



DURHAM HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
March 2026 MONTHLY MEETING
GOLDEN BELT CENTER, BUILDING 2, FLOOR 3, SUITE 2-300
807 EAST MAIN STREET, DURHAM, NC 27701
DATE: TUESDAY, March 10, 2026
TIME: 6:30 PM

MEETING AGENDA

*Members of DHRC: Commissioners Alex Gwynn, DHRC Chair, Tosh Adams, DHRC Vice Chair, Christina Crosby, Dewayne Hinnant, Lottie Barnes, Amanda Borer, Harvey McMurray, Jack Holtzman, Michael Cornwell, Scott Brummel, Bailey Igoe, Lucy Lu, Kirsten Barrett, Peiyao Guo
City Council Liaison: Council Member Shanetta Burris*

Call to Order

Commissioner Alex Gwynn, DHRC Chair

Roll Call

1. Ceremonial Items

- a. Congratulations to Durham Police Chief, Patrice Andrews, on 25 years of combined service and May 2026 retirement.
- b. Congratulations to Juanita English, Human Relations Department Sr. Administrative Assistant on her February 2026 retirement and over 19 years of service.

2. Public Comments [2 Mins. Per Person]

- a. Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes for the DHRC February 2026 Meeting held Tuesday February 3, 2026.

4. Presentations [40 min - 10 mins + 5-10 minutes Q & A each]

- a. Presenter(s):
 - Durham Police Department
 - Community Partnerships & Engagement Department - Equity and Inclusion Team

5. Human Relations Manager's Report [5 minutes]:

- a. HR Case Report
- b. Completed FH Training for all DHA employees.
- c. Divisional focuses for the remainder of FY26 – Partnership with the Office of Administrative Hearings, Non-Discrimination ordinance modifications.
- d. Pertinent HNS Department Updates:
 - We're Hiring!- Current Job postings include Senior Code Enforcement Officer (Continuous), Assistant Department Director (3/20), Fiscal Manager (3/20)
 - CDBG & HOME Grant Funds RFP Closed - Common Funding Application for Federal Housing and Community Development Funding - Up to 4,900,000 in funding available. Awardees will be notified April 2026.
 - Affordable Housing & Investment Plan RFP – Launching March 2026
 - Minimum Housing Code Modifications – Launching March 2026

6. Executive Committee Report [10 minutes]:

- a. Review the 2026 DHRC Implementation (Detailed) Road Map
- b. Potential opportunity to partner with the North Carolina Bar Association on a cyber bullying volunteer trainings with DPS, through the Bar Association's lawyers in schools program
- c. The following commissioners are appointed to the respective ad hoc committees and standing committees:
 1. Housing – Jack Holtzman (co-chair), Lottie Barnes (co-chair), Mike Cornwell, Bailey Igoe, Kirsten Barrett, Christina Crosby
 2. Race and Ethnic Relations – Kirsten Barrett (co-chair), Lucy Lu (co-chair), Alex Gwynn (co-chair), Amanda Borer, Harvey McMurray
 3. Public Safety and Community Support – Scott Brummel (co-chair), Kirsten Barrett (co-chair), Bailey Igoe (co-chair), Harvey McMurray, Amanda Borer, Mike Cornwell, Tosh Adams, Jack Holtzman, Alex Gwynn, Dewayne Hinnant
 4. Awards and Events – Tosh Adams (co-chair), Alex Gwynn (co-chair), Amanda Borer, Jack Holtzman
 5. Policies and Procedures Committee: Harvey McMurray (chair), Kirsten Barrett, Scott Brummel, Christina Crosby
 6. Social Media / Marketing Committee: Mike Cornwell (chair), Tosh Adams, Alex Gwynn.
- d. Committee chairs must provide meeting dates, times, and locations (whether virtual or in-person) for the respective committees and through June 2026, as soon as possible and specifically for the following committees – policies and procedures, housing, race and ethnic relations, and public safety.
- e. We sent out a follow-up survey requests around 2/19 to various City-County BCCs who are doing work in our focus areas to foster more communication and collaboration and to also understand any policy-driven work or outreach that other boards are doing. So far we have received responses from 4 City-County boards - the Planning Commission, Racial Equity Commission, Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Mayor's Hispanic/Latino Committee.
- f. DHRC elections are in May, and a nominations committee will be appointed in April.

Reminders:

- g. For commissioners with Gmail, a google drive was created that houses all DHRC documents and pictures, and DHRC Chair Alex Gwynn will add a place in the Google Drive to track notes from community events [[Notes from Events and Meetings - Google Docs](#)]
- h. Presenter requests for full commission meetings must be provided at least one (1) week prior to an HRC executive committee meeting and send the requests to the HRC Chair and Vice Chair. Per policy, agenda items are to be submitted (2) weeks prior to the full commission meeting (*Process for Submitting Items for the Agenda,*” *Durham Human Relations Commission, Rules of Procedure and Powers & Duties, Section VII pg. 6*). Organized groups have (48) hours to submit a request, and individuals not representing organized groups may request the right to speak from the floor (*“Appearance of Groups Before the Commission” and “Rights of Individuals to Speak Before the Commission,” Durham Human Relations Commission, Rules of Procedure and Powers & Duties, Section VII pg. 6*).

8. Committee Reports and Discussion [10 Mins.]

- a. Awards (Commissioner Tosh Adams)
 - No updates for 2025, will start planning for Q4 2026 awards and recognition
- b. Social Media and Marketing (Commissioner Mike Cornwell chair)
 - Follow up regarding the commissioner bios that we currently have, new FB, whether the old FB still exists, and the creation of a LinkedIn page
<https://www.facebook.com/share/14VgJvvJ7zb/?mibextid=wwXIfr>
Link for LinkedIn page doesn't exist:
https://www.linkedin.com/in/city-of-durham-human-relations-commission-816698395?utm_source=share&utm_campaign=share_via&utm_content=profile&utm_medium=ios_app
 - Vice Chair Tosh Adams provided a list of organizations to follow
- c. Policies and Procedures (Commissioner Harvey McMurray chair)
 - Seeking additional and active committee members for 2026, update on Commissioners who reached out to assist with updating the policies and procedures and work assignments
 - Next meeting date – **Thursday, 3/26 from 2-4pm at Refectory Cafe**
 - Confirm proposed meeting time and date - **TBD**
- d. Public Safety and Community Relations (Commissioner(s) Scott Brummel; Bailey Igoe; Kirsten Barrett co-chairs)
 - Proposed meeting time and date – **4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm**
- e. Race and Ethnic Relations (Commissioner(s) Kirsten Barrett; Lucy Lu; Alex Gwynn co-chairs)
 - Proposed meeting time and date – **4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm**
- f. Housing (Commissioners Jack Holtzman; Lottie Barnes co-chairs)
 - Past meeting date and time – **Wednesday, 2/25 8:00pm-8:30pm; and reoccurring meeting time TBD**
 - Confirm proposed meeting date and time – **3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00pm**
 - DHRC Community Coffee Chat with the DPA Administrator is tentative for **Sunday, 3/22 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm**
 - Update regarding community meeting on the HOPWA funding (**Commissioner Jack Holtzman confirmed that he has not received an update from Hayley Cunningham**)

9. Commissioner Announcements/Reflections [10 minutes]

Reflections:

- a. 2/13: City Council Budget Retreat

- b. 2/17: DCIA Monthly Assembly with CAN, CARES, and The Religious Coalition
- c. 2/24: 21st Annual MLK Jr Observance Ceremony
- d. 2/24: UDO Public Hearing (cancelled)
- e. 2/24: Violence Reduction Community Talk (Virtual)
- f. 2/25: NC Office of Violence Prevention Webinar
- g. 2/27: City Council Budget Retreat
- h. 3/6: NC Lawyers on Call – Talk to a Lawyer for Free

Announcements:

- a. 3/13: Community Convo on Reducing Gun Violence
- b. 3/16: City Council Budget Hearing
- c. 3/18: Disparity Study Community Forum
- d. 3/20: Community Convo on Reducing Gun Violence
- e. 3/21: Small Business Expansion Summit (NCCU School of Business)
- f. 3/21: 10th Annual Let's Talk Racism Conference by we are
- g. 3/25: Disparity Study Community Forum (Virtual)
- h. June 2026 we are Activist Summer Camp

10. New Business [30 minutes]

- a. Discussion of the DHRC recommendations letter (**discussion on whether the letter needs to be further modified in preparation for the 3/16 City budget hearing, to include captured survey information from other Boards Commissions and Committees and specific requests from the DHRC**).

11. Old Business

- a. None

Adjournment

Commissioner Alexandria Gwynn, DHRC Chair