



September 2024 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 (18 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.
- **Board of Adjustment (1 "County Resident - Alternate" 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. The BOA is composed of ten members appointed by the Durham City Council and the Board of Commissioners.
Special Requirements: Applicants must reside outside the City limits.
- **Community Child Protection/Child Fatality Prevention Team (1 "Fireman or EMS Rep" Position)**
 - Promotes the development of a community-wide approach to the problems of child abuse and neglect and seeks ways to protect children from preventable deaths. The team reviews selected cases that are being serviced by child protective services and cases in which a child has died of suspected abuse or neglect.
- **Dangerous Dog Appeal Board (1 "Durham County Employee" Position)**
 - Established by the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to General Statute 67-4.1 (c) and is the designated board to hear all reviews and appeals authorized by the Durham County Animal Control Ordinance. It is a five-member board responsible for hearing the appeal of dog owners who have had their dogs declared dangerous or potentially dangerous.
- **Discover Durham Tourism Development Authority (1 "Full-Service Lodging" Position)**
 - Discover Durham TDA 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 (1 At-Large Position)**
 - 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 (2 At-Large Positions)**
 - Advises 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 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 Racial Equity Commission (2 At-Large Positions)**
 - The scope and responsibilities for the Commission include: 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.

- **Farmland Protection Advisory Board (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.
- **Historic Preservation Commission (1 “Banker/Attorney” 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 (2 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 provides job opportunities or provides better wages than those prevalent in the area. Meets on an ad hoc basis.
- **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (4 Positions: 1 “Citizen,” 1 “Member of Business,” and 1 “Substance Abuse Professional,” and 1 “Youth (Under Age 21)” 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 (14 At-Large Positions)**
 - Responsive to the needs of nursing home residents and promotes 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: September 30, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The online application may be accessed via the following URL link:

<https://durhamcounty.granicus.com/boards/forms/111/apply/>

Property tax listing must be current. County and City taxes must not reflect **any** delinquencies before an application is considered.

Appointments will be considered by the County Commissioners on
Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

For applications or additional information, please contact the
Clerk to the Board’s Office at 919-560-0025 | BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov