



May 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 (3 Positions: 1 “Bicycle Community,” 1 “Disabilities Advocacy,” and 1 “Senior Advocacy” 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 “City Resident” and 1 “County Resident” Position)**
 - 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.
- **Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (2 “Citizen” Positions)**
 - Purpose is to develop a comprehensive continuum of services for the adult criminal justice system, identify services gaps, and develop intervention strategies and comprehensive solutions. The CJAC is advisory in nature and has no authority over any public or private entity. Shared Values: Reduce the demand for County jail beds, Reduce the number of Durham County residents in state prison facilities, Develop a continuum of programs, services and sanctions that provides options to the criminal justice system, Pursue initiatives that are respectful towards victims, offenders and the community, Pursue funding for initiatives through grant opportunities and requests to local and state government.
- **Durham County Women’s Commission (4 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 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 Sports Commission (2 At-Large Positions)**
 - Established in 2016, the DSC’s mission is to provide leadership for sports-based initiatives and create positive economic impact and quality of life in Durham and the surrounding region. The DSC is governed by an independent, 9-member board of directors appointed by the City of Durham (3 seats), the County of Durham (3 seats) and the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce (3 seats). The DSC is operated by DCVB through an Interlocal Agreement between the city, the county, and DCVB. The appointing bodies seek owners, general managers or other individuals with senior level decision-making authority for Durham-based businesses and organizations to serve on the DSC board. Additionally, board members should have expertise in sports, fund raising, business or related areas and have the desire, time and expertise to dedicate to the DSC.

- **Durham Technical Community College Board of Trustees (1 At-Large Position)**
 - Durham Technical Community College (DTCC) is governed by a Board of Trustees. Four members of the Board are appointed by the Governor, four are appointed by the Durham County Board of Commissioners, four are appointed by the Durham Public Schools Board of Education, and two are appointed by the Orange County Board of Commissioners. Trustees serve four-year terms and supervise the administration of DTCC through the election of a president, personnel oversight and the adoption and enforcement of rules, regulations and laws for the operation of the college.

- **Environmental Affairs Board (5 Positions: 3 At-Large Positions and 1 “Youth (15-22),” 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 (1 “Business Representative,” 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 (3 Positions: 1 “Corporate/Private Sector,” 1 “Faith Community,” and 1 “Former Homeless Individual” 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 (4 Positions: 1 “Citizen,” 1 “Rep. of Parks and Rec,” 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: May 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Appointments will be considered by the County Commissioners on
Monday, June 22, 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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