

**Durham Ethics Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes (Durham Town Hall)
Tuesday, September 30, 2025**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman James Talbert-Slagle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. Present: James Talbert-Slagle; Kurt Peterson; Nicole Maletta, and Brian Dreyfus. Absent: Shawn Gibbons and Lynne Allen.
2. **Seating of Alternates** – No alternates were seated.
3. **Approval of Agenda** –Nicole Maletta made a motion to approve the agenda as drafted. Brian Dreyfus seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the last meeting of the Durham Ethics Commission on September 23, 2025 were reviewed. Kurt Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes. Brian Dreyfus seconded that motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Old Business** – No old business was addressed.
6. **New Business** –
 - a. Pursuant to Section 5.B. of the Durham Code of Ethics, Chairman Talbert-Slagle entertained a motion to enter into executive session. Commissioner Maletta made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to the relevant portions of the Durham Code of Ethics. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. The commission adopted the motion unanimously. The commission entered executive session at 7:33 p.m.

At 8:17 p.m., Commissioner Peterson made a motion to exit executive session. Commissioner Maletta seconded the motion, which the commission then approved unanimously.

Commission Maletta made the following motion:

Upon consideration of the information submitted by the complainant and respondent regarding Complaint No. 2025-01, the Durham Ethics Commission finds that there is probable cause of a violation of the Durham Code of Ethics. The Commission will notify the complainant and the respondent, as well as their respective counsel, of this finding.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson. The motion was adopted unanimously (4-0).

7. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment – Commissioner Dreyfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Commissioner Maletta seconded. The Commission adopted that motion unanimously. Chairman Talbert-Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Contingent upon the availability of town counsel, the Durham Ethics Commission will next meet on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7 p.m.