil rights organization dedicated to ensuring the educational, social and economic equality of minority citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** its mission is to ensure and secure equal rights for persons of color in the U. S. and to fight racial injustices; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina State Conference NAACP is led by Deborah Dicks Maxwell, who is the first female president in the organization's history, along with Executive Director Da'Quan Marcell Love who is the Executive Director; and

**WHEREAS,** from September 26-27, 2025, the members of the Durham Chapter will host the NAACP North Carolina State Convention attendees at the Hilton Durham on Hillsborough Road near Duke University; and

**WHEREAS,** the local Durham Branch of the NAACP, led by President Dr. Angeloe Burch is pleased and honored to host the 82nd Annual State Convention; and

**WHEREAS,** the theme of the two-day meeting will be "Policy. Power. Prosperity!"; and

**WHEREAS,** workshops and special activities will include: the Freedom Fund Banquet; Shaping the NAACP's statewide policy priorities, Civil Rights, Voting and Economic Justice; as well as Youth and College Division Sessions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Durham Board of County Commissioners hereby welcome all leaders and members of the North Carolina Conference of the NAACP to their 82nd Annual Convention.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we commend the members of the North Carolina NAACP for their many contributions and achievements and wish all attendees an uplifting and productive meeting.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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Nida Allam, Chair

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Dr. Mike Lee, Vice Chair

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Michelle Burton, Commissioner

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Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

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Stephen Valentine, Commissioner

Chair Allam thanked Commissioner Valentine for being a member of the NAACP and for his contributions in bringing the NAACP Annual State Convention to Durham.

### Items To Be Acknowledged Only

## **25-0485 Proclamation – Recovery Month 2025**

### **RECOVERY MONTH | 2025**

- WHEREAS,** National Recovery Month (Recovery Month), which started in 1989, is observed every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation’s strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery possible; and
- WHEREAS,** this year’s Recovery Month theme is “Recovery is REAL (Restoring Every Aspect of Life)”; and
- WHEREAS,** it is estimated that 3,025 North Carolinians have died from a suspected overdose in 2024. Durham County seeks to educate the community about substance use disorders, mental health and the availability of services and support; and
- WHEREAS,** we strive to reduce stigma by educating and removing the negative stereotypes associated with the disease of addiction, treatment and programming in hopes that community members recognize that everyone is deserving of help; and
- WHEREAS,** substance use can contribute to illegal activity, the Justice Services Department seeks to invest in recovery programs that address the root causes of the justice involvement by offering programs such as STARR, Jail Mental Health, Cognitive Behavior therapy, Intensive Outpatient treatment and Specialty Courts; and
- WHEREAS,** we strive to reduce the stigma associated with the use of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), by educating the community that MOUD is an evidence- based treatment modality that helps reduce opioid cravings, withdrawal symptoms and the risks of overdose that is used in combination with counseling and/or behavioral interventions; and
- WHEREAS,** we work closely with the City of Durham Community Safety Department and other local, state and federal partners to improve public safety, reduce recidivism and improve the quality of life for justice involved citizens experiencing substance use disorders by offering screenings, assessments, education and group and individual treatment services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September as

### **“RECOVERY MONTH”**

in Durham County and hereby call upon the people of Durham to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year’s recovery theme and our on-going recovery efforts.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025

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Nida Allam, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Renee Shaw, Substance Use Disorders (SUD)/Mental Health (MH) Program Manager, Justice Services Department thanked the Board for the proclamation and shared the activities planned. Marc Strange, Clinical Services Manager, Justice Services Department thanked the Board for their continued support.

The Board thanked Ms. Shaw and Mr. Strange for providing needed services and programs to justice involved residents in the community.

### **25-0495 Proclamation – World Alzheimer’s and Dementia Awareness Day**

#### **WORLD ALZHEIMER’S AND DEMENTIA AWARENESS DAY | 2025**

**WHEREAS,** September 21st is World Alzheimer’s Day; and

**WHEREAS,** this year’s world theme, “Ask About Dementia, Ask About Alzheimer’s” reminds us that it is never too early and never too late to seek information and support – to change the perception many people, including healthcare professionals, still hold that dementia is a normal part of aging; and

**WHEREAS,** one out of three older adults die with Alzheimer’s Disease and other related Dementia in NC as of 2024 and caregivers provide almost \$11 Billion dollars of unpaid labor to those living with Dementia in NC; and

**WHEREAS,** evidence suggests that when people with dementia and their families are well prepared and supported, their shock, anger and grief are best balanced by reassurance and empowerment; and

**WHEREAS,** Durham invites you to join in partnerships, collaborations, and advocacy efforts to promote well-being, inclusion, and health equity for people with dementia.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2025, as

#### **“WORLD ALZHEIMER’S AND DEMENTIA AWARENESS DAY”**

in Durham County and we commend this observance and urge everyone to join Dementia Inclusive, Inc. throughout the year to support people with dementia and their caregivers, especially on September 21st; and attend Dementia Inclusive Inc.’s annual forum on September 17, 2025, themed: Empowered Minds: Boost Brain Health, Lower Dementia Risks, Find Support, Learn and Discover.

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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Nida Allam, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Adam Hopler, Board Chair, Dementia Inclusive Inc. gave a brief overview of the resources and services available for families/caregivers of residents with Alzheimer’s and dementia.

The Board thanked Mr. Hopler for highlighting Alzheimer's and dementia and for providing resources and services to families/caregivers.

## **25-0498 Proclamation – Welcoming Week**

### **WELCOMING WEEK | 2025**

**WHEREAS,** the United States has long been a destination for individuals and families from around the world seeking freedom, safety, and opportunity, and the strength of our nation is rooted in its ability to integrate New Americans who contribute to our shared prosperity and civic life; and

**WHEREAS,** U.S. Census data reflects that 15.2% of Durham County's population is foreign-born, compared to 13.8% nationally, underscoring the important role that New Americans play in shaping our community's social, cultural, and economic fabric; and

**WHEREAS,** Welcoming Week is a national initiative that highlights the efforts of local communities working to foster greater understanding, connection, and civic engagement among all residents—both native-born and foreign-born; and

**WHEREAS,** Durham County is committed to being a community where all residents feel a sense of belonging and are encouraged to participate fully in public life, while also supporting policies that ensure a secure, fair immigration system that serves the national interest; and

**WHEREAS,** by helping New Americans become self-reliant, civically engaged, and committed to our laws, Durham County seeks to strengthen trust, promote shared values, and build a more cohesive, resilient community for current and future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 13 - 22, 2025, as

### **“WELCOMING WEEK”**

in Durham County and encourage all residents to take part in activities that promote mutual respect, civic participation, and the shared goal of making Durham a place where every New American has the opportunity to thrive and contribute.

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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Nida Allam, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

## **Consent Agenda**

Chair Allam asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any items on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Allam stated a citizen requested to comment on Item 25-0503.

Hearing no additional comments, Chair Allam entertained a motion for approval.



Vice Chair Dr. Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda except Item 25-0503.

The motion carried unanimously.

25-0392 Approve a Resolution Delegating Authority to the County Manager to Sign Real Estate Leases of County-Owned Property for up to a One-Year term as Allowed by State Statute

25-0448 Approval of Contract with Boundtree Medical for the Purchase of UEScope Video Laryngoscopes not to exceed the amount of \$146,073.12

\*25-0449 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC010 for the Department of Social Services to Recognize Durham County's FY 2025-26 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan in the Amount of \$932,221, Which Includes the Required Durham County DSS Local Match of \$86,123 to be Appropriated via General Fund Fund Balance

25-0466 Approval to Enter into Contract with Runbeck Election Services LLC an Arizona Limited Liability Company for Ballot Printing Services in the Amount of \$105,000.00

\*25-0468 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC011 Public Health to Recognize \$212,893 from NC DHSS Division of Public Health for the Prevention of Communicable Diseases

\*25-0469 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC012 Public Health to Recognize \$3,200 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Chronic Disease and Injury Section/ Cancer Prevention and Control Branch

\*25-0470 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC013 Public Health to Recognize \$13,826 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section Communicable Disease Section Branch for Health Screenings

\*25-0471 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC014 Public Health to Recognize \$9,081 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section /Communicable Disease Branch for STD/HIV Care

\*25-0472 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC015 Public Health to Recognize \$17, 500 from the Communicable Disease Branch of the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services for HIV Prevention

25-0476 Approval of Contract Amendment with Carolina Civilworks, Inc. for Emergency and Scheduled Collection System Repair Services in the Amount of \$210,289.02, Bringing the Contract Amount from \$400,000 to \$610,289.02 and to Execute Any Other Related Contract Amendments Not to Exceed \$700,000

25-0477 Approval of McGill Environmental Systems of NC, Inc. Contract Amendment for Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Residuals Transport and Disposal in the amount of \$142,000 Bringing the Contract Amount from \$408,600 to \$550,600

25-0481 Approval of Agreement with Alliance Health in the Amount not to Exceed \$6,173,542, to Manage the Provision of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (MH/DD/SUS) to Residents of Durham County

25-0483 Approve Acquisition of Three Conservation Easements: Sandra and Jerry Wrightenberry for 119 acres, Frances Cook for 147 acres, and Tom Washington for 76 acres for a total estimated County cost of \$1.8 million

\*25-0491 Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 26BCC018 the Opioid Settlement Fund to Recognize \$72,560 from Opioid Settlement Funding to Increase the Budget for the Post Overdose Response Team (Strategy 8) to Support the addition of a Peer Support Specialist FTE to Assist Emergency Service's Opioid Community Paramedics

25-0500 Approval of Contract with Duke University Health System, Inc. for Emergency Medical Director Services for the Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$195,426 annually for Fiscal Year 2025 with a One-Year Renewal Term

\*25-0504 Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC017 Cooperative Extension to Recognize \$5,000 from NC State's 4H Program for FY 2025-26 Kids Voting Activities

25-0507 Approval to Appoint Members for Second Special Board of Equalization and Review for 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0449

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC010**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Human Services	\$114,315,668.00	\$932,221.00	\$115,247,889.00
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Intergovernmental	\$75,971,998.62	\$846,098.00	\$76,818,096.62
Other Financing Sources	\$30,079,387.00	\$86,123.00	\$30,165,510.00

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 8, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0468

**Durham County, North Carolina**

**2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC011**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Resources	\$115,247,889.00	\$212,893.00	\$115,460,782.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$76,818,096.86	\$212,893.00	\$77,030,989.86

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 8, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0469

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC012**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Resources	\$115,460,782.00	\$3,200.00	\$115,463,982.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$77,030,989.86	\$3,200.00	\$77,034,189.86

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 8, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0470

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC013**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			

Human Resources	\$115,463,982.00	\$13,826.00	\$115,477,808.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$77,034,189.86	\$13,826.00	\$77,048,015.86

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 8, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0471

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC014**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Resources	\$115,477,808.00	\$9,081.00	\$115,486,889.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$77,048,015.86	\$9,081.00	\$77,057,096.86

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 8, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0472

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC015**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Resources	\$115, 486,889.00	\$17,500.00	\$115,504,389.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$77,057,096.86	\$17,500.00	\$77,074,596.86

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 8, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0491

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC018**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<b><u>OPIOID FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Public Safety	\$486,165.00	\$72,560.00	\$558,725.00
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Intergovernmental	\$1,405,518.00	\$72,560.00	\$1,478,078.00

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 8, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0504

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC017**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$10,797,821.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,802,821.00
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Intergovernmental	\$77,074,596.86	\$5,000.00	\$77,079,596.86

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 8, 2025

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**Public Hearings**

**25-0501 Public Hearing - To Consider the Renaming the County Administration II Building after William V. "Bill" Bell**

Shannon Trapp, Director of Community Partnership and Engagement shared the *William Bell Lobby Name Request Presentation* which highlighted the following: Durham County Naming/Renaming Policy Highlights, Durham County Naming Committee, Naming Request: William V. "Bill" Bell Lobby, Committee Recommendation and Next Steps.

Chair Allam opened the Public Hearing.

Dr. Anjanée Bell, Applicant

Dr. Bell stated she appreciated the Board taking the time to name a building after her father, William “Bill” Bell. She added her initial request was for a building to be named in honor of her father.

Chair Allam closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to approve renaming the County Administrative Building II after William V. “Bill” Bell, former County Commissioner.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Valentine shared the following statement:

*The naming of the administration building across the street is in recognition of the life and legacy of William "Bill" Bell. Mayor Bell is a local, state, national, and, I dare say, an international figure. His tenure as Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and as the Mayor of this great city remains unprecedented. His long tenure also speaks to the trust our community reposed in his leadership for more than forty years.*

*I would also like to associate myself with the comments made by Chair Allam. Mayor Bell started his political career at the age of 31, which is the age you are today. This recognition will serve as an inspiration for our young people to consider a life in public service.*

*Mayor Bell is a humble man, and he probably does not like all this attention, but he deserves this great honor. I also want to acknowledge the Bell family, who are present here tonight.*

*Congratulations! Lastly, congratulations, Mayor Bell.*

Chair Allam thanked Mr. Bell’s family for advocating for him and stated Mr. Bell started his political career at a young age and has become a legend.

Commissioner Burton stated naming a County building after Mr. Bell was a historic moment and Mr. Bell’s leadership set a standard in Durham.

Vice Chair Dr. Lee stated the Board was honoring Mr. Bell with the naming of the County building for his leadership and impact on the County and the City.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked Judith Bell, Mr. Bell’s wife and his family for their support and devotion. Commissioner Jacobs shared a brief overview of Mr. Bell’s major campaigns over the years.

**Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda**

25-0503 Approval of Contract with Vision Government Solutions in the amount of \$291,000 for 2025 Reappraisal Services for Durham County Tax Administration

Randolf Coley, Citizen

Mr. Coley stated he could not afford the property taxes on his property after the revaluation. He added the increase in the property value was due to new subdivisions and his property being annexed into the city.

Chair Allam asked Keyar Doyle, Tax Administrator to reach out to Mr. Coley about his property.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton to approve Consent Agenda Item 25-0503.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Valentine moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 8:01 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton  
Deputy Clerk to the Board