



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Dee Durham, Second District

July 18, 2023
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VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING** &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

AGENDA

A. Meeting Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes

3-21-23 Boards and Commissions

6-20-23 Boards and Commissions

C. Boards & Commissions Interview

R23-: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT W. EHEMANN TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD Introduced by: Ms. Kilpatrick

R23-: APPOINTING JASON HOOVER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Ms. Durham

D. Boards & Commissions Re-appointments

E. Other

F. Public Comment

G. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: July 11, 2023

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Introduced by: Ms. Kilpatrick
Date of Introduction: July 25, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT W. EHEMANN TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to *New Castle County Code* Section 2.05.306, the Open Space Advisory Board is vested with a responsibility to advise the Department of Land Use and Department of Public Works on implementing best practices in preserving open space within New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of County Council who, except for the one (1) member designated by the Secretary of DNREC, shall be residents of New Castle County, shall consist of two (2) “professional” members with at least five years of professional expertise in land conservation programs, parks acquisition/management, knowledge in the fields of open space or historic resource protection/management, and/or environmental protection, and two (2) “citizen at large” members with professional or volunteer background in land conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Board shall further consist of four (4) members, all of whom shall be residents of New Castle County who are appointed by County Council with the advice and consent of the County Executive, comprised of one (1) “citizen at large” member with either a professional or volunteer background in land conservation, one (1) member with expertise in the restoration/remediation/conversion of brownfields/greyfields into greenfields or expertise with urban park creation/development, one (1) member from an underserved or an “environmental justice” community, and one (1) Youth member who has a proven interest and involvement in conservation; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council a four (4) year term appointment of Robert W. Ehemann, who is designated by the Secretary of Delaware Natural Resource and Environmental Control (DNREC) pursuant to *New Castle County Code* Section 2.05.306 (A)(1); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ehemann holds a Bachelor of Science Degree with distinction in Natural Resource Management from the University of Delaware. He was hired by Delaware State Parks to assist with the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Mr. Ehemann currently manages the three sections of Park Resource Office, which include the Land Preservation Office, the Cultural Resource Unit and the Planning Section. He has been involved in the Delaware State Park’s first Strategic Plan, as well as manages land acquisitions, conservation easements, and nature preserves. Mr. Ehemann oversees the Outdoor Recreation Parks and Trails grant program, which provides annual funding to municipalities and counties in Delaware for park acquisition, planning and development. He was also a member of the New Castle County Task Force to identify suitable locations for county parks in Southern New Castle County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Robert W. Ehemann to the New Castle County Open Space Advisory Board for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this Resolution, with such term to expire on July 25, 2027.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be no discernible fiscal impact upon the adoption of this legislation.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

**APPOINTING JASON HOOVER TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to New Castle County Code Section 2.05.306, the Open Space Advisory Board is vested with the responsibility to advise the Department of Land Use and the Department of Public Works on implementing best practices in preserving open space within New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of County Council who, except for the one (1) member designated by the Secretary of DNREC, shall be residents of New Castle County, shall consist of two (2) “professional” members with at least five years of professional expertise in land conservation programs, parks acquisition/management, knowledge in the fields of open space or historic resource protection/management, and/or environmental protection, and two (2) “citizen at large” members with professional or volunteer background in land conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Board shall further consist of four (4) members, all of whom shall be residents of New Castle County who are appointed by County Council with the advice and consent of the County Executive, comprised of one (1) “citizen at large” member with either a professional or volunteer background in land conservation, one (1) member with expertise in the restoration/remediation/conversion of brownfields/greyfields into greenfields or expertise with urban park creation/development, one (1) member from an underserved or an “environmental justice” community, and one (1) Youth member who has a proven interest and involvement in conservation; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Open Space Advisory Board shall endeavor to include representation from a broad cross section of New Castle County Planning and Council Districts and shall generally have four-year renewable terms, except for the Youth member who serves a single two-year term, and the inaugural nominations for one of the “professional” seats and one of the “citizen at large” seats appointed by the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, a resident of the City of Wilmington, Mr. Hoover has worked in a volunteer capacity as an open space advocate for nearly fifteen years. Towards that end, he founded an advocacy group in northern New Castle County to work for the preservation of the 600+ acres of unprotected land surrounding Delaware’s only national park, the *First State National Historical Park*; and

WHEREAS, County Council hereby approves the nomination of Mr. Hoover for the Open Space Advisory Board for the “citizen at large” member with a volunteer background in land conservation. The seat is for a full four-year term, pending the consent of the County Executive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby gives its approval for the nomination of Jason Hoover to the New Castle County Open Space Advisory Board, and upon consent of the County Executive, for a term to begin immediately upon enactment of this Resolution and to expire on July 25, 2027.

Adopted by the County Council of
New Castle County on:

President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no discernible fiscal impact upon the adoption of this legislation.