



# Durham County

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## Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Tuesday, January 3, 2017

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Chambers

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### Worksession (Tuesday meeting)

#### "Public Charge"

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and citizens to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow citizens. At any time, should any member of the Board or any citizen fail to observe this public charge, the Chairman will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chairman will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to the public charge is observed.

As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the meeting.

### 9:00 am Worksession Agenda

#### 1. Citizen Comments

##### 17-0001 Citizen Comments - 30 min

Agenda Text:

The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at a meeting once a month. Any citizen of Durham County wishing to speak shall have an opportunity to do so. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate. Speakers must sign in prior to the start of the meeting providing a mail/email address and telephone number so that staff may reply to comments and/or questions. Citizens who request an immediate response from the Board are encouraged to submit a brief description of the issue to the Clerk to the Board two weeks prior to the meeting to allow an opportunity for research prior to the meeting. **All speakers shall have three (3) minutes to speak and are requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.**

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Citizen engagement aligns with all five of the strategic goals by allowing the Board to receive comments and concerns from the community related to important issues in Durham County.

**Resource Persons:** V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk to the Board

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive citizen comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

## 2. Discussion Items:

### [17-0015](#) **Memorandum of Understanding between GoTriangle and Durham County**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute the attached Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project Memorandum of Understanding between Durham County and GoTriangle, wherein Durham County agrees to work and cooperate with GoTriangle in the following ways:

- 1) the design, implementation, construction, operation, and maintenance of the D-O LRT Project; and
- 2) to obtain any rights of entry, permits, and appraisals associated with or related to the design, implementation, construction, operation and maintenance of the D-O LRT Project from the State of North Carolina and /or the County; and
- 3) subject to and contingent upon any and all authorizations required by County, to donate, at no cost to GoTriangle, any and all easements across and upon certain real property, if any, owned, maintained, controlled, or managed by County necessary to design, implement construct, operate, and maintain the D-O LRT Project. Such easement shall include utility easements, temporary construction easements, easements in perpetuity, and other right -of-way interests.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Goal 5- Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government and Goal 1- Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment.

**Resource Persons:** Jeff Mann and Gary Tober of GoTriangle

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to execute the attached Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project Memorandum of Understanding between Durham County and GoTriangle.

**Attachments:**

[MOU GOTRIANGLE AND DURHAM CO](#)

### [17-0002](#) **Removal of Citizen Board Members Due to Poor Attendance - 5 mins**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to remove the following members in keeping with the Attendance Policy approved by the Board of County Commissioners in August, 2014. "If an appointee has absences (excused or unexcused) which constitute more than 50% of the meetings in any calendar year or three (3) consecutive

unexcused absences or five (5) consecutive excused absences in any calendar year, he or she is obligated to resign.”

- City-County Appearance Commission - Awa Joof
- Women’s Commission - Amy Alspaugh

The Clerk’s Office was notified by the City-County Appearance Commission and Women’s Commission of the absences and has attempted to contact the board members. There has been no response.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** When citizens are engaged and partners on our boards and Commissions, the vision of our Strategic Plan is achieved—a thriving, vibrant, diverse community with abundant opportunity for all residents to live, work, learn, play and grow.

**Resource Persons:** V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**County Manager’s Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board suspend the rules and take action to remove the above listed individuals from the City-County Appearance Commission and Women’s Commission due poor attendance.

### **17-0003**

#### **Made In Durham MOU FY2016-2017 - 30 min**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve the attached, annual contract in the amount of \$101,000.00 with Made In Durham. Made in Durham is a non-profit corporation having formed a public-private partnership designed to build an education-to-career system to connect Durham youth and young adults to postsecondary credentials and economically rewarding work.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Goal 1 Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment

**Resource Persons:** Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

**County Manager’s Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the attached contract with Made in Durham and authorize the County Manager to execute the contract.

**Attachments:**

[Made In Durham MOU](#)

[Made in Durham 2016 Annual Report](#)

### **17-0004**

#### **First Year Update from Central Piedmont Community Action, Inc. on Their Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funded Activities in Durham - 30 min**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive the update from representatives of Central Piedmont Community Action, Inc. and ask any questions they wish.

Central Piedmont Community Action, Inc., formerly known as Joint Orange

Chatham Community Action (JOCCA), was awarded Durham's Community Services Block Grant funding stream by the NC Dept. of Commerce in the fall of 2015 and began operations in Durham January 2016. The CSBG funding stream is a broad, anti-poverty stream which allows considerable flexibility to the grantee, which must be a qualified "community action agency" fitting HUD's definition (in particular, there are requirements for board composition which are different than what many non-profits have in place).

Durham County was invited and did participate in the allocation process, but beyond that and beyond regular communication with the state office does not have control over the service contract the grantee has with the state. We remain committed, however, to ensuring that this sizeable funding stream does as much good in Durham as possible, which would certainly require a well thought out program with data-informed feedback loops which is coordinated with providers delivering related and often complementary services.

**Alignment With Strategic Plan:** A strong anti-poverty program would align well with Goal 1 of the County's strategic plan.

**Resource Persons:** Natasha Elliott, Executive Director of CPCA, Inc.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the update from representatives of Central Piedmont Community Action, Inc. and ask any questions they wish.

**Attachments:** [Report for Commissioners](#)

**17-0010**

### **Discussion-Proposed 2017 Legislative Agenda - 30 min**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive a report from staff concerning proposed items for the 2017 General Assembly Session which convenes at noon on January 11th. Following a communication to County Department heads and members of the Board of County Commissioners, a few items were received and placed on this agenda for discussion. Following direction from this body, staff will compile a final list of legislative proposals and bring back for formal approval.

The next step will be to set a time and date for the traditional breakfast meeting with members of the Durham Legislative Delegation and the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the 2017 session and to share the agenda.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

**Resource Persons:** Deborah Craig-Ray, General Manager of Strategic Management, Public Affairs, Innovation and Special Projects

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the proposed Legislative Agenda items, discuss and direct staff appropriately.

**Attachments:**      [2017 Legislative Items for Discussion v 1](#)

**17-0007**

**Commissioner Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board of County Commissioners is requested to consider the appointment of its members to act as liaisons to various boards and commissions. Chair Jacobs will present the appointments at the meeting.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Goal 5

**Resource Persons:** Wendy Jacobs, Chair; V. Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board suspend the rules to approve the appointments of the Board of County Commissioners to serve on various boards and commissions as appointed by the Chair.

**Attachments:**

[2017 BOCC Board and Commission Assignments](#)

**17-0006**

**Board Discussion of Rules of Procedure and Worksession Structure - 60 min**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to discuss its Rules of Procedure and also discuss the structure of its Worksessions.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Goal 5 - Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

**Resource Persons:** Wendy Jacobs, Chair

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board discuss its Rules of Procedure and direct staff accordingly.

**Attachments:**

[BOCC--Rules of Procedure \(Rev 11aug14\)](#)

**17-0011**

**Commissioner Comments - 15 min**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to allow each Commissioner three minutes to report on conferences or make comments regarding issues that may be of interest or concern to the Board.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Goal 5

**Resource Persons:** Board of County Commissioners

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board allow comments from each commissioner and direct staff accordingly.

### 3. Adjournment