

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

Monday, November 25, 2024

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 Nimasheena Burns and Commissioners Heidi Carter, Brenda Howerton and Wendy Jacobs

Presider: Chair Nida Allam

Zoom Hybrid
Participants: 4

Regular Session – 7:00 PM

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Allam announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

Announcements

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

1. **Durham County to Observe Thanksgiving Holiday** – Most Durham County Government offices will close in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, 2024. All offices will reopen with normal business hours on Monday, December 2. For information on specific impacts to our services, visit www.dconc.gov.
2. **Kids Voting Durham Election Results** – Did you know that Durham County youth participated in the 2024 Election through Kids Voting Durham? Durham's youth have spoken! Over 18,000 youth across Durham cast their ballot in the 2024 Election. In 51 participating schools, at Durham Libraries, Book Harvest, and other community locations, in youth groups, at Election Day precincts, and online, youth were able to voice their votes for the candidates they wanted to lead us. See the KVD Election Results now at <https://www.kidsvotingdurham.org/blog-1/2024-results>. Interested in your kids being a part of KVD? Email Carolyn Kreuger at ckreuger@dconc.gov.
3. **Durham Holiday Parade on Dec. 14** – Kick off the Winter Holidays with the annual Durham Holiday Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 14. Cheer on hometown bands, drill teams, schools, and community groups as they make their way down Main Street. The procession will

conclude with a guest appearance from Santa! Learn more at the City of Durham Parks and Recreation's website here - <https://www.dprplaymore.org/309/Holiday-Parade>.

4. **NAIA Football Championship Coming to DCo** – Durham County Memorial Stadium will host the 69th Annual NAIA Football Championship game at 12 p.m. on Saturday, December 21. The game will pit the top two teams that advance through the NAIA Football Championship Series, which runs from Nov. 23 to Dec. 14. To read more about who is involved in the NAIA championships visit https://www.naia.org/sports/fball/2024-25/Releases/FCS_Results. Ticket information can be found here: https://durhamncsports.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/33?access_code=f2f879a561b75dc453230709bba672f884924c0c
5. **Anjappar Chettinad Indian Restaurant Now Open at Admin II** – Downtown Durham has a new restaurant, Anjappar Chettinad Indian Restaurant, and it's open in one of two retail spaces in the Durham County Government's Administration II Building at 201 E. Main Street! We hosted a grand opening on Nov. 20 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This business will contribute to the vibrancy of downtown. It has hours independent of Durham County Government of – Monday through Friday (Lunch, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Dinner, 5-10 p.m.) and Saturday/Sunday (Lunch, 12-3 p.m.; Dinner 5-10 p.m.). More information, including menu at www.anjappardurham.com/.

Commissioners shared the following additional announcements.

- Durham Public Schools were currently hiring bus drivers and starting a rotational bus plan due to a driver shortage. This plan would assign all bus riders one day per week in which their bus would not run a route. Information has been shared with parents and the community.

Minutes

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the November 4, 2024 Work Session minutes and the November 12, 2024 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

24-0743 Recognition of Outgoing County Commissioners Nimasheena Burns, Heidi Carter and Brenda Howerton

Claudia O. Hager, County Manager, introduced a special presentation for outgoing County Commissioners Nimasheena Burns, Heidi Carter and Brenda Howerton and presented them each with a plaque from the County.

Vice Chair Burns read the following statement:

"I am certainly surprised. There are a lot of people here.

I don't know how I'm going to thank you all for how you have changed my life. Calling on people will most assuredly get me in trouble this evening and will take much too long. I will call on a few so blame my head and forgive my heart.

I'm so happy to have parents here this evening. My parents believed like so many others that my ideas, my thoughts, my life mattered. That's why I feel that way about all of you. I was raised to believe that everyone has value. They learned it from their parents.

If my maternal Grandmother were here, she would say act pretty, the opposite of being ugly or acting unlady like. Gentle. Demure. While my paternal grandmother was similar, she was a bit sterner. When my father was selected with my uncle a few others to integrate his high school, whites in the community said they would kill the first nword that got off the bus. neighbors asked my grandmother: If she were seriously contemplating sending my father. Her answer: The president has signed that piece of paper, and someone must go. She was fearless and faithful and that gave my father courage. Same courage I have served with. She was willing to send her children into the lion's den for the great good. Many might ask what this has to do with a farewell. Well, some folks are here just to see what I might say. In the spirit of both my grandfathers, one preacher and farmer, the other a merchant and farmer, I will do my best to keep my sermon succinct and in the spirit of my grandmothers I will throw myself to the lion's den for the greater good one last time, but as always, I'll act pretty while I do it.

During my tenure as your county commissioner, I had very high standards for myself, for the staff and for colleagues and for the community. I would work a full day. Then I would come to county commission and put on the whole armor of GOD to fight for you.

If I were to say Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, immediately people think of Dr. Martin Luther King. We don't think of other Pastors. But Vernon Johns preceded King and was a race man but not of similar methodology. A bit more rhetoric than action. He was most famous for saying, "If you see a good fight get in it."

As a county commissioner I saw a lot of good fights worth getting in and I got in. I can be supportive and hold people accountable at the same time. Durham I'm asking you to do the same.

When I first arrived in office, we came out swinging. Juneteenth became a paid holiday. We blocked hair discrimination, paid for summer learning camps at the Durham housing authority, launched a tax relief program, led a cost-of-living increase employ men, we developed an immigrant services position raised wages for bus drivers and unclassified employees, and expanded Pre-K.

Those last two are important because I watched my mom for safely drive kids to school on her bus route and for over 20 years I watched my mom make her annual trek to a supply store to make sure her classroom was the most aesthetically pleasing as possible so her students could do the same. Fast forward to present, I watched my three sisters do the same right here in Durham, leveraging their paychecks to support their students and classrooms.

The next year we increased Durham Public School funding again for the 10th year in a row, added ore for PreK and added more funding the Durham Tech, started a process to support non-profits in Durham via our rescue plan allocation. In previous budgets I saw that

I specifically wanted increased Maternal Health support and I am proud to say that the Board whole-heartedly supported this initiative. For that I am thankful. We have seen the disparities for years and we are stepping up to the plate to do something about it. We added \$265,947 to support a Maternal Health Nurse Lactation Specialist, a Maternal Health Nurse, and operating funds to support the nursing positions.

And let us speak plainly black maternal health. These are the sacred grounds where disparities have too long festered. Through initiatives like our Black Maternal Health Consortium, we have sought to dismantle barriers, to remind our Black mothers that they are not alone, that their wellness is not an afterthought but a priority.

The FY 2022-23 approved budget includes \$6.82 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding, which will support the county's economic recovery efforts, public health response to the pandemic, and allow the county to invest in the community's growth and vitality. There are many other great investments in this budget for mental health, agriculture, public health, homeowner tax relief, and small business support.

Arriving here I looked at previous budgets. You can learn a lot about the values of individuals when you see what they spend their money on. Each budget has a summary. In two summaries

Fiscal Year 2022-23

Total Budget: \$793,563,860 (7.8% increase over the previous year) **with no tax increase.**

- **Durham Public Schools (DPS):**

- Funding: \$177,151,627 (+\$10.95 million increase).
- Per pupil spending: \$4,361.
- Teacher supplements pay: Increased to make Durham one of the highest-paying counties for local supplements.
- Pre-K Expansion: \$880,000 added, total annual funding \$6.4 million.

- **Durham Technical Community College:** \$9,743,434 (+\$789,268 increase).

- **Maternal Health:** \$265,947 allocated for a Lactation Specialist, Nurse, and operational support to address health disparities.

- **Employee Compensation:** 2.5%-3.5% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (3.5% for salaries ≤ \$75,000).

- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):** \$6.82 million for economic recovery and public health.

- **2022 General Obligation Bond Referendum:**

\$550,240,000 allocated to schools, community colleges, and the Museum of Life & Science.

Fiscal Year 2023-24

Total Budget: \$889,605,733 (+\$10.8 million for DPS).

- **Durham Public Schools:**

- Funding: \$187,951,627.
- Per pupil spending: \$4,650 (+\$289 increase).
- Salary Support: \$1.57 million for certified, \$1.52 million for classified, and \$4.09 million for proposed classified salary increases.
- Support Services: Over \$240 million allocated, including public health, Pre-K, and debt services.

- **Durham Technical Community College:**

- Funding: \$14,632,830 (+\$1,963,631, 20.15% increase).
- Initiatives: \$500,000 for “Back to Work (BTW)” and the “BULLS” life sciences talent pipeline.

- **Additional Investments:**

- Solarize Durham: Total funding of \$150,000 to subsidize solar panels for low-to-moderate income households.

- *Small Farmer Grants: Increased by \$100,000, totaling \$250,000.*
 - *New Positions: Added 17 roles, including Elections Outreach Specialist and Veterans Service Officer.*
 - *Economic Development: Programs like Momentum 360 for microbusiness financial assistance and MWBE certification support.*
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My dad says almost monthly how much he loves being a veteran. It changed the trajectory of our family's life.

Our veterans, by our county, we have about 15,000 veterans and I think that number is low. With the resources we had we could not even service a third of them. We need staff to see them and cars to get to them and privacy. We added new staff, purchased vehicles and relocated them to an office that lent itself to great dignity for those who served.

Fiscal Year 2024-25

Total Budget: \$966,175,117 (8.62% increase over FY 2023-24).

● **Durham Public Schools:**

- *Funding: \$208,601,332 (+\$20,649,705 increase).*
- *Per pupil spending: \$5,368.*
- *Salary Support: \$6.58 million for certified staff, \$3.95 million for teacher supplements, \$1.26 million for master's pay, and \$8.88 million for classified staff.*
- *Capital and Pre-K Support: \$6 million for capital needs, \$716,624 for Pre-K at Murray-Massenburg Elementary, and \$965,448 for contracted Pre-K support, totaling \$8.89 million annually.*

● **ARPA Allocations:** Continued use to support educational and community initiatives.

This year we restored master's pay. We lose good, qualified teachers to neighboring counties every day because we didn't previous support masters pay. My sisters are included in that number. I can be critical and still be supportive. I know that if I can get more qualified teachers in classrooms. I can improve outcomes.

Hayti Reborn:

While violence interrupters are a part of a larger plan to curb violence, they are but one tool.

With rapid gun violence I made it a mission to save our boys and girls. A mission of action not rhetoric shared by former and forever Mayor Elaine O'Neil. This year we reallocated additional dollars to my Brother's Keeper, project build, added additional dollars to the JCPC, and for the second year in a row supported to the Hayti Reborn Justice movement to work to get individuals who are justice involved into the work force. I have said from the beginning that the quickest way to stop a bullet is with a job.

For our minority contractors. We build so much in Durham and buy so much and Durham and service so much in Durham.

With a town that is over 35% black, more that 15% other and more than 55% female, or spending numbers for all categorizes were at 2%. I knew we had to do better.

In these past four years, we have embraced the solemn duty of transforming the lofty aspirations of those who came before us into tangible realities. The dreams of our predecessors do not rest on the marble of memorials; they breathe in the lives we touch, in the barriers we dismantle, and in the hopes we amplify.

We have escalated our commitment to affordable housing—not as a footnote in policy but as the foundation for dignity. Housing is not just a roof; it is a refuge, a reminder that no person should be excluded from the story of Durham’s growth. And growth must include everyone—not as spectators, but as participants, authors, and beneficiaries of its promise. Tonight, we launch our affordable housing trust fund.

We have amplified investments in Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises, knowing that economic empowerment does not arrive by accident. It requires intention, resolve, and an unwavering belief that prosperity, to be true, must be shared. In every contract, every initiative, and every handshake, we have said, Your dreams matter. Your work matters. You matter.

Let our collective achievements be measured not by the wealth we accumulate, but by the lives we uplift, the futures we ignite, and the justice we secure.

This is our charge: to ensure that the promises of today do not become the unfulfilled legacies of tomorrow. There are people who are more focused on being in power than using their power.

The Lion in Winter the scene when Richard, Geoffrey and John were locked in the dungeon and Henry was coming down to execute them. Richard tells his brothers not to cower but to take it like men and Geoffrey says, 'You fool! As if it matters how a man falls down.' And Richard says, 'When the fall's all that's left, it matters a great deal.'"

We have far too many people who get elected to just be elected. To make certain that the torch we bear burns not just with ambition but with compassion, not just with resolve but with love.

We have to be the custodian of our community’s conscience. We shouldn’t have to be remind that progress does not reside in construction sites or corporate boardrooms. It resides in the lives we uplift—in the child who dreams of tomorrow, in the elder who prays for peace, in the mother and fathers who labors for their family and her freedom.

Tonight, I stand before you not as a commissioner stepping away from duty, but as a daughter of this soil, tethered to you by a shared love for this place and its people. Together, we have borne witness to triumphs etched in the veins of this community, and we have endured challenges that have tested our collective resolve.

Yet, I will not leave this stage without acknowledging the undercurrent of pain and frustration that many of us carry. The national landscape, tilted by the weight of an unqualified figure ascending to the highest office, casts a shadow across our aspirations. And here, in the heart of Durham, the prospect of one political action committee dictating the course of all three branches of our local government is a concern we must confront with vigilance. Democracy, fragile as ever, demands our unrelenting guardianship. To share your pain is to name it—to name the uncertainty that coils itself around our spirits, whispering doubts about the road ahead. But let me tell you this: uncertainty is not a foe to be feared. It is, in its essence, the crucible of hope. What lies ahead is not a cause for alarm but for awakening. The story of Durham, of its people, has never been one of complacency or surrender. It is a story of rebirth, again and again, rising not because the odds were in our favor, but because our hearts burned too brightly to fail.

We are a people who remember. We remember that progress is not linear, that setbacks are the soil in which our deepest roots find purchase. We remember that power—true power—is not in the hands of the few who wield it recklessly, but in the quiet determination of those who refuse to let injustice have the final word.

We can and we must hold the line. We must refuse to measure our worth by the wealth we accumulate, but by the hope we inspire. It’s foolish to think of one’s legacy especially after such a short time. That said I hope some lives were transformed and will continue to be transformed with the measures we put in place. I hope opportunities were made real and I pray that our endeavor for justice remains unyielding.

Durham, this is our charge. To ensure that the promises of today do not become the unfulfilled legacies of tomorrow. To ensure that the arc of history, though long, bends not just toward justice but toward joy, toward love, toward liberation.

As I leave my seat on this commission, I do not leave the work. None of us do. The work is too great, too urgent, too sacred. It is the work of dismantling systems that oppress, of elevating voices long silenced, of creating a Durham where every child, every family, every dream can thrive without fear of the world's indifference.

So, I leave you not with words of farewell, but with a charge: Stay awake. Stay awake to the power of your convictions, to the sanctity of your vote, to the possibility of a future shaped by hands that hold one another rather than harm one another. Let us be the architects of that arc of justice that we seek to bend, the champions of that cause, and the stewards of an unimaginable legacy.

Hope is not passive. It is defiant. It is deliberate. It is what will keep us moving, even when the road ahead is steep and the destination unclear. Let us dare to hope—not in naïveté, but in the stubborn knowledge that this city, this nation, has been forged by those who believed in what they could not yet see.

I will walk into tomorrow with that hope, just as I know you will. And I will carry Durham with me, always—its beauty, its struggles, its promise. Because even as this chapter closes, the story of us is far from finished.

Thank you. For the privilege, for the trust, for the journey. Let us write the next chapter together.”

Commissioner Carter shared that she was honored to serve as a County Commissioner. She stated being a Commissioner allowed her to meet and work with County Administrators, Directors, business leaders, non-profit partners, Durham Technical Community College staff, City Council and Durham City staff, the Durham Public School Board and staff along with other City, County and Elected Officials.

Commissioner Carter thanked her husband, children, friends and her campaign team for all their support and dedication.

Commissioner Howerton thanked the Durham community for their support over the past 16 years and for allowing her to represent Durham County. She highlighted her start with the County on the Durham Soil and Water Board of Supervisors and shared details of her initiative during her presidency with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners for all the children in Durham to Thrive.

Commissioner Howerton thanked her family, friends, campaign staff, County Commissioners, Clerk to the Board along with her staff for their support and commitment.

Commissioner Jacobs read the following statement:

“We have indeed shared an historic board together over the past four years as an all-female board of commissioners. The first in Durham County and our state. And sadly, still a rarity in our nation. But we have also been an historic board navigating many difficult challenges together. From the first days of the pandemic, a malware attack, and many months of virtual meetings to making important decision about tens of millions of dollars of CARES ACT, Emergency Rental Assistance and ARPA funding as well as a national Opioid

Settlement: Funding decisions to help our businesses, schools, non-profits and the people in our community not only survive but also thrive.

Over the past four years, we have each changed and grown, learning a lot about ourselves and each other. But what has been a constant is that we have been united in our passion, care and dedication for Durham, trying to make decisions that put the best interest of our community first. We have stayed focused on policy and budgetary decisions and 99% of the time we have been of one accord. When we have disagreed, we have moved on, putting aside personal differences so we can do the work of the people of Durham.

I am incredibly proud of all we have accomplished TOGETHER as a BOARD, with the help of our expert, hardworking and dedicated staff, over the past four years. Allocating collectively, an unprecedented nearly \$100 million of federal funding to directly benefit the people and organizations of our community. We have expanded Durham PreK and launched Durham Thrives guaranteed income pilot, investing millions of dollars in our children and families. We have helped create more than 6,000 jobs and \$2.9 billion of economic impact and expanded our BULLS Initiative connecting Durham youth to these great jobs. We increased salaries to make sure our employees are being paid competitive market wages and raised the county minimum wage to more than \$19 per hour. We created hundreds of new units of affordable housing partnering with the city, also launching Durham's first supportive housing campus- Carver Creek. We approved transformational new transit, land use and renewable energy plans. We have prioritized investment in our children's education and future by approving historic budgets for Durham Public Schools and the largest bond for education in Durham's history. And being an historic all female board, yes, we have bought lots of things for our community together- The Shoppes of Hope Valley shopping center housing our new Board of Elections, the former Boys and Girls Club site and a beautiful new Farm Campus. And yay, we finally have a wonderful new restaurant- Anjappar - in our Admin 11 Building!

I want to take a moment to celebrate each of you, Heidi, Brenda and Nimasheena. One of the things I have learned over the past 12 years, is to appreciate the magic of governing. Each of us comes into this role as a public servant, as an elected representative of the people of Durham, with our own life experiences, gifts and talents, a unique perspective and skill set that we contribute to the magic that is the new entity we create together - our board.

I am grateful to each of you for what you have uniquely brought to our board and what I have learned from each of you.

Heidi. You have been incredible Durham public servant. Humble, hardworking, and never seeking to take credit for anything you do. First 12 years on the school board, also serving in leadership as chair and then 8 years here as a county commissioner. Many people would think you are nuts! You brought your passion for our schools to this board and helped build a more positive and collaborative relationship with our boards and champion the need for a bond and more capital funding for our schools. You also brought your public health background and the fight to address climate change directly to this board. You led important policy initiatives like the county's banning of single use plastics, a successful TNVR ordinance and the \$15 per hour minimum wage for county staff. You have been a dedicated and valued member of the boards on which you serve like the HSAC (Homeless Services Advisory Committee) Alliance Mental Health, Animal Services, EAB (Environmental Affairs Board) and Farmland Board where you have advocated for and represented well the needs of those boards. I have learned so much from you and your steadfast focus on policy, always trying to keep us in our commissioner lanes, asking tough questions, willing to give others the benefit of the doubt, never making things personal. I have admired your boldness in speaking the truth and sticking to your values. Heidi, I will really miss you leading us in Ukulele serenades to our staff and your bike parked in your parking space in our parking deck!

Brenda. I honestly don't know what it will be like to not serve alongside of you. We have been together the entire 12 years I have served on this board, and we have been through a lot together!!! We have been grown, changed and learned a lot from each other.

I will always be grateful to you for the way you mentored me as a new commissioner- encouraging me to get involved in NCACC (North Carolina Association of County Commissioners) the SOG (School of Government) and applying to be a part of the LELA-local elected leadership academy and you helped me navigate my first

national association of county officials' conferences. You taught me so much about the personal side of governing and the importance of personal relationships. I have been inspired by your strength and resilience in face of many of life's unthinkable challenges that have powered your championing of children and the end of gun violence and poverty. You and I have learned to appreciate the different ways we process information and make decisions and I think we really complemented each other when we had the opportunity to serve in leadership together during this term. I believe that being a strong leader also means being able to support others in leadership. I am proud of how together we have been able to recognize and support Nida and Nimasheena as new voices and new leadership on our board. I will really miss you keeping our meetings on time, always being able to count on you as a dance partner and knowing that you will be there, showing up at every event in our community!

Nimasheena. I have enjoyed working with you in many ways. It has been awesome to have a colleague to nerd out with on policy and someone who gets equally excited about economic and workforce development. Your encyclopedic knowledge about just about anything is astounding as well as your seemingly photographic memory of everything that has ever happened. I admire how rooted you are in where you have come from and will never forget your origins on Chicken Foot Road! Your incredible love and dedication to your family that you bring every day to the work we do has been an inspiration to me. You are often fearless in being honest and unafraid to say what others may also think. I admire the fierce passion you bring to this work and for your love for our community. I will miss your great oratory, storytelling, and ability to make people laugh. You have brought valuable expertise and knowledge to our board in areas such as housing and public safety both at the state and federal level. I will miss your smile, energy and promise to be "really quick".

Thank you to all three of you -Heidi, Brenda and Nimasheena- for your leadership and combined contribution of more than 40 years of dedicated public service to our community. Be well. I wish you the best in this next phase of your life."

Chair Allam read the following statement:

"This is a momentous and bittersweet occasion because I knew could count on Wendy to go into all the weeds. I want to use this time to take a moment to honor and highlight three incredible women who have served our board, our community, and our county with immense dedication, strength, and vision: Commissioners Brenda Howerton, Heidi Carter, and Vice Chair Nimasheena Burns.

Over the past four years, we've navigated a historic and transformative period together. We've faced challenges that tested us, moments that inspired us, and milestones that reminded us why we all serve: our shared love for Durham. Through it all, we've been a board defined by passion, resilience, and purpose.

Brenda, what can I say? You are one of the strongest, most fearless women I've ever met. You've been the beating heart of this board, and I am constantly in awe of your energy and vitality. You might be the youngest member of this board because you light up every community event—especially when you hit the dancefloor. Meanwhile, I'm the one who needs knee surgery! But truly, your leadership has been a beacon for me. You've shown me the power of standing firm in one's beliefs, and you've been someone I could always turn to for guidance. I will miss your jokes on a regular basis, which all of us here know were not suitable for me to repeat here in these chambers. I am so happy for you and your new-found freedom to use your favorite word however, and whenever you want, for those of you who don't know it, it's the same as VP Harris's the one that starts with "m and ends with ah."

Heidi—no offense to everyone else on this board—but you've been my favorite. Why? Because you and I share a very important belief: sometimes, these meetings just go on way too long! Jokes aside, your steadfast commitment to Durham's children, your work on the school board, and your advocacy for our planet are legacies that will resonate for generations. My own children have a brighter future because of your tireless

efforts. Your compassion, wisdom, and ability to cut through the noise to focus on what truly matters have been an inspiration.

Nimasheena, the yin to my yang, you are a force of nature. Your brilliance and memory are unmatched—seriously, I’ve never met anyone who can recall details with your level of precision! You and I started this journey together, and though you’re leaving the board, I know this is far from the end of your service to Durham. And, let’s be honest, it’s not the end of you telling me when I’m wrong! Knowing you has not only sharpened my understanding of governance but also gifted me and I’m sure many others in Durham County, with thicker skin—and for that, I’m truly grateful. Your commitment to doing what’s right, your ability to speak truth to power, and your tireless advocacy for the people of Durham are things I will always admire.

To each of you, I say thank you. Thank you for your service, your passion, your friendship, and your leadership. Durham is better because of you, and I am better for having served alongside you. As we close this chapter, I know this is not goodbye but simply “see you later.” Your impact is lasting, and your love for this community will continue to inspire us all.”

County Manager Hager thanked Commissioner Burns, Commissioner Carter and Commissioner Howerton for their service and commitment to Durham County.

Larissa Williamson, County Attorney, thanked Commissioner Burns, Commissioner Carter and Commissioner Howerton for appointing her to the County Attorney position and their leadership.

Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board thanked Commissioner Burns, Commissioner Carter and Commissioner Howerton for their trust, dedication and service to Durham County.

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.

Vice Chair Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

*24-0686 Capital Project Amendment No. 25CPA018 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.25BCC040 Re-Opening Shoppes of Hope Valley Capital Project (4730DC154), Reducing the Project to \$0, Transferring \$10,713.62 to the Debt Service Fund, and Closing the Project

24-0706 Approval to Amend the Current Contract, Fr# 24-1382 with MSJ Construction, Inc., in the Amount of \$12,100.69 to Replace the Glass in the Detention Center service yard office. The Current Contract Amount is \$699,750.00, the amendment will increase this to \$711,850.69. Funding for this is currently available in the CIP budget for this project.

*24-0732 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No. 25CPA024 Creating a New Santee Road Preserve Capital Project (4730DC165) with a Project Budget of \$600,000 by Transferring \$300,000 of Santee Road Property Fund Funding from the Open Space & Farmland Preserve Capital Project (4730DC083); and Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 25BCC052 Transferring \$276,591.62 of Open Space and Real State General Fund Funding to the PAYGO Fund; and

Appropriating \$23,408.38 of Santee Road Property Fund Fund Balance; and Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Contract for Master Plan Design Services, including Community Engagement Services, with Surface 678, PA Totaling an Amount not-to-exceed \$433,284.50

24-0741 Approval of Amendment of Existing Lease Between Mbaye Fall and Seynabou Mbengue, individuals D/B/A Thiosanne African Hair Braiding and Durham County for the Shoppes of Hope Valley, Suite 137

24-0744 Approval of Contract to Award Housing for New Hope a Grant under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nonprofit Grant Program Phase 3 - Homeless Services Grant Program

24-0745 Deed Transfer for property located at 1510 E. Lawson Street from Durham County Government to Durham Technical Community College to support the Durham Technical Community College Facility Master Plan

24-0746 Approval of \$1,000,000 to Support the Durham Affordable Housing Loan Fund Managed by Self-Help. In addition, the Board is Requested to Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 25BCC049 to Transfer \$1,000,0000 from the Debt Service Fund Fund Balance to the General Fund to Support the Expense

*24-0747 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 25BCC054 Appropriating \$81,497 in General Fund Restricted Fund Balance to Increase Federal Asset Forfeiture Spending Authority to a New Total of \$256,497 for the Sheriff's Office

*24-0748 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 25BCC053 Appropriating \$229,141 in General Fund Restricted Fund Balance to Increase State Asset Forfeiture Expenditure Authority to a New Total of \$269,141 for the Sheriff's Office

*24-0757 Approval of Property Tax Releases and Refunds for October 2024

24-0759 Approval of \$400,000 to support infrastructure and repairs for Student U. In addition, the Board is Request to Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 25BCC055 to Transfer \$400,000 from the Debt Service Fund Fund Balance to the General Fund to Support the Expense.

Consent Agenda Item #24-0686

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY 2024-2025 Capital Project
Amendment Number 25CPA-18**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the FY 2024-25 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
47302635DC154	Shoppes of Hope Valley	\$11,992,235.46	(\$10,713.62)	\$11,981,521.84

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved November 25, 2024

**Durham County, North Carolina
2024-2025 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 25BCC040**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2024-2025 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>			
General Government	\$111,304,678.77	\$10,713.62	\$111,315,392.39
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$109,913,855.77	\$10,713.62	\$109,924,569.39

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

Approved November 25, 2024

Consent Agenda Item #24-0732

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY 2024-2025 Capital Project
Amendment Number 25CPA-24**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the FY 2024-25 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
47302635DC083	Open Space and Farmland Preser.	\$13,246,019.70	(\$300,000.00)	\$12,946,019.70
47302635DC165	Santee Road Park Project	\$0.00	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved November 25, 2024

**Durham County, North Carolina
2024-2025 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 25BCC052**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2024-2025 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>			
General Government	\$193,614,890.70	\$276,591.62	\$193,891,482.32
Environmental Protection	\$9,931,280.47	(276,591.62)	\$9,654,688.85

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

Approved November 25, 2024

Consent Agenda Item #24-0747

**Durham County, North Carolina
2024-2025 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 25BCC054**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2024-2025 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>			
Public Safety	\$91,557,785.10	\$81,497.00	\$91,639,282.10
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$50,961,361.97	\$81,497.00	\$51,042,858.97

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

Approved November 25, 2024

Consent Agenda Item #24-0748

**Durham County, North Carolina
2024-2025 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 25BCC053**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2024-2025 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>			
Public Safety	\$91,328,644.10	\$229,141.00	\$91,557,785.10
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$50,732,220.97	\$229,141.00	\$50,961,361.97

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

Approved November 25, 2024

Consent Agenda Item #24-0757

Releases and Refunds – October 2024

Current Year 2024 Taxes	Releases	Refunds	
Real Property	\$378,818.60	\$86,191.99	
Personal Property	\$12,301.44	\$15,781.54	
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Solid Waste	\$678.52	\$5.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	
VTS Refunds	\$0.00	\$16,492.05	
Gross Rec	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SUB – TOTAL	\$391,798.56	\$118,470.58	\$510,269.14

Prior Year 2015-2023	Releases	Refunds	
Real Property	\$68,924.68	\$18,193.89	
Personal Property	\$4,286.00	\$2,795.18	
GAP Vehicles	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$394.42	
Solid Waste	\$508.89	\$0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$0.00	\$0.00	
VTs Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SUB - TOTAL	\$73,719.57	\$21,383.49	\$95,103.06
GRAND TOTAL	\$465,518.13	\$139,854.07	\$605,372.20

Board and Commission Appointments

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 Open Space and Trails Commission

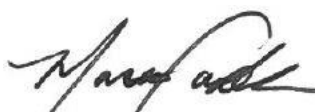
Stephen Artabane (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Adjournment

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 8:29 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board