

## Durham Cultural Advisory Board

### AGENDA

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at  
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
County Administration II Building, Room 126 (A/B)  
[201 E Main St, Durham, NC 27701](https://www.durhamnc.gov/452/Durham-Cultural-Advisory-Board)

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[Durham Public Parking Lot #8](#)  
[Church Street Garage](#)

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#### Durham Cultural Advisory Board Member

Michael A Betts, II  
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Eldrin Deas  
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Tom Jaynes  
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Angela Lee, Chair

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Laura Ritchie  
Mitchell E. Sava, Vice-Chair

Aya Shabu  
Elias Torre  
*Student Members*  
Erin Lee  
Katherine Lopez

- I. **Call to Order & Guest Introductions** (2:00 – 2:15; 15 minutes)
- II. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – December 2022 (2:20 – 2:25; 5 minutes)
- IV. **Announcements**
- V. **Old Business** (2:25 – 2:35; 10 minutes)
  - a. Governance Updates
    - i. DCAB Student Member Application will be opened
    - ii. City Council will receive the DCAB 2022 Annual Report at their work session on 2/9/23 @ 1:00 pm and on 2/20/23 at @ 7:00 pm.
- VI. **New Business** (2:35 – 2:55; 20 minutes)
  - a. Poet Laureate – Term Length (5 minutes)

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- i. Contract began in fall of 2022, with end date of June 30, 2023. Looking to extend the contract until June 30, 2024. RFP process would begin January 2024.
    - ii. **ACTION:** Vote to recommend extending term of D.J. Rogers.
  - b. Cultural Roadmap Updates & Cultural Roadmap Planning Group (15 minutes)
    - i. Staff to share updates on Cultural Roadmap's RFP for Cultural Planning Consultants and other updates as written report.
    - ii. Review & recommendations for CRM Planning Group members (8 individuals)
    - iii. **ACTION:** To review and recommend final group for the members of Cultural Roadmap Planning Group.
- VII. **Break** (2:55 – 3:00 pm; 5 minutes)
- VIII. **Priorities** (3:00 - 4:30 pm; 1 hour & 30 minutes)
  - a. Develop of FY2022/2023 Priorities (Goals)
  - b. DCAB will review and develop the 2023 goals/priorities, to actionable steps. Facilitator: Mark Dessauer.
    - i. **Advocate for more city and county funding and support for arts and culture in Durham.**
      - 1. Draft policies to serve as guiding principles for equitable City and County Funding.
      - 2. Consider language from the Racial Equity Task Force to create definitions on what is deemed "arts and culture" to ensure the City and County are leaning on DCAB for involvement.
      - 3. Support ARP Funding for arts and cultural proposals.
      - 4. Encourage greater funding for Events and Festivals.
      - 5. Continue to support/advocate for Independent Artist Proposal.
        - a. Members: Mitchell Sava, Michael Betts II (staff support: Annette Smith)
    - ii. **Support the implementation of a new Cultural Road Map.**
      - 1. Create a Visioning Committee to draft the focus and recommend Steering Committee members.
      - 2. Ensure continuous communication with City/County Management and elected officials
      - 3. Raise private sector funds to support the plan.
      - 4. Lead the recruiting and confirmation of the Steering Committee.
      - 5. Support the activities of the Steering Committee and consultants.
        - a. Members: Elias Torre, E'Vonnie Coleman, Laura Ritchie, Erin Lee (staff support: Annette Smith)
    - iii. **Strengthen and improve relationships with artists, arts and cultural organizations, communities, neighborhoods, and people of Durham.**

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1. Strengthen our connection and communication with artists, arts and cultural organizations.
  2. Inform neighborhoods of DCAB's role.
  3. Consider strategy sessions that bring in members of the specific affinity groups we believe are being overlooked to help with building thoughtful relationships.
  4. Strengthen our connections with historically excluded communities.
    - a. Members: Michael Betts II, Aya Shabu (need to ask/confirm), Mitchell Sava (staff support: Rebecca Brown/Annette Smith/Stephanie Minor)
- iv. **Advocate for equitable structures and sustainable funding.**
1. Focus on equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging.
  2. Identify anti-racism, social justice, mental health and wellness strategies.
  3. Analyze the intersection between health/wellness and art and culture structures.
    - a. Members: Dr. Eldrin Deas, Tom Jaynes (staff support: Rebecca Brown)
- v. **Support and strengthen the work of the Public Art Committee.**
- a. Members: Caroline Dwyer (staff support: Rebecca Brown/Stephanie Minor)
- vi. **Provide stewardship during the pilot year of the Poet Laureate of Durham.**
- a. Members: Angela Lee, Aya Shabu\* (staff support: Rebecca Brown)
    - i. \*need to confirm
- vii. **The Durham Cultural Advisory Board defines "historically excluded communities" as any group of people (by gender, ability, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or other identity) who have been or are currently underrepresented either numerically, systemically, in ways of power, in positions of authority, or in adequacy of resources in Durham's arts and cultural social structures.**
- IX. **Break** (4:30 – 4:45 pm; 15 minutes)
- X. **American Rescue Plan Updates** (4:45 – 5:05; 15 minutes)
  - a. Presenter: Durham Art Council.
- XI. **Public Proposal for Public Art** (5:05 – 5:25; 15 minutes)
  - a. Presenter: BUMP: The Triangle is a semi-finalist for the Z. Smith Reynolds Inclusive Public Art Grant. The public presenter would like to share their grant proposal and

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request a letter of support from DCAB. (Vice-Chair: Mitch Sava to facilitate)

- XII. **Recommendation of Approval for New DCAB Membership to City Council** (5:25 – 5:40; 15 minutes)
  - a. Agenda Item may defer to February meeting, as deadline for recommendations to City Clerk's office is Thursday, February 16.
- XIII. **Final Thoughts and Discussion Time** (5:40 – 5:50; 10 minutes)
- XIV. **Public Questions** (5:50 – 5:55; 5 minutes)
- XV. **Adjournment**
  - a. Next Meeting will be held on February 15, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. virtually.

For updates on City of Durham's Public Art Projects, visit:

<https://durhamnc.gov/3319/Current-Public-Art-Projects>

For updates on Durham County's Public Art Program, visit:

<https://www.dconc.gov/county-departments/departments-a-e/engineering-and-environmental-services/durham-county-public-art-program>