



## April 2026 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.
- **Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (1 At-Large Position)**
  - Established by the Board of County Commissioners and the County Manager to provide recommendations regarding animal control matters. The committee is responsible for reporting activities, findings, and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners annually.
- **City-County Appearance Commission (3 At-Large Positions)**
  - Tasked with enhancing and improving the visual quality and aesthetic character of Durham City and County. Its mission is: to cultivate excellence in design, preservation and stewardship of the natural and built environment; to communicate the economic, social, and aesthetic value of good design and planning; and to celebrate exemplary design within the community
- **Dangerous Dog Appeal Board (1 "County Employee" Position)**
  - Designated as the board to hear all reviews and appeals authorized by the Durham County Animal Control Ordinance. The Dangerous Dog Appeal Board was established by the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to General Statute 67-4.1(c) and is responsible for hearing the appeal of dog owners who have had their dogs declared dangerous or potentially dangerous.
- **Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (1 "Lebanon Township" Position)**
  - Advise 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.
- **Durham Workforce Development Board (5 Positions: 1 "Barriers to Employment," 2 "Business Sector," 1 "Community-Based Organization for Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities," and 1 "Labor Organization" Position)**
  - Established by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and is a consortium agreement between the City and County of Durham. The purpose of the board is to facilitate, plan and coordinate workforce development resources to maximize the efforts of government, business, and education. Through collaborative partnerships, the board is the local policy organization responsible for the planning, oversight and coordination of workforce development initiatives that help support economic development in Durham. It provides leadership to the local workforce system by promoting a responsive workforce development system, providing guidance and exercising independent oversight regarding activities under the Workforce Investment Act and programs within the Durham JobLink Career Center system. By law, the majority of board members must represent the private sector, with the balance of the board being comprised of

representatives from educational, rehabilitation, public assistance and economic development agencies, community-based organizations, organized labor and the employment service.

- **Environmental Affairs Board (3 At-Large Positions)**
  - Advisory board of appointed volunteer citizens to provide to the City and County with expert and comprehensive advice on various matters related to environmental quality, environmental safety, equity, and environmental justice. The general purpose of the board is to advise and assist the City and County on matters related to the maintenance and improvement of the quality, accessibility, and safety of the environment and its people.  
The Board may consider any and all topics related to environmental quality in Durham County, such as: (i) hazardous and radioactive materials management and disposal; (ii) watershed protection; (iii) groundwater and surface water protection; (iv) erosion control; (v) storm water management; (vi) air quality; (vii) energy conservation; (viii) pollution prevention; (ix) solid waste management; (x) public health impacts; (xi) food and agriculture; (xii) climate and resiliency; (xiii) planning and urban studies; (xiv) built environment and housing; (xv) wildlife and habitat; (xvi) natural and open space; (xvii) environmental justice.
- **Farmland Protection Advisory Board (2 Positions: 1 “Business Representative,” and 1 “Cape Fear 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.
- **Homeless Services Advisory Committee (1 “Corporate/Private Sector” Position)**
  - Advise 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 provide job opportunities or provide better wages than those prevalent in the area. Meets on an ad hoc basis.
- **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (2 Positions: 1 “United Way Rep. or other Non-Profit Organization,” and 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 (13 At-Large Positions)**
  - Responsive to the needs of nursing home residents and promote 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: April 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

Appointments will be considered by the County Commissioners on  
Monday, May 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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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](mailto:BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov)