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NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
CHAIR: COUNCILWOMAN DEE DURHAM

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 2:00pm

Hybrid Meeting

Virtual Zoom Webinar Meeting*

In-Person Access at County Council Chambers

I. Call to Order: 2:00 PM by Councilwoman Durham.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Present?</u>	<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Present?</u>
Karen Hartley-Nagel, President	Yes		
Kenneth Woods (1 st District)	Yes	George Smiley (7 th District)	Yes
Dee Durham (2 nd District)	Yes	John Cartier (8 th District)	Yes
Janet Kilpatrick (3 rd District)	Yes	Timothy Sheldon (9 th District)	Excused
Penrose Hollins (4 th District)	Yes	Jea Street (10 th District)	Yes
Lisa Diller (5 th District)	Yes	David Tackett (11 th District)	Late
David Carter (6 th District)	Yes	Bill Bell (12 th District)	No

II. Review of Minutes: Motion was made by Councilman Smiley, seconded by Councilman Cartier, to approve minutes from September 21, 2021. All in favor.

III. Boards & Commissions Interviews:

- Jimmy Kroon a County Executive nominee for the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Commission, requiring the advice and consent of County Council, sponsored and introduced by Council President Hartley-Nagle. Additional comments provided by Durham and Carter.
- Rourke Moore a County Executive nomination to the Diversity Commission, requiring the advice and consent of County Council, sponsored and introduced by Councilman Hollins. Additional comments provided by Street, Carter, and Diller.

- Linda Goodman a County Executive nomination to the Library Advisory Board, subject to the advice and consent of County Council, sponsored and introduced by Councilman Carter.
- Kenneth Dunn a County Executive nomination to the Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission, subject to the advice and consent of County Council, sponsored and introduced by Councilman Woods. Additional comments provided by Street, Cartier, & Hollins.

IV. Boards & Commissions Re-appointments:

- Kayode Abegunde a County Executive re-appointment to the New Castle County Financial Advisory Committee, which is subject to the advice and consent of County Council, sponsored by Council President Hartley-Nagle.
- Robert Ralston, a County Council re-appointment to the Ethics Commission, subject to the approval of the County Executive, sponsored by Councilwoman Durham.
 - *Note to the Record:* The County Executive's office provided written confirmation of the County Executive's positive advice and consent on 11/22/2021 via email.

V. Other: As there was no Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled until Dec. 14th, Councilman Street rose to address a recent incident in the County where two police officers were shot upon while on duty. He made three comments. First, that the County should re-examine their one-officer-per-vehicle policy and, failing that, requiring two police vehicles at each incident. This policy, he argued, may create a tendency for police officers to over-react to a potentially dangerous situation, thereby increasing the level of inherent danger. Second, a re-examination of the current protections against guns on school grounds. Finally, that prosecutors ought to be faster to indict suspects rather than place officers in danger by having police continue to surveil those suspected of "greater" criminal activity, which was the case in this recent shooting incident. Sue Moore from the County Executive's office agreed to bring these suggestions up to the Public Safety team and to get a response for Councilman Street, to be heard at a Committee meeting before the next scheduled Public Safety Committee meeting.

VI. Public Comment: None

VII. Adjournment: 2:35 PM - Motion by Councilman Smiley and seconded by Councilman Cartier. All in favor.

A recording of the meeting is available on the County Council website. Respectfully submitted by Christopher R. Counihan, Legislative Assistant, to Councilwoman Dee Durham.

* In accordance with Governor Carney's recently issued Proclamation, coupled with the Governor's Declaration of a State of Emergency, New Castle County Council held this meeting as a telephone and video conference, utilizing Webinar Meeting materials, including a meeting agenda, legislation to be addressed during the meeting, and other materials related to the meeting are electronically accessible at <https://nccde.org/AgendaCenter/County-Council-1>