



November 2025 Announcement

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

- **Board of Equalization and Review (3 At-Large Positions)**
 - Committee of Durham County citizens who meet in order to hear grievances from any property owner who disagrees with the appraisal of their property. This includes real estate and personal property. This board is responsible for reviewing assessment appeals. In carrying out its responsibilities the board shall: Examine and review the tax lists of the county for the current year and make any changes necessary to ensure that all taxable property is listed, appraised and assessed as directed under the provisions of the Machinery Act. List, appraise and assess any taxable property omitted from the tax lists. Correct any errors in the names and descriptions of taxable property. Increase or decrease the appraised value of any property that in the board's opinion is below or above market value, as required by G.S. 105-283. See that any increase or decrease in the appraised value of real property is made under the provisions of G.S. 105-286, G.S. 105-287, and G.S. 105-317. See that any increase or decrease in the appraised value of personal property should be made under the provision of G.S. 105-317.1 Notify any taxpayer at his last known address whenever the board increases the appraised value of a taxpayer's property. See that any action taken by the board is placed in an appropriate order and that the order be entered in the minutes of the board. Have the duty to hear appeals from taxpayers who own or control taxable property with regard to the listing or appraisal of their property, or the property of other taxpayers. Hear issues related to the application of penalties assessed on discovered property. The board has the authority to increase or reduce the appraised value of any property, or may choose to support the current value. If the property owner is not satisfied with the Board's decision, they may appeal to the North Carolina Property Tax Commission.

Deadline for receipt of applications: November 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

- **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.
- **Board of Health (5 Positions: 1 At-Large, 1 "Dentist," 1 "Nurse," 1 "Optometrist, and 1 "Veterinarian" Position)**
 - Creates policies and mandates rules for the Durham County Department of Public Health. Responsible for protecting and promoting the public's health, the Board of Health is comprised of 11 members who reflect the population of the county. The board's authority is established by NC General Statutes 130A-35: The Board of Health shall be the policy making, rulemaking and adjudicatory body for a county health department. By law, the 11 members include: one physician licensed to practice medicine in the State, one licensed dentist, one licensed optometrist, one licensed veterinarian, one registered nurse, one licensed pharmacist, one county commissioner, one professional engineer, and three representatives of the general public. Except as otherwise provided in the statutes, all board members must be residents of Durham County. The mission of the Durham County Health Department is "Working With Our Community to Prevent Disease, Promote Health, and Protect the Environment."
- **Boxing and Wrestling Commission (1 At-Large Position)**
 - Supervises boxing and wrestling events in Durham County. The commission seeks to promote public trust in the conduct of these sports and the administration of the rules and regulations governing them. The commission also levies and collects fees for such events. The fees are used according to the direction of the Durham County Board of Commissioners.

- **Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (5 Positions: 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.
- **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.
- **Historic Preservation Commission (2 Positions: 1 At-Large and 1 “Banker/Attorney” Position)**
 - 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)**
 - 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.
- **Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee (16 At-Large Positions)**
 - 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: November 30, 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