



# NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Dee Durham, Second District

July 21, 2026  
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**VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING\*\* &  
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1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801**

## AGENDA

**A. Meeting Call to Order**

**B. Approval of Minutes**

**C. Boards & Commissions Interview**

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW HAPPER TO THE FIRE AND  
AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD  
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George

**D. Boards & Commissions Re-appointments**

**E. Other**

**F. Public Comment**

**G. Adjournment**

**AGENDA POSTED: DATE 7/14/26**

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Primary Sponsor: Ms. George  
Requested by: Executive Office  
Date of Introduction: July 28, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-**

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW HAPPER  
TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD**

1       **WHEREAS**, Andrew Happer has been recommended to represent the 3rd Fire  
2 District by the New Castle County Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board pursuant to *New*  
3 *Castle County Code* Section 2.05.203(A); and  
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5       **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has advised that the nomination followed the  
6 process set forth in *New Castle County Code* Section 2.05.203(A); and  
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8       **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County Code* Section 2.05.203(B), the Fire  
9 and Ambulance Advisory Board is vested with the responsibility to represent the needs  
10 of the County fire, ambulance, and rescue services, to propose equipment changes for  
11 the County Emergency Communication Center, to review and make recommendations  
12 on the proposed budget of the County Emergency Services Division and to act as a liaison  
13 between County government and the volunteer fire and ambulance service, among other  
14 duties; and  
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16       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Happer has more than thirteen years of volunteer fire service  
17 experience with Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company, where he has served in  
18 numerous leadership positions, including Captain, Director, Assistant Chief, and Deputy  
19 Chief, overseeing operational readiness, incident command, personnel development, and  
20 emergency response operations; and  
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22       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Happer currently serves as a First Officer with Piedmont Airlines  
23 and previously served as a certified Flight Instructor, bringing extensive experience in  
24 safety management, operational decision-making, risk assessment, and leadership in  
25 high-pressure environments; and  
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27       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Happer also possesses significant project management  
28 experience directing multi-million-dollar construction projects and holds a Bachelor of  
29 Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Delaware; and  
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31       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Happer's background in emergency services leadership, public  
32 safety, organizational management, aviation safety, and community service provides  
33 valuable knowledge and expertise that will benefit the Fire and Ambulance Advisory  
34 Board and the residents of New Castle County.  
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**WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council the appointment of Andrew Happer as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fire District representative to the Fire and Ambulance Advisory 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 Andrew Happer to the New Castle County Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board for a term to begin immediately upon the adoption of this resolution and to expire on July 28, 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.