



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Dee Durham, Second District

March 17, 2026

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: Durham, Smiley, Kilpatrick, Toole, Caneco, George, Carter, Cartier, Tackett

Absent: Sheldon

Johns joined at 2:33

Hollins joined at 2:42

Street joined at 2:45

B. Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2026

Mr. Smiley motioned to approve the minutes from the February 17th Boards and Commissions meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Carter.

Motion passed.

C. Boards & Commissions Interview

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT B. SNOWDEN AS CHAIR TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Ms. Durham

Ms. Durham introduced the pro-forma nomination of Mr. Snowden as chair of the Planning Board.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA USHERY TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Smiley

Mr. Smiley thanked Ms. Ushery for her willingness to serve on this board.

Ms. Ushery addressed council and expressed her interest in serving the public

Mr. Caneco asked her to elaborate on why she would like to serve on this board.

Ms. Ushery noted that she's a pastor and works with people in need.

Mr. Smiley thanked her for her eloquence.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA C. JORDAN TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DIVERSITY COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Sheldon

Ms. Kilpatrick introduced this nomination on behalf of Sheldon.

Mr. Sheldon had requested that a note be read which thanked Ms. Jordan for her willingness to serve

Ms. Jordan thanked Council and introduced herself and background

She noted the differences between the different places she's lived in DE

She also expressed her desire to help people reach their potential

Ms. Durham noted that the County Executive embraces DEI initiatives in line with this nominee's goals

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARGIE LOPEZ WAITE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Tackett

Mr. Tackett spoke to Lopez's nomination and experience and enthusiasm.

Ms. Lopez thanked Council and provided some of her background and work experience in MBNA and teaching. She said that she is proud to serve in this role.

Mr. Caneco asked about her dedication to criminal justice reform.

She responded that our kids need to learn how to navigate their world and develop a positive relationship with law enforcement which are there to protect them and so the police are not to be feared.

Ms. Durham noted that she would bring a valuable perspective to the board.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. CHRISTOPHER T. CURRY, PH.D. TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Tackett

Mr. Tackett introduced the candidate and noted the qualifications of the candidate.

Mr. Street commented that he's worked with Curry for many years and expressed his gratitude for his work.

Mr. Curry thanked Street and gave some background and experience and why he came to DE

Mr. Hollins noted his relationship with Curry and personal connection to him.

Mr. Caneco asked the candidate to explain his interest in this board.

Mr. Curry responded with the idea that he is strongly in support of healthy policing.

He also wants to hold both the police and the community accountable.

He noted further that people are respecting the police more now.

Ms. Johns thanked Curry.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LESLIE PALLADINO TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Cartier

Mr. Cartier told of a great conversation he had with the candidate and elaborated on her willingness to serve.

Mr. Cartier agreed on the need for change but also on the need for respect for the police.

Ms. Palladino noted her experience with addiction services.

She expressed her desire to bring everyone to a cohesive place.

Mr. Caneco asked her about her interest in serving.

Ms. Palladino responded by saying she recovered from addiction and feels like she could bring something to the board due to this experience.

Mr. Caneco noted that second chances are a big thing.

Mr. Toole thanked her for her work in harm reduction and expressed his full support her nomination.

Ms. Durham noted the nominee's strength and qualifications for this board.

Mr. Cartier commented on the recent wholesale replacement of the PAB and whether there were any impediments in the way of helping this board function properly and productively.

Mr. Caneco commented on the progress being made by this board.

D. Boards & Commissions Re-appointments

CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DARLENE SAMPLE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Smiley

Mr. Smiley welcomed Ms. Sample back to the Housing Advisory Board.

Mr. Hollins commented about her experience and expressed his appreciation for her willingness to continue serving.

CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DR. MONICA "NICK" BEARD, ESQUIRE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick

Ms. Kilpatrick said that she was excited that Ms. Beard was willing to serve again in this role.

CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF TYLER SHADE TO THE NEW CASTLE
COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Ms. Kilpatrick

Ms. Durham introduced Tyler Shade's nomination to Council.

E. Other

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

G. Adjournment

Mr. Smiley motioned to adjourn.

Mr. Carter seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.