



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Dee Durham, Second District

April 15, 2025
2:30 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

Ms. Durham called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

Present in chambers were Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco, Ms. Kilpatrick. Ms. Williams Johns joined the meeting at 2:37

Present via Zoom were: Mr. Tackett, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Carter, Ms. George, Mr. Toole, Mr. Street, Mr. Hollins

Absent: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Sheldon

B. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Caneco made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21st Boards and Commissions meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Tackett.

Minutes were approved.

C. Boards & Commissions Interview

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CARSON ZULLINGER TO THE NCC PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

Ms. Durham introduced the nomination of Carson Zullinger who addressed Council with details of his background, interest, and qualifications to serve on the Public Arts Commission.

Mr. Street offered a comment in support of Mr. Zullinger, as did Mr. Cartier who also spoke to the importance of this commission as well as expressing his appreciation for citizens who serve on NCC's boards and commissions.

Mr. Hollins joined them in thanking Mr. Zullinger and all other citizens who volunteer their time to serve the public interest.

D. Boards & Commissions Re-appointments

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GWENDOLYN PIERCE TO THE NCC AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): David Carter

Ms. Durham introduced the reappointment of Gwendolyn Pierce for the Ag Lands Preservation Committee.

Mr. Carter noted her outstanding qualifications and her ongoing advocacy in the farming community.

Ms. Durham echoed Mr. Carter's sentiments.

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT A. WEBER TO THE FIRE AND
AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(S): David Carter

Ms. Durham introduced the reappointment of Robert Weber to the Ambulance Advisory Board.

Mr. Carter expressed his support for this renomination and for the excellent work Mr. Weber has been doing.

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RENEE SPRUIEL TO THE NEW CASTLE
COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Valerie. George

Ms. Durham introduced the reappointment of Renee Spruiel to the NCC Housing Advisory Board and noted her experience and qualifications as a realtor and housing counselor. Ms. Durham expressed her strong support for this reappointment.

Ms. Durham then explained why one reappointment resolution was withdrawn, explaining that that person was appointed to another commission.

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SUBIRA IBRAHIM TO THE NEW CASTLE
COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Penrose Hollins

Ms. Durham introduced the reappointment of Subira Ibrahim to the NCC Library Advisory Board.

Mr. Hollins said that he strongly supported this reappointment and spoke to her experience and competence in this field.

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARGARET ANN RYAN TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Kevin Caneco

Ms. Durham introduced the reappointment of Margaret Ann Ryan to the NCC Library Advisory Board.

Mr. Caneco noted her active and supportive role on this board and noted how much her background and community service dovetailed with this role.

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDITH A. TAGGART TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Valerie George

Ms. Durham introduced the reappointment of Judith Taggart to the NCC Library Advisory Board.

Ms. George explained the wonderful work Ms. Taggart has done with NCC libraries.

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN COCHRAN TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE INSPECTION AND REVIEW

Prime Sponsor(s): Dee Durham

Ms. Durham introduced the reappointment of Jonathan Cochran to the NCC Board of License Inspection and Review.

Ms. Durham commented that she was pleased to put forth this renomination.

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL L. BUTLER TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor(s): George Smiley

Ms. Durham introduced the reappointment of Michael Butler to the NCC Financial Advisory Council.

Ms. Kilpatrick related Mr. Smiley's comments that Mr. Butler was doing a very fine job in this position.

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH DAIGLE TO THE NEW CASTLE
COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): John Cartier

Ms. Durham introduced the reappointment of Joseph Daigle to the NCC Planning Board.

Mr. Cartier commended Mr. Daigle's service to the community and the planning board.

Ms. Durham echoed Mr. Cartier's sentiments.

E. Other

TRAVEL REQUEST: COUNCILMAN CARTER, NACO AI FORUM

Mr. Carter spoke to his travel request and asked that Council approve the reimbursement of the \$470 in travel expenses for this forum.

Council unanimously approved this request after Mr. Carter's motion which was seconded by Mr. Caneco.

TRAVEL REQUEST: COUNCILWOMAN DURHAM, STRONG TOWNS CONFERENCE

Ms. Durham gave details of what the Strong Towns Conference entailed and asked that travel expenses of \$1553 be approved by Council.

Council unanimously approved this request after Ms. Durham's motion which was seconded by Mr. Cartier.

F. Public Comment

Mr. Tracy Slack noted his recent relocation to the Newark area and that he wanted to express his willingness to serve on the Open Space Advisory Board. After providing a few details of his experience and background, he explained that he was frustrated that no one from the county responded to his application and that he still hasn't heard anything from the new administration about his interest in serving. He noted that there seems to be no one at the county whose job it is to respond to these applications from residents.

Ms. Durham responded that the transition between County Executives may explain the silence on his application and that currently there aren't any open seats on that board. She also noted that each seat on that board requires a specific qualification or professional background.

Ms. Durham invited Mr. Slack to reach out to her office to discuss the matter.

Mr. Street made the comment that he was pleased that every board and commission seat seems to have been filled, something that is new in his experience as a councilor. Mr. Street thanked Ms. Durham for doing an excellent job in filling these positions.

G. Adjournment

Mr. Street motioned to adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Cartier.

Motion passed.