



CURRENT VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

May 7, 2021

Release #17

The City of Durham is seeking interested citizens to serve on the following Boards:

- **Durham City-County Appearance Commission – Application Deadline: May 20, 2021**
- **Durham Workers’ Rights Commission – Application Deadline: May 20, 2021**
- **Durham Homeless Services Advisory Committee – Application Deadline: May 20, 2021**
- **Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee – Application Deadline: May 20, 2021**
- **Mayor’s Hispanic/Latino Committee – Application Deadline: May 20, 2021**
- **Durham Cultural Advisory Board – Application Deadline: June 10, 2021**

All applications must be completed by midnight on the above date

Due to a term expiring, there is one (1) vacancy on the **Durham City-County Appearance Commission** with the term to expire on April 1, 2022.

The purpose of the Commission is to enhance and improve the visual quality and aesthetic character of Durham City and County.

The Commission consists of 15 members, seven members appointed by the City Council and eight members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. A majority of the members shall have expertise in a design field such as architecture, landscape design, city planning, horticulture, urban design or a related field. While encouraging applicants with expertise in aesthetics, attempts shall also be made to assure that the appointments represent a cross section of the community.

The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room GA located on the Ground Floor of City Hall.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, City Hall is currently closed to the public. Virtual meeting information will be provided.

Members serve without compensation and must reside within the corporate city limits.

Due to term expirations, there are four (4) vacancies on the **Durham Workers’ Rights Commission** to with one (1) to represent the category of **Low Wage Industry** and three (3) to represent the category of **Diverse Backgrounds**. The terms will expire on April 30, 2023.

The scope and responsibilities for the Commission include:

- To act as a public forum for workers' rights issues.
- To conduct studies and make recommendations to the City Council.
- Recommend pro-worker policies to the Durham City Council.
- To raise working standards by crafting an aspirational bill of rights.
- To support workers in their campaigns to form unions.
- To provide channels of communications among organized and unorganized workers.

The Commission meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1A located in the Audit Services area, of City Hall, 1st Floor, 101 City Hall Plaza.

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Due to term expirations, there are two (2) vacancies on the **Durham Homeless Services Advisory Committee** representing the categories of **Faith Community** and **Formerly Homeless Person** with the terms to expire on June 30, 2024.

The purpose of this Committee is to advise the Durham City Council and the Durham Board of County Commissioners on the implementation of collaborative initiatives to prevent and end homelessness in Durham.

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Members serve without compensation and must live within the corporate city limits.

The Durham City Council is seeking one (1) applicant to fill a vacancy representing the category of **Youth** on the **Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee** with the terms ending June 30, 2022.

Duties and Responsibilities include:

- support people to participate in the PB process, who have never participated in civic processes before;
- engage Durham residents in deciding how to spend city resources in ways that meet the current needs of the most impacted communities and address and correct past harm; and
- be involved in the funding of proposals that meet the needs of the most impacted communities.

To facilitate the achievement of a diverse composition, the City shall proactively encourage applicants of diverse backgrounds to apply to serve on the PB Steering Committee as At-Large members. The PB Steering Committee shall consist of a total of fifteen (15) city residents who in turn are voting members appointed by City Council. Among the At-Large members, at least two-thirds should be individuals that represent communities in Durham directly impacted by long-term discrimination and oppression. Diversity includes, but is not limited to, the following categories:

- Class
- Homeownership status
- Race and Ethnicity Representation
- LGBTQ
- Educational Background
- SES
- Religion
- Non-native English speaking background

- Disabled

Specific Category appointees include:

- Two (2) youth, from 13 years to 18 years of age

Each member may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive, two-year terms. Members appointed to fill a vacancy during a term may assume the term of the position vacated and may reapply once that term has ended.

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Members serve without compensation and must reside within the corporate City limits and property tax listing must be current. City and County taxes must not reflect any delinquency at the time of submission of the application.

Due to a resignation, there is currently one (1) vacancy on the **Mayor's Hispanic/Latino Committee** with the term expiring on October 1, 2022.

The mission of the Committee shall be to improve the opportunities and quality of life of Hispanic/Latinos in the city of Durham through civic engagement by promoting the interests and needs of the Community at large, and to serve as liaison and consultative body between the Hispanic/Latino residents and City government officials in order to further promote and protect equal opportunities for all.

To meet the mission, the Committee will function to serve as a communication channel between Hispanic/Latino community groups and individuals living, working, and/or playing in Durham and City government, including, but not limited to, the Mayor and City Council. The Committee will advise and inform the Mayor and City Council regarding any concerns of specific impact to the Hispanic/Latino Community and the broader Durham community at large. The Committee will help establish collaborative efforts to improve services and outreach to the Hispanic/Latino Community in the areas including, but not limited to, fair and equitable housing opportunities, economic development, civil rights and justice, culture, recreation and fine arts, and public safety. The Committee will provide a regular and open forum for the discussion of issues pertaining to Hispanic/Latino community members living, working and/or playing in the city of Durham.

The Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members with at least 6 members being Hispanic/Latino individuals of Hispanic/Latino descent.

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Members serve without compensation. Applicants must reside within the limits of Durham County or have their principal place of business within the Durham County limits.

Due to a term expiration, there is currently one (1) vacancy on the **Durham Cultural Advisory Board** with the term beginning on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024.

The Board serves as an advisory body to the City of Durham's City Council and City Manager, and the Board of County Commissioners and County Manager. The Board consists of 15 members; thirteen members are appointed by the City Council, and two members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Its functions include:

- Partnering with the City's General Services Department's Art, Culture and Sustainable Communities Division

and Durham County Engineering to advise the City and County regarding the implementation of the arts and cultural policy and to advocate for the arts in Durham.

- Promoting economic and workforce development through art and culture, including the recruitment and retention of cultural non-profit organizations and for-profit cultural businesses, as well as, developing cooperative projects with the Art, Culture and Sustainable Communities Division, Durham County Engineering, and other departments and agencies to engage cultural components that advance Durham’s goals.
- Advocate for cultural development.
- Advise the City and County on funding for local arts and cultural organizations and facilities and advocate for private funding and for federal, state and county funding for Durham cultural organizations, programs and facilities.
- Advise on the implementation of any public art program the City or County might establish and advise the City and County on matters relating to public art.
- Advocate for public and private funding for local cultural organizations and facilities.

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Members serve without compensation and must live within the County of Durham

PROPERTY TAX LISTING MUST BE CURRENT. CITY AND COUNTY TAXES MUST NOT REFLECT ANY DELINQUENCY AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION.

NOTE: The City Clerk’s Office located at 101 City Hall Plaza IS CURRENTLY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

To apply, visit the city’s web site www.durhamnc.gov and click on **Government** and then **Boards, Committees and Commissions**.

Members of a board, committee or commission shall attend at least fifty percent (50%) of the meetings in a given 12-month period. It shall be the policy of the City Council to remove that appointee in the absence of his/her showing good cause and to make another appointment. This paragraph shall not apply to members of the Human Relations Commission, who are subject to the attendance requirements of Section 34-108(e) of the City Code or boards, committees and commissions that have their attendance requirements addressed through by-laws or an interlocal agreement.

Notice Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

A person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in city government activities by contacting the ADA Coordinator, voice 919-560-4197, fax 560-4196, TTY 919-560-1200, or ADA@durhamnc.gov, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the event or deadline date.

**City Clerk’s Office - 101 City Hall Plaza - Durham, NC 27701 Phone: 919-560-4166
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