

**Durham Cultural Advisory Board
& Public Art Committee
2026 Joint Annual Retreat
AGENDA**

Friday, February 27, 2026

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Location: Museum of Life and Science Southlabs,
433 West Murray Avenue, Durham, NC 27704**

For meeting link or information, please email dcab@durhamnc.gov
at least one day prior to the meeting date. To learn more about how to join the meeting,
visit: <https://durhamnc.gov/452/Durham-Cultural-Advisory-Board>.

Durham Cultural Advisory Board Members

Javiera Caballero, At-Large City Council Member	Barbara Lau
Karim Baer	David Long
Curtis Berzofsky, Student Member	Joey G. Medrano
Pamela Bond	Margaret McNab, Vice-Chair
Emily Wynn Ensminger	Andrew Nurkin
Santos Flores	Laura Ritchie
R. Scott Frawley	Aya Shabu
Joseph Jordan, Chair	Vanessa Smart

Public Art Committee

Jaime Chaves	Rachel Mutschler
Amanda Frystock-Ronan	Eliza Redmann
Mark Iwinski, Co-Chair	Molly Trask-Price
Malinda Love	Aya Shabu
Anjali Mathew	Heather Wilson, Co-Chair

- I. **Lunch Served** (12:45 p.m. - 1:20 p.m., 30 minutes)
- II. **Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions** (1:20 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.; 25 minutes)
 - a. How City & County Staff support DCAB & PAC (5 minutes, Holmes)
 - b. DCAB: How they operate & what they do (5 minutes, Holmes)
 - c. PAC: How they operate & what they do (5 minutes, Minor)
 - i. Review Criteria and other PAC initiatives
 - d. Cultural Roadmap Updates (5 minutes, Holmes)
- III. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
- IV. **Listening Sessions** (3 hours, 30 minutes)

- a. **Overview** (1:45 p.m.– 1:50 p.m.; 5 minutes)
 - i. Goal: To hear directly from Arts and Cultural organizations to be more informed advocates, especially in light of sustainability and future planning. (Grantees, Non-profits)
 - ii. 8-10 minutes per presenter, 10-15 minutes for questions at session end
 - b. **First Session: Eco-System** (1:50 p.m.– 3:15 p.m.; 85 minutes)
 - i. Moderator: Heather Wilson (PAC Co-Chair)
 1. Katie Wyatt, Durham Arts Council (15 minutes)
 2. Michael Gianakos, Durham Art Guild (15 minutes)
 3. Mimi O’Brien, Mary Duke Biddle Foundation (15 minutes)
 4. Lindsay Hebert, Weird Productions (15 minutes)
 5. Panel Discussion (10-15 minutes)
 - c. **Break** (3:05 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.; 10 minutes)
 - d. **Second Session: City Funding** (3:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.; 60 minutes)
 - i. Moderator: Margaret McNab (DCAB Vice Chair)
 1. Emilia Ismael, El Centro (15 minutes)
 2. Moses Ochola, Black Farmers Market/Black August in the Park (15 Minutes)
 3. Jesse Rosen, Durham Symphony Orchestra (15 minutes)
 4. Panel Discussion (10-15 minutes)
 - e. **Break** (4:20 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; 10 minutes)
 - f. **Third session: Public Art Committee** (4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; 30 minutes)
 - i. Unified Development Ordinance Presentation
 1. Robin Schultze, Planning Department, City of Durham (15 minutes)
 2. Discussion (15 minutes)
- V. **Adjournment** (5:00 p.m.)
- a. Next Steps, DCAB & PAC Picture, Final Thoughts, Closeout (5:00 – 5:05 p.m.; 5 minutes)
 - i. Presenters: Jordan (DCAB Chair), McNab (DCAB Vice Chair), Iwinski (PAC Co-Chair), Wilson (PAC Co-Chair)

For updates on City of Durham’s Cultural & Public Art Program, visit:
<https://www.durhamnc.gov/450/Cultural-Public-Art-Development>

For updates on Durham County’s Public Art Program, visit:
<https://www.dconc.gov/county-departments/departments-a-e/engineering-and-environmental-services/dco-public-art>

Documents

- DCAB’s 2026 Calendar
- DCAB Acting Tasks Forces, Committees, and Groups
- DCAB’s 2025 Goals
- FY25 Festival & Special Event Contracting Status Report

2026 Calendar - Upcoming DCAB Monthly Meetings

March 18, 2026
Durham County Building, 201 East Main St, Durham, NC 27704

April 15, 2026
City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701

May 20, 2026
City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701

June 17, 2026
Virtual

2026 Calendar – Upcoming PAC Monthly Meetings

March 10, 2026
City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701

April 14, 2026
Location TBD

May 12, 2026
Location TBD

June 9, 2026
Location TBD

Durham Cultural Advisory Boards Standing Committees, Task Forces, and Groups

**Festivals & Special Events
Standing Committee**

1. Joseph Jordan
2. Margaret McNab
3. Andrew Nurkin
4. Laura Ritchie

Student Recruitment Task Force

1. Pamela Bond
2. David Long
3. Aya Shabu

Advocacy Committee

1. Joseph Jordan
2. Margaret McNab
3. Karim Baer

4. Barbara Lau
5. Laura Ritchie

2025 DCAB Goals

DCAB's Goals

As of 2023, DCAB adopted priorities to shape and inform the year ahead, with specific focus on the Durham Cultural Roadmap. Based on inputs from board members, staff, and elected officials, DCAB established the following priorities:

- Advocate for more city and county funding and support for arts and culture in Durham
- Support the implementation of a new Cultural Roadmap
- Strengthen and improve relationships with artists, arts and cultural organizations, communities, neighborhoods, and people of Durham.
- Support and strengthen the work of the Public Art Committee

DCAB also adopted the following as core values to guide their work:

- DCAB will act as stewards of the Durham Poet Laureate program.
- DCAB defines historically excluded communities as any group of people (by gender, ability, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or other identity) who have been or are currently underrepresented either numerically, systemically, in ways of power, in positions of authority, or in adequacy of resources in Durham's arts and cultural social structures.

DCAB's Identified Future Needs

- Continued engagement by City and County leadership, residents, and community leaders throughout the planning process to robustly inform the Durham Cultural Roadmap.
- Budgeted investment in FY25 to support the Durham Cultural Roadmap's identified goals, initiatives and strategies, throughout plan's initial implementation.
- Partnerships and alignment with all City and County departments working in the arts & cultural sector.
- Poet Laureate honorarium increases to align with a living wage and to match similar peer cities' poet laureate programs.
- Increasing staff to implement adopted Durham Cultural Roadmap's goals.
- With assistance from the Public Art Committee, define best practices for public art & private development in the updated Unified Development Ordinance

FY25 RFP for Festival & Special Event Contracting Status Updates.

Total Economic Impact: \$8,559,527

Total Tax Revenue: \$683,892

Total Audience: 136,657

Local Tax: \$238,101

of Artists/Performers: 1,633

State Tax: \$444,791

Estimated amount organizations spent on services, goods, and full-time employees, in addition to audience members' spending while attending the events. Estimated with the assistance of Discover Durham, or through the Arts & Economic Prosperity calculator available through the Americans for the Arts. Data reported reflects 20 of the 22 events funded.

Outstanding Deliverable Reports

Organization	Festival	FY25 Final	Due
St Joseph's Historic Foundation, Inc.	Hayti Heritage Film Festival	\$17,596.40	2/3/2026
St Joseph's Historic Foundation, Inc.	CELEBRATE HAYTI!	\$18,568.40	2/3/2026

Contracts Closed

American Dance Festival Inc., FY25 American Dance Festival

Association for the Preservation of the Eno River Valley, Inc., FY2025 Festival for the Eno

Be Connected Durham & Beyond, Inc., Hayti Legacy Kwanzaa

Be Connected Durham & Beyond, Inc., Annual Durham Juneteenth Week: Unified by Our Pride

Book Harvest, 2025 Dream Big Book Drive and Community Celebration / 2025 Summer Block Party

Boston Urban Music Project, Inc, Slingshot

Duke University, Full Frame Documentary Film Festival

Durham Arts Council, Inc., Centerfest

Durham Central Park, Inc., PLAYlist Concert Series

Durham Public Schools Foundation, 13th Annual Durham School of Arts Fall Art Festival: Dia de los Muertos

Durham Symphony, Inc., Voices of the Unarmed: Justice, Love, Resilience

Get Happy, Beats n Bars Festival

Liberty Arts Inc., Iron Pour

North Carolina Folklife Institute, Fandango de Durham

Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice, Grand Opening

The Carolina Theatre of Durham, Inc., OUTSOUTH Queer Film Festival

The LGBTQ Center of Durham, Inc., Pride: Durham, NC

Triangle Cultural Awareness Foundation, 20th Annual NC Juneteenth Celebration

Unmanageable, Biscuits & Banjos Festival

Unmanageable, Missy Lane's Block Party