

## Durham Cultural Advisory Board

### SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at  
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting

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#### Durham Cultural Advisory Board Members Present

E'Vonne Coleman	Andrew Nurkin	<i>Student Member:</i>
Eldrin Deas	Laura Ritchie	Erin Lee
Joseph Jordan	Mitchell Sava, Vice-Chair	
Margaret McNab	Aya Shabu	
Joey Medrano	Elias Torre	

#### Durham Cultural Advisory Board Members Absent

Michael A Betts, II (excused)	<i>Student Member:</i>
Tom Jaynes (excused)	Katherine Lopez
Angela Lee, Chair (excused)	
Mayor Pro Tempore Mark-Anthony Middleton	
Raafe Purnsley	

#### City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

Annette Smith, City of Durham	Christy Rauli, Durham County
Stephanie Minor, City of Durham	
Sterling Elliott, City of Durham	

#### Guests Present

Margaret DeMott, Durham Arts Council  
Anna Fiore, Discover Durham

- I. **Call to Order & Guest Introductions**
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Mitchell Sava, Vice-Chair.
  - b. Sterling Elliot has joined the Cultural & Public Art Program as an intern and will be working primarily on the Cultural Roadmap project alongside Annette Smith over the next month.
  - c. The Durham Cultural Advisory Board's new member, Margaret McNab, introduced herself.
- II. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
  - a. None.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board (DCAB) approves the March 2023 summary meeting minutes (Torre, Deas 2<sup>nd</sup>.)
  - b. **ACTION:** Approved (10-0.)
- IV. **Announcements**

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- a. **County Public Art Program Updates**
    - i. County Staff Christy Rauli provides an update on the County Public Art Coordinator position. Hiring has been put on hold. Coleman asked what stage they were in, and Rauli shared that recruitment was complete and interviews had to be cancelled.
  - b. **Public Art Committee Updates**
    - i. None.
- V. **Old Business**
- a. **Durham Cultural Advisory Board (DCAB) New Member Recommendations**
    - i. Members of DCAB have reviewed applicants to fill the single vacancy from Caroline Dwyer's membership following her resignation. The City Clerk requires the recommendations by April 20, 2023. The applicants are:
      - 1. Decario Allen
      - 2. Alicia Crosby Mack
      - 3. Katherine (Kate) Furgurson
      - 4. Moira Girard
      - 5. Michael J Linsenmeyer
      - 6. David R. Long
      - 7. Jeremy Roth
      - 8. A. Demarcus Williams II
    - ii. DCAB members discussed the applicants, and recommended the following applicants in ranking order:
      - 1. **A. Demarcus Williams II** - Williams oversee the Office of Marketing and Communications at Saint Augustine's University, including the WAUG Network, Sports Information and the Department of Automations. Williams is responsible for university strategic communications and the expansion of the university's brand.
      - 2. **David R. Long** - Long has a Ph.D. in urban history with experience as in theater, music and visual arts, and currently services as the Dean, Creative and Liberal Arts at Durham Technical Community College.
      - 3. **Alicia Crosby Mack** - Equity Consultant and Justice Educator, Crosby Mack has a background in education, social justice, social service, nonprofit management, and DEI consulting.
    - iii. **MOTION:** To recommend DCAB's top three applicants in ranking order: A. Demarcus Williams II, David R. Long, and Alicia Crosby Mack to City Council to fill the vacancy due to Caroline Dwyer's resignation. (Coleman, Torre 2<sup>nd</sup>.)
    - iv. **ACTION:** Approved. (11-0.)
    - v. At the May meeting, with a deadline to submit to the City Clerk by May 19, 2023, DCAB will review and recommend other DCAB member seats specified for the following members and their term expirations:
      - 1. Angela Lee (not eligible for reappointed)
      - 2. Joseph Jordan (eligible for reappointment)
      - 3. Margaret McNab (eligible for reappointment)
  - b. **Durham Cultural Advisory Board (DCAB) Student Appointment**
    - i. DCAB will vote to appoint a new student member to fill the third student seat. The applicants are:

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1. Anna Preston
      2. Lyndsey Peace
    - ii. **MOTION:** To appoint Anna Preston as a DCAB Student Member for a term ending on July 1, 2024. (Ritchie, Nurkin 2<sup>nd</sup>.)
    - iii. **ACTION:** Approved. (11-0.)
  - c. **Public Art Committee (PAC) Student Appointment**
    - i. PAC has deferred a recommendation of their two vacant memberships until their May meeting, as consensus on recommended candidates was not reached during their April meeting. PAC, with a majority vote, made a recommendation for DCAB to appoint two student members to the PAC. The third student membership seat is still vacant.
    - ii. **MOTION:** To appoint two Public Art Committee student members, Bren Vienrich-Felling and Oliver Hess, to the Public Art Committee.
    - iii. **ACTION:** Approved. (9 approved, with 2 abstentions by Nurkin and Jordan.)
- VI. **New Business**
- a. **Cultural Roadmap (CRM) & Cultural Roadmap Planning Group (CRPG) Updates**
    - i. City Staff Member Annette Smith announced that City Council authorized the contract with the recommended cultural consultant AMS Planning & Research on Monday, April 17, 2023. The City Manager will sign the contract in the coming weeks, with May 1, 2023, as the estimated start date of the contract. Smith met with Durham Arts Council's leadership to discuss sharing resources and data with AMS. Smith shared that the group is also going to work very quickly to kick-off the Creative Community Partner (CCP), with the selection process wrapping up in early June. The CCP will be contracted under AMS. Smith is working with AMS to schedule their first in-person meeting which will take place sometime in June; DCAB members, along with CRPG members, will be invited to this kick-off meeting.
    - ii. Vice-Chair requested a presentation from AMS during their monthly meetings during one of the coming months (May, June, July) to understand their approach to Cultural Roadmap. Ritchie requested an agenda item related to the CCP during the May meeting to be fully informed to spread the word about the CCP opportunity. Coleman recommended that DCAB be a part of the CCP process, specifically the RFP process. Smith shared that CCP sub-contract is with AMS, not the City. The City is not issuing the RFP for the CCP; AMS is issuing the RFP. Coleman would like to know when the CCP group will be working on the ground and the timeline for such work. Per the request of the members, an agenda item will be added to May as an information sharing item about the CCP, without a vote.
- VII. **Final Thoughts and Discussion**
- a. Coleman suggests forming a nominating committee for the next Chair and Vice-Chair of DCAB and nominated herself for Chair.
- VIII. **Public Questions**
- a. None.
- IX. **Adjournment**
- a. The meeting was adjourned by Sava at 4:03 p.m.
  - b. Next meeting will be held on **May 17, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** virtually.
  - c. Mission, Vision, and Values Statement discussion will take place at the next meeting.

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- d. The Creative Community Partner open call process will be discussed in depth at the next meeting, including a timeline for the process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Minor, Rebecca Brown

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

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