



# NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Dee Durham, Second District

January 21, 2025  
3:00 PM

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

## MINUTES

### A. Meeting Call to Order

Councilwoman Durham called the meeting to order at 3PM.

Present were Caneco, Smiley, Cartier, Kilpatrick, Toole, Carter, George, Hollins, Williams Johns, Durham

Via Zoom: Tackett, Sheldon

Absent: Street

### B. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Smiley motioned to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024 Boards and Commissions meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Cartier.

Minutes were approved.

### C. Boards & Commissions Interview

#### APPOINTING ERIC ZIPPE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: John Cartier

Ms. Durham introduced the appointment of Eric Zippe to the Public Arts Commission.

Mr. Cartier welcomed Mr. Zippe and spoke to his qualifications to serve on the PAC. He also spoke on the background of his appointment after Valerie White resigned from the Commission.

Mr. Zippe gave instruction on the correct pronunciation of his name and briefly outlined his experience and qualifications to serve on the Public Arts Commission as well as his interest in helping other artists.

As a Delaware and NCC resident, Mr. Zippe was excited to offer his experience to the PAC.

Ms. Durham thanked Mr. Zippe and discussed the brief history of the PAC and explained when his nomination will take effect.

### D. Boards & Commissions Re-appointments

#### REAPPOINTING WILLIAM MCDUFFIE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DIVERSITY COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Kevin Caneco

Ms. Durham introduced the reappointment of William McDuffie to the Diversity Commission and his nomination by Mr. Caneco.

Mr. Caneco said that he knew Mr. McDuffie and was well aware of his qualifications and that he was doing great work on the Diversity Commission.

#### REAPPOINTING TERRELL WILLIAMS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DIVERSITY COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Kevin Caneco

Ms. Durham next introduced the reappointment of Terrell Williams and asked Mr. Caneco for comment.

Mr. Caneco said that Mr. Williams was very qualified for this role and that he looked forward to formally reappointing him at the January 28, 2025 Council meeting.

Ms. Durham noted that she has received reports that the Diversity Commission hasn't met for a year. Ms. Durham asked rhetorically whether the commission had standing meetings or whether they met only on a needed basis.

#### **E. Other**

Mr. Cartier explained that he had put forward a candidate – Dan Levin – for the Claymont Renaissance DRAC several months ago and hasn't heard anything about his appointment from the Administration.

Ms. Kilpatrick mentioned that she also has candidates for the Hockessin DRAC and has been following up for a year without joy. She explained that they had submitted their resumes via the portal but no action has been taken since they were first approved.

Mr. Smiley noted that they would need to be reappointed even though the DRAC never met during their tenure.

Ms. Kilpatrick said that these candidates had actually sent their resumes in again and that there is a third and possibly a fourth candidate for this DRAC.

#### **F. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **G. Adjournment**

Mr. Smiley motioned to adjourn.

Seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick