



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Dee Durham, Second District

**September 16, 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**

AGENDA

A. Meeting Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2025

C. Boards & Commissions Interview

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP GEORGE E. GIBSON, II TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Sponsor: Mr. Toole

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LAURALEE RAPPEYE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

Sponsor: Mr. Smiley

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MELISSA T. RUFO TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARILYN P. REED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF R. LYNN PAXSON TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNA OGUNNAIKE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET CASTORANI TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EUGENE RUPINSKI TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN NAYLOR TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DIONNE DAISEY-WILLIFORD TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN FELIX TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Sponsor: Mr. Caneco

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CONNOR GRAHAM TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

Sponsor: Mr. Toole

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT OTT TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Sponsor: Ms. Durham

D. Boards & Commissions Re-appointments

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RUTH M. VISVARDIS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Sponsor: Mr. Caneco

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GERALDINE KROLIN-TAYLOR TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN COCHRAN TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick, Ms. Durham

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT B. SNOWDEN TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Sponsor: Ms. Durham

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW J. SARVER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

Sponsor: Ms. Durham

E. Other

Discussion of dual appointments to various boards and commissions.

F. Public Comment

G. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: DATE 9/9/25

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1 Prime Sponsor: Mr. Toole
2 Requested By: Executive Office
3 Date of introduction: September 23, 2025
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5 **RESOLUTION NO. 25-**
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7 **CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP GEORGE E. GIBSON, II**
8 **TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD**
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10 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 2.05.406 the New Castle
11 County Housing Advisory Board shall consist of nine (9) members of the public representing
12 diverse interests, including but not limited to, development and housing, for-profit and non-
13 profit housing providers, realtors, housing and homeless advocates, financial services,
14 tenant advocates, landlords, and community representation; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, members of the New Castle County Housing Advisory Board shall be
17 appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of the County Council. The
18 Housing Advisory Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive and
19 be appointed for a three (3) year term to begin on the date of the appointment pursuant to
20 *New Castle County Code* § 2.05.406 (2); and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of the
23 County Council the appointment of Bishop George E. Gibson, II as a member of the
24 Housing Advisory Board; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, Bishop Goerge Gibson is a religious leader who has experience with
27 justice involved individuals. Bishop Gibson is the Establishmentarian and Shepherd of The
28 Love Nation in Wilmington. Bishop Gibson is the President of the New Castle County,
29 Delaware Fatherhood & Families Coalition. He also serves as the President of
30 Interdenominational Ministry's Action Collation of Delaware (IMAC-DE), a board member of
31 Labor Economic Education Empowerment (L.E.E.P.), an instructor and case manager for
32 Pathway to Apprenticeship (P2A), a board member of the Wilmington Hope Commission
33 and a board member of Group Violence Intervention (GVI).
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35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
36 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Bishop Goerge
37 E. Gibson, II to the New Castle County Housing Advisory Board for a term to begin
38 immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire September 23, 2028.
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40 Adopted by the County Council of
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46 Monique Williams-Johns
47 President of County Council
48 of New Castle County

49 **SYNOPSIS:** Same as title.

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

Primary Sponsor: Mr. Smiley
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LAURALEE RAPPLEYE TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to *New Castle County Code* Section 40.30.330, the Historic Review Board is vested with the responsibility to make recommendations for historic district boundaries, maintain a survey of historic properties, review permits relative to historic properties, and to make recommendations to the County Executive, County Council, and to the Department of Land Use concerning the use of grants, gifts, and budgeting appropriations to promote the preservation of historic sites, among other duties; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Review Board shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be residents of the County and who shall be appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of a majority of the County Council. The terms of office shall be four (4) years, provided that the terms of the members other than the Chairman shall be established in a manner that two (2) shall expire each year. The County Executive shall appoint one (1) member as Chairman who shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. One (1) member of the Historic Review Board shall be an architect and one (1) member shall be from the field of historic preservation. Seven (7) members shall be individuals who have demonstrated a concern in the field of historic preservation, have some knowledge of the County's history, or have reasonable knowledge of historic architecture or construction techniques; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rappleye brings project review consultation with the State of Delaware, federal agencies, and tribal entities, as well as 50 years of experience assessing project impacts and balancing the need for improvement with the need for preservation to the New Castle County Historic Review Board; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council the appointment of Lauralee Rappleye to the Historic Review Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Lauralee Rappleye to the New Castle County Historic Review Board for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire on September 23, 2029.

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Adopted by the County Council
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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.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MELISSA T. RUFO TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.420* provides that “County Council may establish Hometown (HT) Overlay Zoning Districts and encompass the boundaries of communities and neighborhoods that will be subject to a modification of dimensional standards as set forth herein and by an approved Community Redevelopment Plan;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.440* provides that “a Design Review Advisory Committee shall be established pursuant to §40.30.450 for each Hometown Zoning Overlay District created;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.30.450C* also provides that “the District Council person(s) in whose Councilmanic district a Hometown Overlay is found, shall make recommendations to the County Executive who shall appoint members subject to County Council consent; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rufo is a resident and property owner of the area affected and the surrounding area identified in the community redevelopment and the District Council member recommended the appointment of Ms. Rufo to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council to appoint Melissa T. Rufo to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Melissa T. Rufo to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
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.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARILYN P. REED TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.420* provides that “County Council may establish Hometown (HT) Overlay Zoning Districts and encompass the boundaries of communities and neighborhoods that will be subject to a modification of dimensional standards as set forth herein and by an approved Community Redevelopment Plan;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.440* provides that “a Design Review Advisory Committee shall be established pursuant to §40.30.450 for each Hometown Zoning Overlay District created;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.30.450C* also provides that “the District Council person(s) in whose Councilmanic district a Hometown Overlay is found, shall make recommendations to the County Executive who shall appoint members subject to County Council consent; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reed is a resident and property owner of the area affected and the surrounding area identified in the community redevelopment and the District Council member recommended the appointment of Ms. Reed to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council to appoint Marilyn P. Reed to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Marilyn P. Reed to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
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.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF R. LYNN PAXSON TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.420* provides that “County Council may establish Hometown (HT) Overlay Zoning Districts and encompass the boundaries of communities and neighborhoods that will be subject to a modification of dimensional standards as set forth herein and by an approved Community Redevelopment Plan;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.440* provides that “a Design Review Advisory Committee shall be established pursuant to §40.30.450 for each Hometown Zoning Overlay District created;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.30.450C* also provides that “the District Council person(s) in whose Councilmanic district a Hometown Overlay is found, shall make recommendations to the County Executive who shall appoint members subject to County Council consent; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Paxson is a resident and property owner of the area affected and the surrounding area identified in the community redevelopment and the District Council member recommended the appointment of Ms. Paxson to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council to appoint R. Lynn Paxson to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of R. Lynn Paxson to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
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.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNA OGUNNAIKE TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.420* provides that “County Council may establish Hometown (HT) Overlay Zoning Districts and encompass the boundaries of communities and neighborhoods that will be subject to a modification of dimensional standards as set forth herein and by an approved Community Redevelopment Plan;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.440* provides that “a Design Review Advisory Committee shall be established pursuant to §40.30.450 for each Hometown Zoning Overlay District created;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.30.450C* also provides that “the District Council person(s) in whose Councilmanic district a Hometown Overlay is found, shall make recommendations to the County Executive who shall appoint members subject to County Council consent; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogunnaike is a resident and property owner of the area affected and the surrounding area identified in the community redevelopment and the District Council member recommended the appointment of Ms. Ogunnaike to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council to appoint Anna Ogunnaike to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Anna Ogunnaike to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
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.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET CASTORANI TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.420* provides that “County Council may establish Hometown (HT) Overlay Zoning Districts and encompass the boundaries of communities and neighborhoods that will be subject to a modification of dimensional standards as set forth herein and by an approved Community Redevelopment Plan;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.440* provides that “a Design Review Advisory Committee shall be established pursuant to §40.30.450 for each Hometown Zoning Overlay District created;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.30.450C* also provides that “the District Council person(s) in whose Councilmanic district a Hometown Overlay is found, shall make recommendations to the County Executive who shall appoint members subject to County Council consent; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Castorani is a resident and property owner of the area affected and the surrounding area identified in the community redevelopment and the District Council member recommended the appointment of Ms. Castorani to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council to appoint Margaret Castorani to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Margaret Castorani to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

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Primary Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EUGENE RUPINSKI TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.420* provides that “County Council may establish Hometown (HT) Overlay Zoning Districts and encompass the boundaries of communities and neighborhoods that will be subject to a modification of dimensional standards as set forth herein and by an approved Community Redevelopment Plan;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.440* provides that “a Design Review Advisory Committee shall be established pursuant to §40.30.450 for each Hometown Zoning Overlay District created;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.30.450C* also provides that “the District Council person(s) in whose Councilmanic district a Hometown Overlay is found, shall make recommendations to the County Executive who shall appoint members subject to County Council consent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rupinski is a resident and property owner of the area affected and the surrounding area identified in the community redevelopment and the District Council member recommended the appointment of Mr. Rupinski to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council to appoint Eugene Rupinski to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Eugene Rupinski to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
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.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN NAYLOR TO THE NEW CASTLE
COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.420* provides that “County Council may establish Hometown (HT) Overlay Zoning Districts and encompass the boundaries of communities and neighborhoods that will be subject to a modification of dimensional standards as set forth herein and by an approved Community Redevelopment Plan;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.440* provides that “a Design Review Advisory Committee shall be established pursuant to §40.30.450 for each Hometown Zoning Overlay District created;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.30.450C* also provides that “the District Council person(s) in whose Councilmanic district a Hometown Overlay is found, shall make recommendations to the County Executive who shall appoint members subject to County Council consent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Naylor is a resident and property owner of the area affected and the surrounding area identified in the community redevelopment and the District Council member recommended the appointment of Mr. Naylor to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council to appoint John Naylor to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of John Naylor to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
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.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DIONNE DAISEY-WILLIFORD TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.420* provides that “County Council may establish Hometown (HT) Overlay Zoning Districts and encompass the boundaries of communities and neighborhoods that will be subject to a modification of dimensional standards as set forth herein and by an approved Community Redevelopment Plan;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.26.440* provides that “a Design Review Advisory Committee shall be established pursuant to §40.30.450 for each Hometown Zoning Overlay District created;” and

WHEREAS, *New Castle County Code §40.30.450C* also provides that “the District Council person(s) in whose Councilmanic district a Hometown Overlay is found, shall make recommendations to the County Executive who shall appoint members subject to County Council consent; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Daisey-Williford is a resident and property owner of the area affected and the surrounding area identified in the community redevelopment and the District Council member recommended the appointment of Ms. Daisey-Williford to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council to appoint Dionne Daisey-Williford to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Dionne Daisey-Williford to the Hockessin Design Review Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
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.

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN FELIX TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Financial Advisory Council ("Council") is composed of nine (9) residents of the County. Pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 14.01.017, County Council shall appoint four (4) members with the advice and consent of the County Executive and five (5) members shall be appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of County Council. The County Executive shall designate a Chairperson from among its members; and

WHEREAS, members of the Council shall possess the ability to review, comprehend, and comment upon financial data and project future revenue and expenditures based on available data relevant to past trends and the current economic environment. No more than three (3) of the members appointed by the County Executive or County Council shall be of the same political party. The County Council and the County Executive may each appoint no more than one (1) representative from New Castle County government. Members of the Council shall serve for terms of three (3) years with said term to begin from the date of appointment with no limitation on reappointment; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Advisory Council advises the County Executive, County Council, and the Chief Financial Officer of current and projected economic conditions and trends, particularly as they affect New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council the appointment of Karen Felix to the New Castle County Financial Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Felix is a resident of New Castle County with experience in finance working professionally as a Chief Financial Officer. Additionally, Ms. Felix has started her own consulting business where she helps businesses achieve greater success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Karen Felix to the New Castle County Financial Advisory Council for a term beginning September 23, 2025, and to expire on September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

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

Primary Sponsor: Mr. Toole
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CONNOR GRAHAM TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to *New Castle County Code* Section 40.30.330, the Historic Review Board is vested with the responsibility to make recommendations for historic district boundaries, maintain a survey of historic properties, review permits relative to historic properties, and to make recommendations to the County Executive, County Council, and to the Department of Land Use concerning the use of grants, gifts, and budgeting appropriations to promote the preservation of historic sites, among other duties; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Review Board shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be residents of the County and who shall be appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of a majority of the County Council. The terms of office shall be four (4) years, provided that the terms of the members other than the Chairman shall be established in a manner that two (2) shall expire each year. The County Executive shall appoint one (1) member as Chairman who shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. One (1) member of the Historic Review Board shall be an architect and one (1) member shall be from the field of historic preservation. Seven (7) members shall be individuals who have demonstrated a concern in the field of historic preservation, have some knowledge of the County's history, or have reasonable knowledge of historic architecture or construction techniques; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graham is a Certified Archivist with over a decade in archives and records administration. He held many positions at the Delaware Public Archives before moving to Longwood Gardens, where preservation plays a key part in his daily activities as Senior Archivist; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council the appointment of Connor Graham to the Historic Review Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Connor Graham to the New Castle County Historic Review Board for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire on September 23, 2029.

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Adopted by the County Council
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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.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Durham
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT OTT
TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, the New Castle County Planning Board (“Planning Board”) is composed of nine (9) members. Pursuant to *New Castle County Code* §40.30.210, County Council has the power and duty to confirm, by majority vote, members of the Planning Board appointed by the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board is responsible for reviewing proposed changes to zoning, subdivision regulations, deed restrictions, and the Comprehensive Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board also renders final decisions on subdivision variances and appeals of Land Use Department interpretations of subdivision regulations; and

WHEREAS, Planning Board Members shall be appointed by the County Executive for a term of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council the appointment of Robert Ott to the Planning Board; and

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 Ott to the New Castle County Planning Board for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this Resolution and expire on September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
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.

Primary Sponsor: Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RUTH M. VISVARDIS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the New Castle County Planning Board (“Planning Board”) is composed of nine (9) members. Pursuant to *New Castle County Code* §40.30.210, County Council has the power and duty to confirm, by majority vote, members of the Planning Board appointed by the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board is responsible for reviewing proposed changes to zoning, subdivision regulations, deed restrictions, and the Comprehensive Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board also renders final decisions on subdivision variances and appeals of Land Use Department interpretations of subdivision regulations; and

WHEREAS, Planning Board Members shall be appointed by the County Executive for a term of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council the reappointment of Ruth M. Visvardis to the Planning Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the reappointment of Ruth M. Visvardis to the New Castle County Planning Board for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this Resolution and expire on September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
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.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GERALDINE KROLIN-TAYLOR TO
THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to 9 *Del. C.* § 1352 and *New Castle County Code* § 2.05.402(F) the New Castle County Library Advisory Board (“Board”) shall serve as a subcommittee to the Department of Community Services Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall consist of thirteen (13) members; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, with the advice and consent of County Council appoints twelve (12) members of the Board-one (1) from District 1 or 7, one (1) from District 2 or 8, one (1) from District 3 or 9, one (1) from District 4 or 10, one (1) from District 5 or 11, one (1) from District 6 or 12, six (6) members from among existing friends groups and one (1) member representing all contractual libraries. All members so appointed serve for a term of three (3) years pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 2.05.403; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council the reappointment of Geraldine Krolin-Taylor as a member of the Board representing the Friends of Hockessin Library; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the reappointment of Geraldine Krolin-Taylor as the representative to the New Castle County Library Advisory Board for the Friends of Hockessin Library for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire September 23, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
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.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Durham
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW J. SARVER 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**, Mr. Sarver is an Ecological Society of America (ESA) Certified Senior
32 Ecologist, and a member of ESA’s Mid-Atlantic Chapter and Applied Ecology Section. He
33 is also the Delaware representative on the boards of the Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant
34 Council and the Society for Ecological Restoration Mid-Atlantic Chapter, and an Elected
35 Fellow of the Delmarva Ornithological Society; and
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WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council the reappointment of Matthew J. Sarver to the Open Space Board for one of the “Citizen at Large” 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 Matthew J. Sarver to the New Castle County Open Space Advisory Board for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this Resolution and expire on September 23, 2029.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
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.