

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, April 22, 2019

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, Second Floor, Durham County
Government Administrative Complex, 200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

Present: Chair Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair James Hill and Commissioners Heidi Carter, Brenda
Howerton and Ellen Reckhow

Presider: Chair Wendy Jacobs

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Jacobs announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

Announcements

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

1. **Managing your Pain Before it Manages You!** – Learn about what you can do to help manage your pain without medications on Wednesday, April 24th from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Durham Center for Senior Life (Theater) located on 406 Rigsbee Ave.

Registration is not required but preferred as light refreshments will be provided. Please sign up at <http://bit.ly/WiseWell>.

2. **National Get on Board Day** – In an effort to celebrate and encourage new ridership, GoTriangle will be offering a downloadable day pass to be used for one (1) day between April 22 and April 26. Free passes are available at www.gotriangle.org/getonboard and can be downloaded to your smartphone or printed out for usage.
3. **Expanding Housing Choices: Community Conversation** – Join us on Saturday, April 27th from 9a.m. – 12p.m. at the Walltown Park Recreation Center on 1308 W. Club Blvd to learn more about the initiative of housing options, varies perspectives on these issues and to provide comments and guidance.

Children activities will be provided, and interpretation services will also be available. For more information please email the Planning Department at ehc@durhamnc.gov.

4. **Microsoft ManCode Camp** – ManCode is a one-day Tech Conference aimed to provide technological, educational and life skills training opportunities for young minority boys in under-represented areas.

The Program will take place Saturday, May 4th at North Carolina Central University. For registration and general information please contact Edmond Lewis, MBK Manager at 919-560-8154.

5. **Alert Durham - Sign Up Today:** Durham County wants to keep its citizens informed and safe in the case of an emergency. Sign up for Alert Durham to receive notifications about severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. To sign up for Alert Durham, visit www.AlertDurham.com.

Minutes

Commissioner Howerton was concerned about the action taken on Durham Public Schools (DPS) kitchen concept at the March 7, 2019 Work Session. She stated she met with the individual and was notified action was taken without her knowledge. Chair Jacobs responded no decision was made amongst the Board and staff would notify the Board once a decision was finalized.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the March 7, 2019 Work Session minutes and the March 25, 2019 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Directive: Chair Jacobs requested other possible options be incorporated in the 15-501 corridor study before completion considering the light rail project was discontinued.

Ceremonial Items

Proclamation – May 2019 as Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH | 2019

- WHEREAS,** to promote awareness of positive mental health, well-being and development for all children, youth and young adults ages birth through 26 years in North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** the leadership in Durham, North Carolina recognizes that mental health needs and treatment be on par with medical needs and treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** families shall not feel stigma and shame to seek treatment for their children and youth and be able to discuss openly their need for help without public retribution; and
- WHEREAS,** children’s mental health promotion needs to be available to everyone. Education on the identification and use of child strengths to support success and promote mental health as well as anti-stigma, inclusion and social skills education should be available to all citizens of North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** available school based mental health programs and positive behavior, interventions and supports should be considered as best practice, and be encouraged to be practiced in every Durham, North Carolina public school; and

WHEREAS, children are recognized for having unique needs for recovery of mental health, emotional, behavioral and substance use issues, and not being combined with the adult mental health population for treatment; and

WHEREAS, effective mental health treatment services to strengthen families, youth leadership development and family partner/peer supports results in children and youth overcoming trauma, becoming successful and contributing Durham, North Carolina citizens in a safe environment in their homes, schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, Durham County Commissioners in North Carolina, North Carolina Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council, National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health, Alliance Health, NC Families United, the NC State Children’s Collaborative and the families, NAMI-NC, Public Health, Department of Social Services, all medical facilities, all legal entities, and communities who have children, youth and young adults struggling with emotional and behavioral health issues join to recognize Children’s Mental Health Awareness month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

“CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH”

in Durham County and commend its observance to our citizens.

This the 22nd day of April 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Teka Dempson, Lead Family Partner Coordinator, Alliance Health shared with the Board background information on children’s mental health. She provided the Board with a calendar of events and a lapel pin.

Resolution – Supporting May 1st Day of Action for North Carolina Public Schools

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

SUPPORTING MAY 1st DAY OF ACTION FOR NC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Durham educators will join other educators and supporters from school systems across North Carolina to rally in support for public school students on May 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the first goal is that the General Assembly provide enough School Social Workers, Media Coordinators, School Psychologists, Professional School Counselors, School Nurses, and other health professionals to meet national standards; and

WHEREAS, the second goal requested is that the General Assembly provide school districts funds for a \$15 minimum wage for all school personnel, a five percent raise for all school workers, and a five percent cost of living adjustment for retirees; and

WHEREAS, the third goal is that the General Assembly expands Medicaid to improve the health of our students and their families; and

WHEREAS, the fourth asks lawmakers to reinstate the state retirees’ health benefits, which were eliminated by the legislature in 2017; and

WHEREAS, lastly, the fifth goal is that the North Carolina General Assembly restore compensation for advanced degrees, which were stripped by the legislature in 2013; and

WHEREAS, as a whole, these actions will ensure better support and outcomes for students and their families, and enable local school districts to recruit and retain excellent educators, principals and other personnel; and

WHEREAS, each of these goals are consistent with the 2019 legislative agenda of the Durham Public Schools Board of Education and align with the 2018-2023 DPS Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina’s Constitution guarantees every child in the state the right to a “sound, basic education” and our state’s Supreme Court upheld that constitutional guarantee in Leandro vs. State; and

WHEREAS, state funding cuts to Durham Public Schools since the 2008 recession now total more than \$17 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the Durham Association of Educators and the Durham community have demonstrated their commitment to work with Durham Public Schools by providing nutritional meals for children on May 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby call on members of the North Carolina General Assembly, the Governor, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to attend the May 1st rally to hear the concerns of students, families, educators, and local elected leaders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we also encourage the Durham community to support the North Carolina Association of Educators Day of Action on May 1, 2019.

This 22nd day of April 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter

Brenda A. Howerton

Ellen Reckhow

Directive: Chair Jacobs requested the Clerk and Deborah Craig-Ray, General Manager forward the resolution to the School Board, Superintendent, and local/state delegation.

Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on the item on the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Chair Jacobs entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda

The motion carried unanimously.

*19-0179 Property Tax Releases and Refunds for March 2019

19-0195 Execution of the Contract Amendment with Skanska Holt Brothers (Construction Manager @ Risk) for the Audio Visual Contracts for the Main Library Renovation Project. (Project No.: DC094)

Consent Agenda Item #19-0179

Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings and clerical errors, etc. The attached report details releases and refunds for the month of January 2019.

Releases and Refunds – 2019

Personal Property	\$	252.57
Real Property	\$	0.00
Total	\$	252.57

Releases and Refunds for 2018 Taxes

Real Property	\$	0.00
Personal Property	\$	1,111.63
Motor Vehicle	\$	0.00
Solid Waste Fees	\$	0.00
VTS Refunds	\$	<u>13,866.56</u>
Total	\$	14,978.19

Releases & Refunds for Prior Years

Personal Property	\$	137.79
Solid Waste	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$	137.79

Grand Total \$ 15,368.55

Other Business

Annual Report of the Durham County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

Jeff Alston, former Chair of the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee provided the Board background information on the committee. He added under North Carolina State law the committee was mandated to visit all adult care homes and small family care homes in Durham County. Mr. Alston invited the Board to attend a committee meeting at 8:45 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Center for Senior Life. He also invited the Board to attend the activity day event at 10 a. m. on May 18, 2019 at the Tower of Blessing a Refuge to Seek II. Mr. Alston stated the committee was actively recruiting and asked the Board to spread the word with their networks and communities.

The Board thanked the committee for all the work and was impressed with the extra outreach in the community. The Board inquired about the weakness of staff training variances at different facilities. Mr.

Alston responded many of the members were employees at adult care homes in other counties and were working with Workforce Development to improve the standards for staff training. He added during the exit interview with the administrator, the weaknesses were highlighted and addressed. The Board asked if the number of facilities had increased or decreased. Earl Kirby, Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee member responded there were about the same number of facilities. Sue Roth, Chair, Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee added some facilities had open beds, but additional beds would be needed due to the increase in the aging population. The Board asked how they could help with the committee member turnover. Mr. Kirby stressed the importance of the commitment and level of work to be done by the committee. Mr. Alston stated the new onboarding process was helping due to state training being completed before a member was appointed. The Board asked who was responsible for the training and pay for staff at adult homes. Mr. Alston responded the State paid for training and salaries for staff at adult homes and the County paid for travel reimbursement for committee members.

Board and Commission Appointments

Monica Toomer, Clerk to the Board distributed ballots to the Board to make appointments to the boards and commissions.

The Board made the following appointments (incumbents are identified with an (i). Individuals who are recommended by a Board are underlined.) Individuals listed in bold print were appointed.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Tricia Smar (Carter, Hill, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Michael Shepard (Howerton)

Community Child Protection Team/Child Fatality Prevention Team

Keith Helmer (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Andrew Jennings (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Durham City-County Appearance Commission

(i)Miguel Jackson (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Kai Kelly, Jr. (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

(i)Anne Lebo (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Durham County Hospital Corporation Board of Trustees

(i)Pat Ashley (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Tara Blackley (Carter, Howerton,)

Art Ferguson (Hill, Jacobs, Reckhow)

(i)Davdutta Sangvai, MD (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

(i)Cynthia Shortell, MD (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Closed Session

Chair Jacobs stated the board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session for the following:

- To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or

prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hill to adjourn into Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session


Chair Jacobs announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Adjournment

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 9:50 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton
Senior Administrative Assistant