

Durham Cultural Advisory Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

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visit: <https://durhamnc.gov/452/Durham-Cultural-Advisory-Board>

Durham Cultural Advisory Board Members Present

Michael A. Betts, II	Margaret McNab	A. Demarcus Williams
E'Vonne Coleman	Joey Medrano	
Eldrin Deas	Andrew Nurkin	<i>Student Member:</i>
Tom Jaynes	Laura Ritchie	Anna Price
Joseph Jordan	Mitchell Sava, Vice-Chair	
Angela Lee, Chair	Elias Torre	

Durham Cultural Advisory Board Members Absent

Mayor Pro Tempore Mark-Anthony Middleton	<i>Student Member:</i>
Raafe Purnsley	Erin Lee
Aya Shabu (excused)	Katherine Lopez

City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

Summer Alston, City of Durham	Brenda Hayes-Bright Durham County
Rebecca Brown, City of Durham	
Annette Smith, City of Durham	
Stephanie Minor, City of Durham	

Guests Present

Margaret DeMott, Durham Arts Council
Anna Fiore, Discover Durham
Alexandra Benson, Downtown Durham, INC
Emily Ensminger

- I. **Call to Order & Guest Introductions**
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Angela Lee, Chair.
 - b. City Staff introduced guests and members of the public.
- II. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
 - a. None.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board (DCAB) approves the April 2023 summary meeting minutes (Torre, Coleman 2nd).
 - b. **ACTION:** Approved (12-0, with one abstention by Lee).
- IV. **Announcements**

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- a. **County Public Art Program Updates**
 - i. County Staff Brenda Hayes-Bright provides an update on the revised search for a Durham County Public Art Coordinator; this position is now classified as a Contractor and will be hired for one year. Coleman clarifies that the County Manager's budget considerations drove the decision to hire a contractor rather than a full-time staff position. The County is in the process of re-writing the job description and hopes to have it posted on July 1, 2023.
 - ii. The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the affordable housing component of the 300-block parking deck on East Main St. The event took place a few weeks ago.
- b. **City Public Art Program Updates**
 - i. City Council has approved Demarcus Williams as the newest member of the DCAB. Anna Price has joined DCAB as a student member.
 - ii. American Dance Festival's contract amendment for the increased FY22/23 Festival & Special Event Funding was approved by City Council.
- c. **Public Art Committee (PAC) Updates**
 - i. The Chair and Vice-Chair of PAC are drafting a letter to the building owner's representative and the artist following PAC's review of a design proposal for the West Morgan Street overpass bridge at a public meeting. The Chair and Vice-Chair of PAC have met with Lee and Sava to discuss the letter.

V. Old Business

- a. **Durham Arts Council (DAC) Updates on ARP Funding Contract and Grants**
 - 1. The Durham Arts Council contract was approved during City Council's April 3, 2023, meeting, details here under agenda item 5: <https://cityordinances.durhamnc.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=576&doctype=1>
 - 2. Margaret DeMott from the Durham Arts Council (DAC) shares that DAC will hire a temporary full-time staff member for two years dedicated to assist with grantmaking. DAC is working on the applications for individual artists and arts organizations to apply for support; the City will need to approve these applications.

VI. Governance

- a. **Durham Cultural Advisory Board New Member Recommendations**
 - i. DCAB reviewed and recommend other DCAB member seats specified below for the following members and their term expirations:
 - 1. Angela Lee is not eligible for reappointment.
 - 2. Joseph Jordan (eligible for reappointment; 2nd term appointment).
 - 3. Margaret McNab (eligible for reappointment; name already submitted for re-appointment to 2nd term).
 - ii. The City Clerk requires the three ranking recommendations by 5/19/2023. The applicants and prior recommended applicants* are:
 - a. Decario Allen
 - b. Eric Baer
 - c. Eddie Batchelor, Jr.
 - d. Alicia Crosby Mack*
 - e. Katherine (Kate) Furgurson

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- f. Moira Girard
 - g. **Joseph F. Jordan**
 - h. Michael J Linsenmeyer
 - i. David R. Long*
 - j. Jeremy Roth
 - k. Vanessa W Smart
- iii. In prior meetings, DCAB recommended the following applicants:
 1. **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.
 2. **Alicia Crosby Mack** - Equity Consultant and Justice Educator, Crosby Mack has a background in education, social justice, social service, nonprofit management, and DEI consulting.
 - iv. **MOTION:** To recommend Joseph Jordan for a 2nd term on the Durham Cultural Advisory Board (Coleman, Betts 2nd).
 - v. **ACTION:** Approved (13-0).
- b. Michael Betts and Tom Jaynes recused themselves from recommending a new member to DCAB.
 - c. DCAB members discuss prior recommendations and new applicants, and agree to the following ranking:
 1. **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.
 2. **Alicia Crosby Mack** - Equity Consultant and Justice Educator, Crosby Mack has a background in education, social justice, social service, nonprofit management, and DEI consulting.
 3. **Vanessa Smart** – Durham Public School teacher for over 20 years, a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) task force member with the National Art Education Association (NAEA) and a DEI commissioner with national and international cultural arts consumers and community members.
 - ii. **MOTION:** To recommend the top three DCAB member applicants in ranking order, David R. Long, Alicia Crosby Mack, and Vanessa Smart, to City Council for Angela Lee’s vacancy due to term limits ending (Ritchie, Lee 2nd).
 - iii. **ACTION:** Approved (11-0 with two abstentions by Jaynes and Betts).
- d. Staff provided a reminder to the board about potential conflicts of interest. Durham Cultural Advisory Board Members should disclose potential Conflicts of Interest to City staff prior to appointment reviews and votes. City staff will present any potential Conflict of Interest to the City’s Audit Department for their expert analysis. For more information on Conflict of Interest, visit the City website, here: [City-Code-of-Ethics-PDF \(durhamnc.gov\)](https://www.durhamnc.gov/city-code-of-ethics).
- e. **Public Art Committee (PAC) Member Appointment**

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- i. The Public Art Committee's recommends removing two inactive, non-attending members for DCAB's consideration; those members are Abijah Gattis and Shanté Stewart.
 1. **MOTION:** To remove two members, Abijah Gattis and Shanté Stewart, due to attendance from the Public Art Committee (Jaynes, Ritchie 2nd).
 2. **ACTION:** Approved (13-0).
- ii. PAC has recommended five individuals in ranking order for membership to the Public Art Committee. The third student membership seat is vacant. Britney Nava Munoz applied for PAC membership but is eligible to serve as a student member. Staff will reach out to Nava Munoz to confirm their interest in a student position.
 1. **MOTION:** To appoint Lee Nisbet, David Ojo, Michelle Smith, Eliza Redman, and Lana Dennis as members to the Public Art Committee with terms ending June 30, 2026, and appoint Britney Nava Munoz as a student member to the Public Art Committee with a term ending June 30, 2024 (Torre, Deas 2nd).
 2. **ACTION:** Approved (13-0).

VII. New Business

a. Cultural Roadmap (CRM) & Cultural Roadmap Planning Group (CRPG) Updates

- i. City Staff Member Annette Smith shares updates on the Cultural Roadmap's Cultural Planning Consultants AMS Planning & Research, funding from external partners, and other updates. The CRPG held their first in person meeting at Google Cloud offices on May 9, 2023, with a presentation by the one of the authors of a Proposal for Independent Grants written in 2020, and a second presentation by Durham Humanities Alliance. Smith is working with AMS to draft the Creative Community Partnership (CCP) opportunity call. The CRM website is in development. AMS is coming to Durham for a kick-off meeting on June 6, 2023, and DCAB members are invited to join from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The CRPG will be meeting regularly, on the last Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. These meetings will be a mix of in-person and virtual.
- ii. Interested artists and creative workers should sign up to receive "Calls for Artists" email updates on the Creative Community Partnership opportunity here: [Durham Calls for Artists | Durham, NC \(durhamnc.gov\)](https://www.durhamnc.gov/calls-for-artists)

b. Durham Cultural Advisory Board Chair and Vice-Chair Vote

- i. City Staff received nominations for E'Vonne Coleman for Chair, and Elias Torre for Vice-Chair. Chairs serve for one-year term, with the option to be appointed for a second term.
- ii. **MOTION:** To close the nomination period and accept nominations for E'Vonne Coleman for Chair, and Elias Torre for Vice-Chair (Deas, Jordan 2nd).
- iii. **ACTION:** Approved (13-0).
- iv. **MOTION:** To appoint E'Vonne Coleman as Chair of the Durham Cultural Advisory Board, and Elias Torre as Vice-Chair of the Durham Cultural Advisory Board with terms ending June 30, 2024 (Deas, Betts 2nd).
- v. **ACTION:** Approved (13-0).

VIII. Final Thoughts and Discussion

IX. Public Questions

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- a. None.
- X. **Adjournment**
 - a. The Next Meeting will be held on June 21, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in person.
 - i. Topics will include:
 - 1. PAC Chair and Vice-Chair Appointment
 - 2. Vision, Mission, Values Discussion

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Minor, Rebecca Brown, Annette Smith

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>

PAC Agenda Center:
<https://www.durhamnc.gov/AgendaCenter/Public-Art-Committee-7>