

**Durham Ethics Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes (Durham Town Hall)
Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman James Talbert-Slagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2025. Present: James Talbert-Slagle, Nicole Maletta, Kurt Peterson, Brian Dreyfus, and Lynne Allen. Absent: Shawn Gibbons.
2. **Seating of Alternates** – Lynne Allen (D) was seated as an alternate.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – As this was a special meeting, Chairman Talbert-Slagle noted the agenda would be set as distributed. Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda as drafted. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Dreyfus seconded the motion. Commissioner Maletta noted an error on the minutes, which was corrected. With that correction, the minutes from the September 30 meeting were approved with all commissioners voting in favor, except Commissioner Allen who was absent from the September 30 meeting and abstained from the vote on the minutes.
5. **Old Business** – No old business was addressed.
6. **New Business** –
 - a. Pursuant to General Statutes Section 1-200 (6)(B) and (9)(C), Chairman Talbert-Slagle entertained a motion to enter executive session. Commissioner Dreyfus made a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. The commission adopted the motion unanimously. The commission entered executive session at 7:05 p.m.
Also present for the executive session was Town Counsel Michael Collins, who was advising the commission on pending litigation.

At 8:01 p.m., Commissioner Dreyfus made a motion to exit executive session. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which the commission then approved unanimously.

7. **Public Comment** – Attorney Craig Fishbein was present at the commission meeting and asked questions about the pending complaint (File No. 2025-01). As counsel for the complainant in this matter, Attorney Fishbein also asked for a copy of the respondent's response to the complaint and was given a copy of the respondent's response by the commission.
8. **Adjournment** – Commissioner Maletta made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Commissioner Peterson seconded. The Commission adopted that motion unanimously. Chairman Talbert-Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.