



October 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.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (1 "At-Large (Prev. Youth (15-24))" Position)**
 - Advises the Board of County Commissioners on questions relating to bicycle and pedestrian issues. The commission consists of 17 members with seven members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners representing citizens in subject areas such as bicycle commuting, urban trails and greenways, university students/university facilities, transportation planning/policy, recreation/recreation business and Inter-Neighborhood Council.
- **Board of Adjustment (2 Positions: 1 "County Resident," and 1 "County Resident – Alternate" Positions)**
 - Holds quasi-judicial public hearings to determine requests made by property owners in the City and County of Durham for minor and custodial care special use permits, variances and appeals of administrative interpretations or decision, as authorized by State law and local ordinance.
Special Requirements: Applicants seeking the "County Resident" seat must reside outside the city limits. BOA members must attend at least 75% of all meetings in a calendar year due to a special interlocal agreement between the County and City.
- **Boxing and Wrestling (2 At-Large Positions)**
 - 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 directions of the Durham County Board of Commissioners.
- **Discover Durham Tourism Development Authority (1 At-Large Position)**
 - Actively promotes travel and tourism within the City and County. The County appoints five (5) members and jointly appoints the sixth (6) member with the City. Discover Durham was formally known as the Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau (DCVB).
- **Durham County Women's Commission (2 At-Large Positions)**
 - Strives to educate the community and advise the Durham County Board of Commissioners as necessary on issues relating to the changing social and economic conditions of women in the County. The commission develops information systems, provides advice, conducts research, hosts educational programming, analyzes policy and advocates for women's issues to improve the lives of and opportunities for all women in Durham.
- **Durham Racial Equity Commission (1 At-Large Position)**
 - Advise local government entities regarding the implementation of City-County-DPS specific recommendations from the City of Durham Racial Equity Taskforce Report; Advise these entities regarding implementation of racial equity action plans, developed in tandem with GARE (Government Alliance on Race and Equity) to encourage progress on equitable outcomes on practices that may disproportionately impact persons of color and low-income residents; Establish communication with residents, relay progress on plan implementation, and prioritize community interests to integrate racial equity initiatives; Advise racial equity staff in developing and implementing a racial equity evaluation based on the Taskforce report and jurisdictional racial equity action plan recommendations; Pursue data, research and policy recommendations to advance racial equity and uphold governmental accountability in promoting anti-racism practices and to promote anti-racist practices across the community.

- **Durham Workforce Development Board (1 Business Sector 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 (1 At-Large Position)**
 - 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; (xi) environmental justice.
- **Farmland Protection Advisory Board (3 Positions: “Business Representative,” 1 “Eno VAD,” and 1 “Little River 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 (1 “Registered Landscape Architect” 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.
- **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.
- **Memorial Stadium Authority (1 At-Large Position)**
 - Supervises and directs the general operation of Memorial Stadium. It establishes policies relative to maintenance, fees and use of the facility. Durham County Memorial Stadium was built in 1959 at the present site and became the home of major county sporting and community events. A newly renovated Durham County Memorial Stadium reopened in the fall of 2010 with new and upgraded facilities, features and services for the citizens of Durham.
- **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.
- **Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (1 “Healthcare Payer or Funder” Position)**
 - Serves to review and recommend funding proposals and strategic initiatives to the BOCC that align with the requirements of the Opioid Settlement's Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (hereinafter “MOA”). Through this process, the committee helps inform funding priorities, assess program effectiveness, and ensure decisions are grounded in community needs and evidence-based strategies. Also reviews proposed programs and strategies and makes formal recommendations to the BOCC that align with the requirements of the Opioid Settlement MOA. Promotes community engagement and supports informed, collaborative approaches to addressing the opioid crisis.

Deadline for receipt of applications: October 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Appointments will be considered by the County Commissioners on

Monday, November 23, 2026, 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
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