**Jury Commission Meeting Minutes**

**November 10, 2021 Meeting**

**Attendees:** **Tonette Amos**, Commissioner - Chair

**LiBria Stephens,** Commissioner

**Robert Shoaf,** Commissioner

**Honorable Archie L. Smith III**, Clerk of Superior Court

**E. Deneen Barrier**, Trial Court Administrator

**Pamela McAuley**, Senior Programmer Analyst, Durham County IS & T

**Lorrine Sands**, Jury Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tonette Amos at 10:16 am. Honorable Archie L. Smith III, Clerk of Superior Court, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_p.m. Each of the Jury Commissioners were sworn in by Mr. Smith and took their oath of office. Mr. Smith opened the floor for motions to nominate a Jury Commission Chair for the 2022-2023 biennium. Commissioner LiBria Stephens nominated Tonette Amos as Chair she accepted the nomination.

Mr. Smith asked the Jury Commission Chair for permission to address a matter out of order for review. A document regarding a request for jury information was presented for discussion. The Jury Clerk will continue to retain returned/undeliverable summons and requests to be excused/deferred. In some situations, the request to be excused deferred may be referred to a judge for review and response.

After Mr. Smith’s presentation, Ms. Amos conducted the meeting.

Deneen Barrier reported there were no instances in which a judge sent a deputy sheriff out for jurors because there were too few to begin a trial.

Jury Appreciation Month was observed for only a few days in July 2019. The first Monday of the month of July jurors were provided with individually packaged snacks in appreciation of their service. This was also the day Grand Jury was in session.

There continues to be strong support of citizens serving on jury duty from the Durham County Bar. The Bar continues to provide satellite TV and complimentary coffee and tea for jurors.

The Jury Commission will review the sample list to purge duplicates at the next meeting.

The commission agreed on the next meeting date, November 10, 2021 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room on the 9th floor of the Durham County Courthouse, 510 S. Dillard Street, Durham, North Carolina.

Jurors must be drawn by December 1, 2021 for January 2022 summonses to be delivered.

The Jury Commission photograph will be taken at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned until November 10, 2021.