

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

Monday, August 11, 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, Commissioners Michelle Burton, Wendy Jacobs

Excused Absence: Commissioner Stephen Valentine

Presider: Chair Nida Allam

Zoom Hybrid
Participants: 11

Closed Session – 4:00 PM

The Board requested to adjourn to Closed Session 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 Commissioner Jacobs 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

Vice Chair Dr. Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Dr. Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve an excused absence for Commissioner Valentine for the August 11, 2025, Regular Session meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

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

1. **Disaster Recovery Center Now Open** – If you were impacted by Tropical Depression Chantal, you can get in-person help at the Durham County Library North Regional Branch (221 Milton Rd.) through Saturday, Aug. 30 at 1 p.m. Apply for disaster aid and loans, connect with recovery agencies, and get information on resources available. Hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. More info: <https://www.durhamnc.gov/4888>.
2. **2025 Annual Property Tax Billing** – The Durham County Tax Administration is expected to mail 2025 tax bills to Durham County property owners on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. Taxes are due September 1, 2025, but must be paid by January 5, 2026, to avoid interest and additional costs. For information, visit our website at www.dconc.gov/tax or contact Durham County Government Call Center at 919-560-0300. Payment may be made by check, bank draft, money order, cash, or online at <https://bit.ly/DCoTaxBillSearch>.
3. **Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Plan Public Engagement** – The Durham County Government and City of Durham, in partnership with the Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (TWTPO), the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and the East Coast Greenway Alliance, are excited to announce the second round of community engagement for the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Planning Study – a community-driven initiative to assess the transformation of an 18-mile inactive rail corridor into a multi-use trail. We're offering three drop-in public workshops where attendees can provide their input at their convenience on August 18, 5-7 PM at Durham County Main Library (300 N. Roxboro St.), August 27, 6-8 PM at Edison Johnson Recreation Center (500 Murray Ave.) and August 28, 6-8 PM at Spruce Pine Lodge (2235 Bahama Rd.) Online survey and more information at: <https://durham2roxborotrailplan.com/>.
4. **Exploring Alzheimer's Care and Support Services Session** – Join the Alzheimer's Association – Eastern North Carolina Chapter and Durham County Library for the next in a year-long series of a year programs designed to support and educate caregivers helping to provide them with the tools they need to successfully provide compassionate care for individuals living with dementia and themselves. On Friday, August 15 between 12-1 p.m., at Main Library, the topic will be Exploring Care and Support Services, which examines how best to prepare for future care decisions and changes including respite care, residential care, and end of life care. Register at <https://durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/13538470>

Commissioner Jacobs announced that Durham County was selected as one of eight counties to join the National Association of Counties (NACo) Fall 2025 Youth Justice Peer Exchange. She noted that Joanne

Pierce, Assistant County Manager along with Krystal Harris, Director of Community Intervention and Support Services, would be attending on behalf of the County.

Minutes

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Lee to approve the July 28, 2025, Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Sara Stephens, District Director of Government and Community Relations with Duke Energy, introduced herself and her new role.

The Board welcomed Ms. Stephens and lookd forward to working with her in her new capacity at Duke Energy.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioner Jacobs requested the contract for item 25-0430 be amended. County Manager Hager responded that the item was amended, and the update was made in the system prior to the start of the meeting.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

25-0193 Award of Contract for Bliss Products and Services, Inc. in the amount of \$246,815.70, to replace three (3) sections of bleacher seating at Durham County Memorial Stadium (RFP 25-023)

*25-0337 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC007 Appropriating \$1,500,000 of General Fund Fund Balance to support the Durham Affordable Housing Loan Fund

25-0378 Award of Contract to EMS Management & Consultants (EMS/MC) for the EMS Billing and Collection Services for Durham County Emergency Medical Services.

25-0390 Approval of Purchase of Goods Contract with Batteries of NC & S.W.S. LLC in the Amount of \$656,331.78 for the Sheriff's Office FY26 Vehicle Equipment

25-0391 Approval of FY 2025-26 Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Grant Funding Resolution

25-0402 Approve Contract Award to Froehling and Robertson, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services

for Materials Testing for Chin Page, Page Park, Slater Lift Stations and Pipeline Construction for the Utilities Division in the Amount of \$124,913.00 with a Not to Exceed Amount of \$138,000.00

25-0408 Approval of the FY26 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Global Operating and Capital Agreements

25-0419 Recognize \$31,982 of Duke Energy Smart Saver Custom Incentive Program Funding Related to the Board of Elections Renovations Capital Project (4730DC155)

25-0420 Approve Allowances for Office of Emergency Services Fleet Maintenance Facility for Early Release Packages for the Renovation and to Execute the Construction Manager at Risk GMP #1 “Early Release Packages” Contract

*25-0426 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC008 Cooperative Extension to Recognize \$66,364 from Welcome Baby Smart Start Grant Program

25-0428 Adopt the Emergency Services Resolution for the 2025 Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

25-0430 Request Approval of \$127,050.00 Contract with Student U to Administer the Durham Community Schools Program

25-0432 Approval of the contract with BMS CAT in the amount of \$448,250.00 to perform duct cleaning and restoration at the County Detention Center, and the authority to execute change orders/amendments to the contract as long as funds are available in the CIP fund

*25-0433 Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC009 reallocating \$262,779.86 in previously unspent multi-year Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds for FY 2022-24

25-0444 Removal of Citizen Board Member Due to Poor Attendance

25-0450 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Opioid Settlements with Secondary Opioid Manufacturers, Purdue Pharma LP, and the Sackler Family and Approving the Third Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments

Consent Agenda Item #25-0337

**Durham County, North Carolina
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 26BCC007**

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>
GENERAL FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
General Government	\$193,312,411.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$194,812,411.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$28,579,387.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$30,079,387.00

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

Approved August 11, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0426

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<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$10,419,457.00	\$66,364.00	\$10,485,821.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$75,642,855.00	\$66,364.00	\$75,709,219.00

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<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$95,134,406.00	\$262,779.86	\$95,397,185.86
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$75,709,219.00	\$262,779.86	\$75,971,998.86

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

Approved August 11, 2025

Adjournment

Vice Chair Dr. Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 7:20p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Monica Wallace". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Monica" and last name "Wallace" clearly distinguishable.

Monica W. Wallace
Clerk to the Board