



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Dee Durham, Second District

**January 16, 2024
2:45 PM**

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

CANCELED

This meeting was canceled due to current weather conditions and the expectation of continued poor weather conditions, resulting in safety concerns regarding travel.

REVISED AGENDA

A. Meeting Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Boards & Commissions Interview

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT BENET BURTON TO THE NEW CASTLE
COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION** Introduced by: Ms. George

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JEAN DAHLGREN TO THE NEW CASTLE
COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION** Introduced by: Ms. Durham

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNA WIK TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION** Introduced by: Ms. George

D. Boards & Commissions Re-appointments

**CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER ADKINS TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD** Introduced by: Mr. Hollins

**CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM J. MCCOOL, III TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD** Introduced by: Mr. Cartier

E. Other

F. Public Comment

G. Adjournment**REVISED AGENDA POSTED: 1/11/24****AGENDA POSTED: 1/9/24**

*The revised agenda was posted less than (7) seven days in advance of the scheduled meeting to add an appointee's name, which was known before the original agenda was posted and was inadvertently left off the agenda. It is a time sensitive appointment, which cannot wait until the next Boards and Commissions meeting in February.

The agenda was posted seven (7) days in advance of the meeting in compliance with 29 *Del. C.* Section 10004(e)(2). The meeting may go into Executive Session to address issues that arise at the time of the meeting.

**Under Title 29, Section 10006A of *Delaware Code*, New Castle County Council is holding this meeting as a telephone and video conference, utilizing  Webinar. In addition, this meeting is open to the public in Council Chambers (800 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801). The link to join the meeting via computer, smart device, or smart phone is : <https://zoom.us/j/377322142> You may also call into the meeting (audio) using the following call in numbers: 1-312-626-6799 or +1-646-558-8656 or +1-346-248-7799 or +1-669-900-9128 or +1-253-215-8782 or +1-301-715-8592. Then enter the Webinar ID: 377 322 142. If you do not have a good connection with one, please try the others. Additional information regarding phone functionality during the meeting is available at: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360029527911-Live-Training-Webinars>

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://www.nccde.org/2351/Agendas-and-Minutes> Members of the public joining the meeting may be provided an opportunity to make comments in real time. A comment period will be administered by a moderator to ensure everyone may have an opportunity to comment.

If permitted to comment, you will not be able to speak until called upon by the moderator. For those appearing virtually, there are functions in the program that allow you to do this. Please see the link in the previous paragraph.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

**APPOINTING BENET BURTON TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

1 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County, with the adoption of *New Castle County Code*
2 Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 2.05.516, created the New Castle County Public Arts
3 Commission (the "Commission"). The Commission has the responsibility of looking at
4 public art, holistically. Among other things, the Commission is to engage the public,
5 promote, and advocate for public visual arts projects that reflect the cultural, natural, and
6 historical diversity of New Castle County. The Commission also has the responsibility of
7 advising and updating County Council, the County Executive, and the Department of
8 Community Services on public arts in New Castle County; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, *County Code* Section 2.05.516 provides that the Commission shall
11 consist of 9 members, including the Chair. The County Council shall appoint 5 members,
12 including ex officio designees, with the advice and consent of the County Executive. The
13 County Executive shall appoint 4 members, with the advice and consent of County
14 Council. The County Executive, with the advice and consent of County Council, shall
15 appoint 1 member from the 9 nominated members as the Chair, who shall serve at the
16 pleasure of the County Executive. Recommendations for membership are sought from
17 local visual arts organizations, educational institutions, and community leaders in the
18 visual arts field. Except for certain initial appointments, all Commission members other
19 than the Chair and ex officio positions serve 4-year terms, which may be renewed; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, membership of the Commission consists of: at least 1 representative
22 from a visual arts organization, including art museums, that are located or operated within
23 the County; at least 2 County residents who are visual artists (including but not limited to
24 a sculptor and painter) or who have a demonstrated involvement in public art; at least 1
25 representative from the faculty or governing body of an educational institution with art or
26 architecture programs; at least 1 representative from a non-profit organization engaged
27 in supporting the visual arts; at least 1 registered landscape architect; and the Director of
28 the Delaware Art Museum [ex officio] or designee thereof; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services is to provide administrative
31 and community support required by the Commission in the performance of its official
32 duties. The Department of Public Works is to provide technical and project management
33 support for the public art installations directed by the Commission. The Commission may
34 engage with other County departments in the performance of its official duties; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, the initial appointments of the members of the Commission shall be
37 2 or 4 years to stagger the terms so that approximately half the members will be up for
38 reappointment every 2 years; and
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40 **WHEREAS**, Benét Burton, a resident of New Castle County, is a qualified
41 representative from a visual arts organization. Ms. Burton has managed and co-directed
42 public-art focused projects from the Delaware Art Museum and the Winterthur Museum
43 while also collaborating on exhibition projects, working with communities on public art
44 goals, and developing and implementing *The Public Art Stewards Training Program*.
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46 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
47 Castle County that County Council, with the consent of the County Executive, hereby
48 appoints Benét Burton to the New Castle County Public Arts Commission for a 4-year
49 term to begin on January 23, 2024.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

Karen Hartley-Nagle
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution will have no discernible impact.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Durham
Date of introduction: January 23, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JEAN DAHLGREN TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, New Castle County, with the adoption of *New Castle County Code* Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 2.05.516, created the New Castle County Public Arts Commission (the "Commission"). The Commission has the responsibility of looking at public art, holistically. Among other things, the Commission is to engage the public, promote, and advocate for public visual arts projects that reflect the cultural, natural, and historical diversity of New Castle County. The Commission also has the responsibility of advising and updating County Council, the County Executive, and the Department of Community Services on public arts in New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, *County Code* Section 2.05.516 provides that the Commission shall consist of 9 members, including the Chair. The County Council shall appoint 5 members, including ex officio designees, with the advice and consent of the County Executive. The County Executive shall appoint 4 members, with the advice and consent of County Council. The County Executive, with the advice and consent of County Council, shall appoint 1 member from the 9 nominated members as the Chair, who shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. Recommendations for membership are sought from local visual arts organizations, educational institutions, and community leaders in the visual arts field. Except for certain initial appointments, all Commission members other than the Chair and ex officio positions serve 4-year terms, which may be renewed; and

WHEREAS, membership of the Commission consists of: at least 1 representative from a visual arts organization, including art museums, that are located or operated within the County; at least 2 County residents who are visual artists (including but not limited to a sculptor and painter) or who have a demonstrated involvement in public art; at least 1 representative from the faculty or governing body of an educational institution with art or architecture programs; at least 1 representative from a non-profit organization engaged in supporting the visual arts; at least 1 registered landscape architect; and the Director of the Delaware Art Museum [ex officio] or designee thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Services is to provide administrative and community support required by the Commission in the performance of its official duties. The Department of Public Works is to provide technical and project management support for the public art installations directed by the Commission. The Commission may engage with other County departments in the performance of its official duties; and

WHEREAS, the initial appointments of the members of the Commission shall be

2 or 4 years to stagger the terms so that approximately half the members will be up for reappointment every 2 years; and

WHEREAS, Jean Dahlgren, a resident of New Castle County, is a qualified representative meeting the requirement of “faculty or governing body of an educational institution with art or architecture programs.” As president of Delaware College of Art and Design, Ms. Dahlgren became the third and first female president of Delaware College of Art and Design in August of 2018. Previously she served as dean of undergraduate programs at Sage College of Albany in Albany, N.Y. During her more than 30 years in higher education instruction and administration, Ms. Dahlgren has developed expertise in growing a student body, creating dynamic curricula, and fostering strategic partnerships. She has spoken nationally and internationally on topics related to achieving excellence in art and design education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council, with the consent of the County Executive, hereby appoints Jean Dahlgren to the New Castle County Public Arts Commission for a 4-year term to begin on January 23, 2024.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

Karen Hartley-Nagle
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution will have no discernible impact.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. George
Date of introduction: January 23, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

**APPOINTING ANNA WIK TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County Code* Chapter 2 ("Administration"), Article 5
2 Sec.2.05.516. The Public Arts Commission has the responsibility of looking at public art
3 holistically. They will engage the public, promote, and advocate for permanent or semi-permanent
4 public visual arts projects that reflect the cultural, natural, and historical diversity of New Castle
5 County. The Public Arts Commission also has the responsibility to advise and update the
6 Department of Community Services, the County Executive, and County Council on public arts in
7 New Castle County; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, *New Castle County code* 2.05.516 provides New Castle County Public Arts
10 Commission ("Commission") shall consist of nine (9) members including the Chair. The County
11 Council shall appoint five (5) members, including ex officio designees, with the advice and consent
12 of the County Executive. The County Executive shall appoint four (4) members with the advice
13 and consent of County Council. The County Executive, with the advice and consent of County
14 Council, shall appoint one member from the nine nominated members as Chairperson who shall
15 serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. Recommendations for membership will be sought
16 from local visual arts organizations, educational institutions, and community leaders in the visual
17 arts field. Except for certain initial appointments as identified below, all Commission members
18 other than the Chair and ex officio positions shall serve 4-year terms, which may be renewed; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, membership of the Commission shall consist of at least 1 representative from
21 visual arts organizations, including art museums, that are located or operate within the County; at
22 least 2 County residents who are visual artists (including but not limited to a sculptor and painter)
23 or who have a demonstrated involvement in public art; at least 1 representative from the faculty
24 or governing body of an educational institution with art or architecture programs; at least 1
25 representative from a non-profit organization engaged in supporting the visual arts; at least 1
26 registered landscape architect; the Director of the Delaware Art Museum [ex officio] or their
27 designee; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services shall provide the administrative and
30 community support required by the Commission in the performance of its official duties. The
31 Department of Public Works shall provide technical and project management support for the
32 public art installations directed by the Commission. The Commission may engage with other
33 County departments in the performance of its official duties; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, the initial appointments of the members of the Commission shall be 2 or 4
36 years to stagger the terms so that approximately half the members will be up for reappointment
37 every 2 years; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, Anna Wik, is a resident of New Castle County and a Registered Landscape
40 Architect with an extensive educational and practical background in landscape architecture. Ms.
41 Wik is currently an associate professor of landscape architecture at the University of Delaware in
42 the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. Ms. Wik has a passion for community engagement,
43 sustainability, and not only the present and future of our green spaces, but also the lessons taught
44 by our historic gardens and natural resources.
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47 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New Castle
48 County that County Council, with the consent of the County Executive, hereby appoints Anna
49 Wik the New Castle County Public Arts Commission for a 4-year term to begin on January 23,
50 2024.

Adopted by 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 with the adoption of this resolution.

Primary Sponsor:	Mr. Hollins
Requested by:	Executive Office
Date of Introduction:	January 23, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER ADKINS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County Code* Section 2.05.306, the Open
2 Space Advisory Board is vested with the responsibility to advise the Department of Land
3 Use and the Department of Public Works on implementing best practices in preserving
4 open space within New Castle County; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Open Space Advisory Board shall consist of five (5) members
7 appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of County Council who,
8 except for the one (1) member designated by the Secretary of DNREC, shall be residents
9 of New Castle County, shall consist of two (2) “professional” members with at least five
10 years of professional expertise in land conservation programs, parks
11 acquisition/management, knowledge in the fields of open space or historic resource
12 protection/management, and/or environmental protection, and two (2) “citizen at large”
13 members with professional or volunteer background in land conservation; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Open Space Advisory Board shall further consist of four (4)
16 members, all of whom shall be residents of New Castle County who are appointed by
17 County Council with the advice and consent of the County Executive, comprised of one
18 (1) “citizen at large” member with either a professional or volunteer background in land
19 conservation, one (1) member with expertise in the restoration/remediation/conversion of
20 brownfields/greyfields into greenfields or expertise with urban park creation/development,
21 one (1) member from an underserved or an “environmental justice” community, and one
22 (1) Youth member who has a proven interest and involvement in conservation; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the membership of the Open Space Advisory Board shall endeavor
25 to include representation from a broad cross section of New Castle County Planning and
26 Council Districts and shall generally have four-year renewable terms, except for the Youth
27 member who serves a single two-year term, and the inaugural nominations for one of the
28 “professional” seats and one of the “citizen at large” seats appointed by the County
29 Executive; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Adkins oversees the Mid-Atlantic Clean Water Supply team
32 working in two priority basins: the Delaware River Watershed and Rivers of the
33 Chesapeake, and currently serves on the Delaware Water Infrastructure Advisory
34 Council, the Steering Committee for the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed, the
35 Christina Conservancy Board of Directors, and the City of Wilmington Planning
36 Commission; and
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WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council the reappointment of Jennifer Adkins to the Open Space Board for one of the “professional” seats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the reappointment of Jennifer Adkins to the New Castle County Open Space Advisory Board for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this Resolution and expire on January 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Karen Hartley-Nagle
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.

