



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Budget & Management Services

CITY OF DURHAM

Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Monday, December 8, 2025

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

I. Call to Order at 6:10 pm.

In attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Jimerson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Webb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Rhodes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orlander Thomas |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Sater | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raivynn Smith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denard Haney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosa Cuppari Paradiso |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donna Kaye | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary James |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Edmiston | <input type="checkbox"/> Samuel Thomas |

Additional attendees: Carmen Ortiz, Fallon Thompson, Luis Been, Councilwoman
Javiera Caballero

II. Approval of October Minutes

- Kenneth motioned to approve and Donna seconded. All were in favor.

III. Announcements

- Reminder that the minimum attendance requirements for PBSC are 60% of meetings in year 1 and 50% of meetings in year 2. With three consecutive absences, Council and PBSC leadership is notified

IV. PB Staff Update

- PB Cycle IV Goal Achieved! Far exceeded PB goal with 17,000+ votes! Tally is still incomplete but will be finalized in the coming weeks.
- ~9,000 online submissions, but not all of them are completed
- Notable participation included folks in the Durham County Jail, who also originally contributed to the idea collection phase



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- What went well/what was challenging:
 - The ICE presence in Durham made it more difficult to reach individuals in-person and was challenging for volunteers.
 - There was a massive marketing push, including using text messages and social media.
 - Successfully reached several schools, with a special shoutout to Southern and Riverside. However, the team was unable to set dates at all schools, even when idea collection occurred there. A suggestion for next year is earlier engagement (out of cycle) and proposing a PB pilot program to function throughout the year as a way to maintain interest.

V. Action Items & Next Steps

- Voting Data Analysis and Council Presentation Preparation
 - There will be a special meeting called in mid-late January to approve the presentation and slate to Council. Proposal to cancel the standing meeting to and push it to later in the month. Once Council approves, the projects can be publicly shared
 - Rosa motions to cancel January meeting and Raivynn seconds. All in favor.
- PB Cycle IV Evaluation
 - Will be working with Lindsey to lead evaluation, with the hope of circulating surveys sooner rather than later. Elizabeth Kover-Glen will be doing interviews.
- During the February meeting will need to discuss what to do with residual PB funds from Cycle I, now that projects are nearly all complete. \$200,000-300,000 will likely remain. The last Cycle II projects are being finalized now.



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- Money for Healing with CAARE (\$50,000) is outstanding, with the agreement that money spent would be reimbursed up to that amount. They have not been able to provide documentation proving that they used the funds and at this point either a) the grant will be closed without reimbursement; b) the group will provide documentation by end of year; or c) the group will re-do the work.
- There will be a new youth representative joining
- Important note: 4 members will reach their term limits (2 consecutive terms) this summer, so please refer competent and engaged folks to the PBSC! Staff will review the application as well.

VI. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn at 6:47 by Rosemary, seconded by Elizabeth Edmiston. All in favor.