

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

Monday, October 13, 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: 3

Closed Session – 5:30 PM

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

- To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee; pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Chair Allam announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

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. **Early Voting for the Municipal General Election Oct. 16 to Nov. 1** – Early Voting for the 2025 Municipal General Election runs from Thursday, Oct. 16 through Saturday, Nov. 1. There are five early voting locations – North Regional, East Regional, South Regional, NCCU Turner Law Building, and the Durham County Board of Elections main office at 3825 S. Roxboro Street. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2025. For more information, visit www.dcovotes.com or call 919-560-0700.
2. **Kids Voting Durham Candidate Forum** – Ever wonder what Durham would be like if youth under 18 had a voice or how much more engaging and interesting a Candidate Forum could be if it was run entirely by young people themselves? Find out by coming to the all youth-led Kids Voting Durham Youth Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 16 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Hillside High School, meet the candidates that want to be Durham’s Mayor & City Council, and find out how fun and interesting a candidate forum can actually be! There will be food & prize drawings for gift cards from local businesses! All are welcome, but only youth get to ask questions and interact with the candidates. REGISTER at <https://www.kidsvotingdurham.org/blog/2025-candidate-forum>.
3. **County Seeks Input on New BRT Vision Plan** – Durham County is developing a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision Plan to examine corridor improvements and service investments for a network of high-capacity transit services in Durham County. The Transportation Department is looking for community input to ensure it reflects local priorities. Take the survey here – https://durhambrtvision.com/Fall_2025_Survey and be on the lookout for details on upcoming in-person events at the end of October and early November on the project’s website here – <https://durhambrtvision.com/>.
4. **Code Connect – Technical Presentation on New UDO** – Join Code Studio, the technical consultant team for the New UDO project, and Durham Planning & Development Department staff for a presentation of the proposed Module 3 content on Environmental Protection, Subdivisions, and Infrastructure. There will be a Q&A. Virtual event is Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. Register at <https://bit.ly/CodeConnect102125>. In-person event is Thursday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Durham County Admin II Building, Room 126, 201 E. Main Street RSVP: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/bxyZqt20qZ>.
5. **DCSO Resident Survey** – The Durham County Sheriff’s Office has launched an online survey to allow Durham County residents to provide constructive feedback to the office. The completion of this survey will help the Sheriff’s Office meet the Advanced Law Enforcement Standard of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The survey is available at <https://forms.gle/448SGCUhbSzk9Hi66> until the deadline on Wednesday, October 22.

6. **DCo Department of Public Health Presents: Overdose Response** – Overdose Response Webinar hosted by the Department of Public will be held on Thursday, October 16th from 7-7:45pm for youth ages 12-18 and their parents/caregivers. This webinar will introduce strategies for keeping teens safe when they encounter drugs and learn how to respond if someone overdoses. Please register by visiting www.tinyurl.com/46hheeft or contact lfscofield@dconc.gov.
7. **Watch the latest “In Touch with Durham County” Show** – The Durham County Public Information Office invites everyone to tune into the latest “In Touch with Durham County” show for October, featuring discussions with Durham County Food Security Coordinator Raina Goldstein Bunnag and Durham Crisis Response Center Executive Director Shana Carignan. Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/hhZs3QdkO6Q>.

Commissioner Jacobs stated Catherine Ferrell celebrated her 113th birthday on October 12th and she was recognized as North Carolina’s oldest living resident. Commissioner Jacobs added the funeral service for DeWarren K. Langley was October 13th at First Calvary Baptist Church and the community gathering was October 14th at 5p.m. at the CCB Plaza. Chair Allam stated the Board would read a resolution honoring the life and legacy of DeWarren K. Langley at the October 27th meeting.

Minutes

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Lee to approve the September 22, 2025 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

To Be Recognized

25-0534 R Recognition of Brad Caison as Durham County’s HIV Navigator and Bridget Nelson as Durham County’s New Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Resilience Coordinator

Dr. Rodney Jenkins, Public Health Director, introduced Brad Caison, HIV Navigator, to the Board and shared a brief overview of his work history and educational background. Mr. Caison thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for Durham County.

The Board thanked Mr. Caison for informing residents in the community about the services and programs related to the HIV continuum of care.

Dr. Jenkins introduced Bridget Nelson, Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resilience Coordinator to the Board and shared an overview of her educational background and work experience. Ms. Nelson thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for Durham County, adding that she was passionate about the position and looked forward to working with the residents.

The Board welcomed Ms. Nelson, noting that the position was created to address systemic changes.

To Be Acknowledged

25-0551 Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2025

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH | 2025

- WHEREAS,** domestic violence is one of the most urgent public health and safety issues in our nation, impacting people of every age, race, gender, and background; and
- WHEREAS,** survivors face lasting emotional, physical, and financial harm; and their courage to break silence calls us to respond with compassion and justice; and
- WHEREAS,** in the United States, more than 10 million adults experience domestic violence each year, underscoring the widespread and devastating reach of this crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** in Durham County, nearly two in five women murdered lose their lives at the hands of an intimate partner, showing the deadly consequences of this crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County is committed to leading with courage, compassion, and collaboration to break the cycle of domestic violence and ensure safety for all; and
- WHEREAS,** Shining Light In Darkness, a survivor-led organization based in Durham, provides life-saving crisis response, advocacy, counseling, housing coordination, education, and community support to help survivors rebuild their lives with dignity and strength; and
- WHEREAS,** Shining Light In Darkness works closely with schools, faith leaders, law enforcement, and community partners to prevent violence, uplift survivor voices, and expand pathways to healing and hope; and
- WHEREAS,** October is recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to honor survivors, remember those we have lost, and recommit to building homes and communities free from fear.

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 October 2025, as

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Durham County and commend Shining Light In Darkness for their unwavering dedication to bringing hope, healing, and safety to survivors and families in our community. Let us join together to end domestic violence and build a Durham where every home is safe and every person is free.

This 13th day of October 2025.

Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Chair Allam stated the proclamation was shared with the Founder and Executive Director of the Shining Light in Darkness Organization.

Consent Agenda

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

Hearing none, Chair Allam entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

*25-0510 Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC021 Public Health to Recognize \$3,124 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology/ Communicable Disease Branch to Expand Disease Surveillance

*25-0513 Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26OPA002 for the Opioid Fund to Reallocate \$20,373 of Previously Approved Opioid Settlement Funds from the Syringe Project Strategy to the Naloxone Project Strategy

25-0514 Approval to Extend the Existing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Durham to Contract for a Joint Crisis Communications Plan to December 31, 2026

25-0515 Approval of Contract with SimuLab for the Purchase of Difficult AirwayMan System Training Packages for the Office of Emergency Services not to exceed the amount of \$142,415.00

*25-0516 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC0019 Public Health to Recognize \$6,000 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section /Communicable Disease Branch to Implement the Electronic Test Ordering and Results System

25-0521 Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC) in the amount of \$1,861.78 to provide planning and technical assistance for the Triangle Region Solid Waste Consortium

*25-0526 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.26CPA07 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC022 Decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$80,300 and Transferring that Funding to the General Fund to Support the Purchase of a 25-Acre Conservation Easement of Tilley Farm from Wesley and Cristan Poole, as well as Recognizing \$213,000 from the Army National Guard's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program to Support the Purchase of the Tilley Farm Conservation Easement for a Total Cost of \$293,300

25-0527 Approve Committing Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Rebates and Incentive Funding Toward Projects that Further the County's Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goals

25-0535 Agreement - Revisions to Historic Preservation Commission's Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

25-0537 Approval of the Contract Amendment to Funds Reservation 26-104 in the Amount of \$6,120 to Pinam Construction, Inc. for Additional Work Needed Due to Unforeseen Conditions for a Total Contract Amount of \$161,090.78

25-0538 Authorization to Amend the Design Contract with RND Architects, PA for Design Development and Construction Administration Services for the Stanford L. Warren Interior Upgrades

Project in the Amount of \$14,470 for a Total Revised Contract Amount of \$242,669

25-0542 Approval of the Creation of Three New FTE Positions in the County's Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund

Consent Agenda Item #25-0510

**Durham County, North Carolina
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 26BCC021**

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 Services	\$115,510,389.00	\$3,124.00	\$115,513,513.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$77,085,596.86	\$3,124.00	\$77,088,720.86

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

Approved October 13, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0513

**Durham County, North Carolina
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 26OPA002**

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>OPIOID FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$919,353.00	\$0.00	\$919,353.00

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

Approved October 13, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0516

**Durham County, North Carolina
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 26BCC019**

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>
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GENERAL FUND

Expenditure

Human Services	\$115,504,389.00	\$6,000.00	\$115,510,389.00
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Revenue

Intergovernmental	\$77,079,596.86	\$6,000.00	\$77,085,596.86
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved October 13, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0526

**Durham County, North Carolina
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 26BCC022**

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>			
Environmental Protection	\$8,267,448.00	\$293,300.00	\$8,560,748.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$77,088,720.86	\$213,000.00	\$77,301,720.86
Other Financing Services	\$30,477,510.00	\$80,300.00	\$30,557,810.00

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

Approved October 13, 2025

**Durham County, North Carolina
Capital Project
Amendment Number 26CPA-07**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
47302635DC083	Open Space and Farmland Preser	\$12,880,669.70	(\$80,300.00)	\$12,800,369.70

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved October 13, 2025

Closed Session

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

- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations; pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

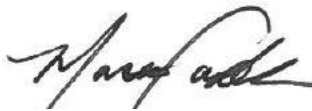
Chair Allam announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Dr. Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 8:18 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board