

Durham Cultural Advisory Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 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

E'Vonne Coleman	Angela Lee, Chair	Aya Shabu
Eldrin Deas	Jose G. Medrano	Elias Torre
Caroline Dwyer	Andrew Nurkin	
Tom Jaynes	Laura Ritchie	Student Members
	Mitchell E. Sava, Vice-Chair	Erin Lee

Durham Cultural Advisory Board Members Absent

Michael A Betts, II	Mayor Pro Tempore Mark-Anthony	Student Members
Joseph Jordan	Middleton	Katherine Lopez
	Raafe Purnsley	

City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

Rebecca Brown, City of Durham, General Services Department (GSD)
Summer Alston, (GSD)
Annette Smith, (GSD)
Stephanie Minor, (GSD)

Guests Present

Margaret DeMott, Durham Arts Council
Brenda Hayes-Bright, Durham County

1. **Call to Order & Guest Introductions**
 - a. The Chair, Angela Lee called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
 - a. None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Deferred to December meeting due to staff capacity.

4. Announcements

- a. Poet Laureate Update: D.J. Rogers
 - i. The save date will go out this week; Hayti Heritage Center on December 9th in the evening. D.J. will feature other artists and a Q and A. Cultural Public Art Program (CPAP) hopes to support D.J.'s education proposal in the coming months.
- b. Governance Updates on Member Process
 - i. Based on City Clerk's policy, Saira Estrada has been removed due to attendance; open vacancy announcement forthcoming; previously submitted applications are valid for one year.

5. Old Business

- a. none.

6. New Business

- a. Cultural Road Map (CRM)
 - i. Timeline update: RFP is with the City Attorney for final review; timeline pushed back with new due date of January 12.
 - ii. Durham Cultural Advisory Board (DCAB) subcommittee reviewed applications and recommended this list as members of Cultural Roadmap Planning group:
 1. Steve Schewel, Chair
 2. Zena Howard, Chair
 3. Laura Ritchie, DCAB
 4. E'Vonne Coleman, DCAB
 5. Nicole Thompson, DDI
 6. Susan Amey, Discover Durham
 7. Lois Deloatch, Artist (Music)
 8. Steve Pearson, IBM
 9. Lilyn Hester, Google & Chamber of Commerce
 10. Patrick Mucklow, Museum of Durham History
 11. Sherry DeVries, DAC
 12. Barbara Lau, Pauli Murray Center
 13. Andre Vann, NCCU
 14. John Brown, Duke
 15. Mimi O'Brien, MDBF
 16. Chandra Guinn, McKinney
 17. Casey Steinbacher, Made in Durham
 18. Javiera Caballero, City Council
 19. Lightsey Darst, Artist (Poetry & Dance)
 20. Kathryn Desplanque, Artist (Visual & Art History)
 - iii. Subcommittee is seeking additional applications from Durham Tech, DPS, Latino Community Credit Union, will invite D.J. Rogers (poet laureate), and recognizes the need to increase outreach to include working artists (theater, film), individuals working in housing, wellness & neighborhood recreation sectors, small business owners, individuals under 40, individuals that identify as transgender/nonbinary/nonconforming, individuals that identify as American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiiin or Pacific Islander, and youth.

Durham Cultural Advisory Board (DCAB) comments:

1. Jaynes requests clarification on representation needed from younger generations; Ritchie provides age ranges of the group and recognizes the need for representation from younger individuals, specifically 25 years and younger.

2. Nurkin observes the organizational and institutional representation connected to the 20 individuals and asks how the subcommittee will prioritize outreach to individuals without prominent affiliations; Ritchie agrees and welcomes input.

- iv. **Motion:** To approve members of the Cultural Roadmap Planning (CRM) as listed above. (Jaynes, Deas 2nd)
- v. **Action:** Approved (10-0)
- vi. **Motion:** Coleman nominates Jordan as designated DCAB representative for CRM; Jordan is not present to accept nomination. (Coleman, Jaynes 2nd)
- vii. **Action:** Approved pending Jordan's acceptance. (10-0)

b. Durham Cultural Advisory Board (DCAB) Priorities

- i. Lee suggests DCAB meets in person to re-engage, reconnect & discuss goals aside from Cultural Roadmap Planning (CRM).
- ii. Deas shares concerns and plans to help define work on equity
- iii. Lee suggests using City-Grant funding to plan an in-person meeting; others support the idea.
- iv. Ritchie agrees a facilitator would be helpful; Nurkin supports the idea.
- v. Coleman believes DCAB has too many goals to meet by the June 30th deadline; recommends meeting during an extended reg. scheduled meeting time.
- vi. Torre distinguishes the difference between priorities & goals; priorities were intended to guide DCAB towards goals.
- vii. DCAB agrees to an extended January Meeting, 2 - 6 pm.

c. FY23 RFP Festival & Special Events

- i. Staff shared updates on the approved funding for the festivals; 19 applications were received, 16 were recommended by Durham Cultural Advisory Board (DCAB) and were awarded.
- ii. Durham Cultural Advisory Board (DCAB) comments:
 - 1. Sava was overall pleased with the process; highlights the difference between larger organizations that have more resources and are able vs. smaller organizations that don't have capacity or grant writing teams. Sava suggests City can do more to help smaller organizations and recommends clear guidelines on how much funding organizations should request i.e. tiers, tracks, % of overall budget.
 - 2. Jaynes feels the process maintains status quo; suggest increasing transparency, or DCAB takes a value statement i.e. DCAB funds 2 new organizations.
 - 3. Staff highlights increase in new applicants since 2019 and reminds DCAB of funding limit that was recommended by DCAB during prior grant cycles.
 - 4. Lee praises thought and intention to fund new projects and groups over the past few years; would like to work with staff to push for more funding since applications have increased.

7. **Public Questions**

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

8. **Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned by Angela Lee at 4:17 p.m.

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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>

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Brown