

**Durham Ethics Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Durham Town Hall – Third Floor  
November 25, 2025**

- 1. Call to Order** – Chairman James Talbert-Slagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25. Present: James Talbert-Slagle, Nikki Maletta, Kurt Peterson, Brian Dreyfus, and Lynne Allen. .
- 2. Seating of Alternates** – Chairman Talbert-Slagle seated Lynne Allen (D) as an alternate.
- 3. Approval of Agenda** – Kurt Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Nikki Maletta seconded the motion. The commission adopted the agenda unanimously.
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from October 15, 2025 meeting – Motion to approve by Nikki Maletta; seconded by Kurt Peterson – unanimously adopted. Minutes from November 13, 2025 meeting – Motion by Brian Dreyfus; seconded by Kurt Peterson – unanimously adopted.
- 5. Old Business** –
  - a. Executive Session – Discussion of Pending Litigation** – Motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation – Motion made by Nikki Maletta; seconded by Kurt Peterson – unanimously adopted. Commission entered executive session at 7:06 p.m.  
Commission returned from executive session at 7:55 p.m. Motion to leave executive session made by Kurt Peterson; seconded by Brian Dreyfus – unanimously adopted.  
Commission formally closes the record in File No. 2025-01, which brings evidentiary portion of matter to a close. Parties are directed to file post-hearing briefs by December 9 to chairman and town counsel. Commission will meet on December 16 to discuss evidence and render a decision.

**6. New Business –**

- a. Budget - Budget requests due in January. Asked for \$520 in past - \$450 for recording secretary and \$70 for post office. Costs for legal fees don't come out of our budget. Town will have to pay for that.
- b. Meeting dates set for 2026 – Motion made by Kurt Peterson; seconded by Lynne Allen and adopted unanimously. Meeting dates for 2026:

January 27, 2026  
February 24, 2026  
March 31, 2026  
April 28, 2026  
May 26, 2026  
June 30, 2026  
July 28, 2026  
August 25, 2026  
September 29, 2026  
October 27, 2026  
November 24, 2026  
December 29, 2026  
All meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

**7. Public Comment – None.**

**8. Adjournment** –Lynne Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Nikki Maletta. The motion was adopted unanimously. The Commission adjourned at 8:07 p.m.