



October 2025 Announcement

The Durham Board of County Commissioners solicits applicants to fill positions on the following citizen boards and commissions:

- **Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (17 At-Large Positions)**
 - This committee's primary function is to maintain the rights of residents living in adult care homes including assisted living facilities and family care homes. They serve as the link between the community and the homes, seeking to increase community involvement and, at the same time, promoting community education and awareness of the needs of the residents in these homes.
Special Requirements: 6-24 hours per quarter, 15 hours of initial training before visits can begin, must complete 10 hours of annual training and must serve on a subcommittee. Miscellaneous: 1 hour per week responding to phone calls, emails and subcommittee meetings.
- **Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (3 At-Large, 1 "Lebanon Township," and 1 "Mangum Township" Position)**
 - Advises the City Council and the Board of Commissioners on matters relating to open space preservation and trail development while involving and educating all segments of the Durham community. The commission consists of eight members appointed by both the City Council and Board of Commissioners, four elected or appointed officials, and up to 10 members appointed by the commission. The commission has committees that meet on a monthly or as-needed basis: Trails, Matching Grants, Development Review, Community Education/Newsletter, Finance, Open Space, and Nominations.
- **Durham Planning Commission (1 "Lebanon Township" Position)**
 - Reviews recommended plans, policies and reports of the professional planning staff and makes recommendations concerning them to the governing bodies, including rezoning and zoning ordinance changes. Other duties include reviewing reports, proposing and reviewing policies and procedures for encouraging broad public input on all plans and reporting to the governing bodies on the conditions of the planning jurisdiction and the status of planning activities.
- **Farmland Protection Advisory Board (1 "Falls/Lick Creek VAD" Position)**
 - Seeks to promote the best use of land in Durham County so that development and growth will be accompanied by protection of our attractive and ecologically desirable forests and farms. Durham County residents derive many benefits from local farmland: clean water and air, plant and animal habitats, fresh fruit and vegetables, and visual pleasure from these forests and farms. Farmland protection will enable Durham County to continue to produce food and various fibers on nutrient enriched soils, alongside the more closely developed urban areas. The board actively works with farmers, the community, government entities, agencies and other resources to identify and implement strategies for preservation and enhancement of the farming community by protecting land and soils for future generations.
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- **Historic Preservation Commission (1 "Banker/Attorney")**
 - Holds quasi-judicial public hearings to determine whether requested changes to the exterior of historic district or landmark properties are appropriate by State law, local ordinance and historic preservation plans for the districts.
- **Homeless Services Advisory Committee (1 "Corporate/Private Sector" Position)**
 - Advises the Durham Board of County Commissioners and the Durham City Council on the implementation of collaborative initiatives to prevent and end homelessness in Durham.
- **Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (4 At-Large Positions)**
 - Aids in the financing of industrial and manufacturing for the purpose of alleviating unemployment or raising below average manufacturing wages by financing facilities that provides job opportunities or provides better wages than those prevalent in the area. Meets on an ad hoc basis.

- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (1 “Youth (Under Age 21) OR Member of the Public Representing the Interests of Families of At-Risk Juveniles” Position)
 - o Reviews the needs of Durham juveniles who are at risk of delinquency or who have been adjudicated, undisciplined, or delinquent, review and evaluate the resources available to address those needs, develop and implement a request for proposals process, and submit a written plan of action for the expenditure of juvenile sanction and prevention funds to the Durham Board of County Commissioners. Members do not directly interact with any juveniles.
- Library Board of Trustees (1 At-Large Position)
 - o advises the Library Director and the County Manager on issues related to the library and acts as a liaison between Durham County Library and the community. The duties and responsibilities of the Library Board of Trustees are as follows: to review and make recommendations to the Library Director, County Manager, or Board of County Commissioners, as appropriate, on proposed library programs, policies, and regulations for the government of the Library; to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners concerning the construction and improvement of buildings and other structures for the library system; to advise the County Manager regarding the appointment of the Library Director; to participate in preparing the annual budget of the library system; to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners a schedule of fines and charges for failure to return, damage to, and loss of library materials, and to take other measures to protect and regulate the use of such materials; to otherwise advise the Board of Commissioners on Library matters.
- Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee (16 At-Large Positions)
 - o Responsive to the needs of nursing home residents and promotes community involvement and cooperation with nursing homes. Members must be County residents and have no financial interest (directly or indirectly) in a nursing home, and no immediate family of a resident can be on the committee.
Special Requirements: 6 hours of initial required official training; 1.5-6 hours required per month for committee meetings, nursing home visits and unofficial training. Requested to participate in various community events.

Deadline for receipt of applications: October 31, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Appointments will be considered by the County Commissioners on
Monday, November 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Property tax listing must be current. County and City taxes may not reflect any delinquencies before an application is considered.

The online application may be accessed via the following URL link:
<https://durhamcounty.granicus.com/boards/forms/111/apply/>

For paper applications or additional information, please contact the Clerk to the Board’s Office at
 919-560-0025 | BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov