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**Item:**

**Update from Durham Workforce Development Board (45mins)**

**Date of BOCC Meeting:** February 4, 2019

**Request for Board Action:**

The Board is requested to receive the updates from representatives of the Durham Workforce Development Board and ask any questions they wish.

Workforce development boards were first developed in the 1960s as part of Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" initiatives. They were called "manpower development" and came in the form of block grants to the mayors of cities. As Johnson's programs morphed into CETA and then JTPA and now WIA programs, many cities sought to get out of the business of administering these programs. Not Durham. There are currently 24 local service areas under WIA in North Carolina. 13 are COGs, 7 are counties, 1 is a 10-county non-profit consortium based in New Bern, and (only) 3 are still run by the cities of Durham, Charlotte, and Greensboro.

The Greater Durham Workforce Development Board (aka Durham Workforce Development Board or DWDB) was first organized by an interlocal consortium agreement in 2003, revised most recently in 2015. The City of Durham provides administrative oversight and the City Council appoints a simple majority of members of the board.

The statutory role of the Durham Workforce Development Board is to be the oversight body for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds in Durham County and programs offered through the Durham JobLink Career Center. The DWDB also advises and strategically plans workforce initiatives around high demand industries with the greatest potential for Durham residents to be hired

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** A strong, relevant body helping to drive workforce development in Durham is critical to achieving Community and Family Enrichment, Goal 1 in the Durham County Strategic Plan, but ultimately affects the well-being of every person in Durham County.

**Resource Persons:** Andre Pettigrew, Director of OEWD and E.D. of Durham Workforce Development Board; Paul Grantham, Assoc. VP of Communications at Duke University and Chair of the Durham Workforce Development Board; Adria Graham Scott, Senior Workforce Development Manager at OEWD

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the updates from representatives of the Durham Workforce Development Board and ask any questions they wish.

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