



Durham Cultural Advisory Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Public Meeting Zoom Link located: <https://durhamnc.gov/452/Durham-Cultural-Advisory-Board>

Durham Cultural Advisory Board Members Present

Katy A. Clune, Vice-Chair	Joseph Jordan	* <i>Public Art Committee member</i>
E'Vonne Coleman	Angela Lee, Chair	** <i>Ex-officio, Cultural Advisory Board member</i>
Valerie Gillespie	Ava Navarro, Student	
Marcus Hawley	Mason Pickett, Student	
Zena Howard	Lavesh Pritmani	
Tom Jaynes	Mitchell E. Sava	

City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

Alexandra Benson, GSD	Brenda Hayes Bright, DCE	Pierce Freelon, City Councilmember
Rebecca Brown, GSD		



Linda Salguero, DCE

Guests Present

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I. Call to Order & Guest Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Angela Lee.

II. Approval of Minutes – February 2021

- a. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board approves the February summary minutes (Jordan, Coleman 2nd)
- b. **ACTION:** Approved. (11-0).

III. Adjustments to the Agenda

- a. N/A

IV. Announcements

- a. Festival & Special Event RFP process and criteria review
 - i. The City is actively working with Festival and Special Event FY20/21 grant recipients to complete reporting forms and contracts adjusted by COVID-19.
- b. Comprehensive Plan Updates
 - i. Some areas of the upcoming comprehensive plan touch base on arts and cultural impact goals in Durham and DCAB members are encouraged to review the document.
- c. Updates on Task Force for Goal 1 (*“Lead community research to build a case for a new cultural master plan for Durham, incorporating the principles and ideals of the Independent Artist Proposal”*)
 - i. The group is forming “conversation” group discussions with stakeholders from the local creative ecosystem in Durham to assist in filling the gaps of the cultural master plan. The four conversation groups have been formed: Executive members of cultural institutions, Arts & Culture Influencers, Members of the Humanities Alliance, independent artists & local arts advocates.

V. Updates/Old Business

- a. N/A

VI. New Business

- a. **Nominations and Recommendations for DCAB Member Vacancy**



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- i. One new member recommendation to fill Meg Stein's DCAB position will be reviewed during the March DCAB Meeting. The application process was open from February 5, 2021 to March 4, 2021. The applications, resumes and online poll have been shared on g-drive.
- ii. DCAB provides member recommendations to City Council, who then appoints members to serve the remainder of the vacancies, plus the option to serve two three-year terms.
- iii. Recommendation based on the online ranking are:
 1. Shana E. Adams
 2. Michael A Betts, II
 3. Laura J. Ritchie
- iv. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board recommends City Council appoint Shana Adams to serve the remainder of the vacant term. (Coleman, Jordan 2nd)
ACTION: Approved (11-0).

b. Equity Training Follow-up Discussion & Goal 3 Kick-off

- i. Goal 3: Develop sustainable strategies devoted to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the work of DCAB, with a particular focus on anti-racism and social justice.
- ii. Continued Discussion of Racial Equity Training in relation to goals:
 1. Trella Walker's Discussion Questions. Presentation is in the g-drive.
 - a. What are some immediate next steps DCAB can do to create belonging?
 - b. What does DCAB need to accomplish this?
 - c. Who do you need to help you? Who will you support in your change?
 - d. When will you execute on these first steps?
 - e. Where will you start?
 - f. How will DCAB implement these changes?

VII. Public Questions

- a. No questions were submitted by the public prior to this meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Benson



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