

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

Monday, December 1, 2025

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

Presider: Chair Nida Allam

Zoom Hybrid

Participants: 2

**Other Business**

**25-0638 Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of County Commissioners**

Larissa Williamson County Attorney, opened the meeting and explained the process of electing a Chair and Vice-Chair. She opened the floor for nominations for the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Allam nominated Commissioner Dr. Mike Lee for the position of Chair.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Dr. Mike Lee asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Burton nominated Commissioner Nida Allam for the position of Vice-Chair.

The motion carried unanimously.

**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 or virtually via email to the Clerk no later than Sunday, December 7th, at 12 noon.

Antoinette Hawes, voiced her concern about a community leader having a no contact order with Durham County. She stated this no contact order was highly unnecessary and Durham County had no grounds to implement this order.

Doug Hodges, shared information pertaining to the nonprofit organization "Swing Pals", which served middle schools in Durham to help the youth build resilience through mindfulness golf. The

organization provided coaching in the schools, homebased programs, and after school programs held at Hillendale Golf Course. He requested the Board of County Commissioners visit the Swing Pals Program at Neal Middle School.

Amanda Wallace, voiced her concern about Durham County obtaining a no contact order against her. She stated this was an infringement upon her rights of freedom of speech and would fight to get this order lifted.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Board was requested to review the following Consent Agenda items for the December Regular Sessions.

There were no questions regarding the items below:

**25-0602 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC040 for the new Library to Recognize a Gift of \$10,000.00 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York**

**25-0605 Approval of Contract with Stryker for the Purchase of eleven (11) Power-LOAD units in the amount of \$364,334.85, forty-five (45) Stair chairs in the amount of \$319,707.45, and seven (7) LUCAS devices in the amount of \$181,231.27 for a total purchase amount of \$865,273.57**

**25-0631 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment 26BCC041 Cooperative Extension to Recognize \$1,500 in Grant Funds for Disaster Risk Management Training from NC A&T State University**

**25-0635 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC039 FY 2025-26 Encumbrance Rollover – Increasing Multiple Funds Budgeted Expenditures and Revenues by a total of \$14,194,990.03**

The Board inquired about the current process when a child was placed into the Department of Social Services (DSS) custody. County Manager Hager stated procedures would be sent to the Commissioners and an in-depth discussion could be held at a future work session meeting. Commissioner Jacobs added that DSS would be able to explain statutes and obligations for every person related to child abuse and neglect; however, DSS had to follow guidelines mandated by the State. County Manager Hager shared coordinated efforts between the Chief Judge, Public Defenders, the County and DSS Attorneys would be conducted, and the framework would be completed prior to the January Work Session.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shaunecie Wardrick  
Administrative Assistant