



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Monday, December 1, 2025

5:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Regular Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: Yvonne Gilyard, Clerk to the Board, Presiding

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: 7 - Chair Susan Evans, Vice-Chair Don Mial, Commissioner Vickie Adamson, Commissioner Safiyah Jackson, Commissioner Cheryl Stallings, Commissioner Shinica Thomas, and Commissioner Tara Waters

Invocation: Commissioner Cheryl Stallings

Staff Present: David Ellis, County Manager; Roger Askew, Interim County Attorney; Duane Holder, Deputy County Manager; Ashley Jacobs, Deputy County Manager; Jose Cabanas, Chief Medical Officer; Ben Canada, Chief of Staff; Yvonne Gilyard, Clerk to the Board; Toni Womack, Deputy Clerk; Michael James, Assistant County Manager; Portia Johnson, Senior Executive Assistant; Tanika Cooper, Senior Executive Assistant; Dara Demi, Chief Communications Officer; Stephanie Mintz, Communications Consultant; Ellen Meder, Communications Consultant; and Justin Hammond, Deputy Director of Communications.

Others present: David Parks, Planning, Development and Inspections

Items of Business

1. Election of Chair of the Board for a Term of One Year

Ms. Gilyard called for nominations for Chair of the Board.

Vice Chair Mial nominated himself.

The votes were as follows for Vice Chair Mial in district order:

Vice Chair Mial - Vice-Chair Mial

Commissioner Jackson - Commissioner Mial
Commissioner Stallings - Abstained
Chair Evans - No
Commissioner Waters - Commissioner Mial
Commissioner Thomas - Commissioner Mial
Commissioner Adamson - No

After the 4-3 vote, Vice-Chair Mial is elected Chair.

2. Election of Vice-Chair for a Term of One Year

Chair Mial called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board.

Commissioner Evans nominated Commissioner Stallings.
Commissioner Waters nominated Commissioner Jackson.

The votes were as follows for Vice Chair in district order:

Vice Chair Mial - Commissioner Jackson
Commissioner Jackson - Commissioner Jackson
Commissioner Stallings - Commissioner Stallings
Chair Evans - Commissioner Stallings
Commissioner Waters - Commissioner Jackson
Commissioner Thomas - Commissioner Jackson
Commissioner Adamson - Commissioner Stallings

After the 4-3 vote, Commissioner Jackson is elected Vice-Chair.

3. Recognition of Outgoing Chair

Chair Mial shared thanks to his colleagues in his nomination for Chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners. He shared it is about the community and his colleagues to move Wake County forward.

He shared that his goal is to work on Public Safety, Libraries and the partnership with the Wake County Public School system. He shared investment with Wake County public school system will show importance for students, and community as a whole.

He thanked Commissioner Waters for support and shared she has worked hard for the libraries in the community and noted Commissioner Waters

has continued the legacy of former Dr. James West. He shared thanks to all Board Members. He shared remarks for outgoing Commissioner Susan P. Evans.

Commissioner Evans shared thanks to the board for the plaque.

4. Recognition of County Attorney Scott Warren

Commissioner Evans shared reflections. She read the plaque aloud.

Commissioners expressed their sincere appreciation for the dedicated service of former County Attorney Warren. They extended their well wishes and heartfelt thanks for his contributions to the County.

5. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Stallings moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to the Approval of Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Mial, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stallings, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Waters

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2025 and the Work Session of November 10, 2025

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to the Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2025 and the Work Session of November 10, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Mial, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stallings, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Waters

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Stallings moved, seconded by Commissioner Waters, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Mial, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stallings, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Waters

7. Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds for Mental Health Project and Establish 1.000 FTE

Attachments: [Bridging the Gap Community Mental Health Item Summary .docx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY2026 Grants and Donations Fund.pdf](#)
[Budget Memo - FY2026 Personnel Ordinance Memo.pdf](#)

8. Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds for Accreditation Program Grant and Establish 1.000 FTE

Attachments: [COPS Accreditation BOC Agenda Item Summary.docx](#)
[Accreditation Award Letter 15JCOPS-25-GG-00727-PPSE.pdf](#)
[Budget Memo - FY2026 Grants and Donations Fund.pdf](#)
[Budget Memo - FY2026 Personnel Ordinance Memo.pdf](#)

9. FY2026 Wake Transit General Operating and Capital Agreements for GoWake Access

Attachments: [FY26 Wake Transit General Operating and Capital Agreement.docx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY2026 Human Services.pdf](#)

10. FY2026 Wake Transit SmartRide Agreement for GoWake Access

Attachments: [FY26 Wake Transit SmartRide Agreement.docx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY2026 Human Services Transportation Fund.pdf](#)

11. Increased Funding for the Pharmacy Program

Attachments: [PH FY26 Pharmacy Medications Agenda Final .docx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY2026 Human Services.pdf](#)

12. Approve Multiyear Agreement with East Carolina University

Attachments: [FINAL Wake Leadership Fellows - Amendment - Nov 2025 \(002\).docx](#)

13. Approve Interlocal Agreement with Municipalities and Related Resolution

Attachments: [FINAL Wake Leadership Fellows Program ILA Agreement - Nov 2025.docx](#)
[WLFP ILA Resolution \(002\).docx](#)

14. Multi-Year Services Agreement for Administration of the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission and Landmark Program

Attachments: [Item Summary.docx](#)

15. Designation of Map and Plat Review Officers for the Town of Clayton

Attachments: [Item Summary.docx](#)
[Town of Clayton Resolution.pdf](#)
[Board of Commissioners Resolution.docx](#)

16.

Attachments: [Item Summary_Raleigh C-PACE Resolution.docx](#)
[Resolution Concurring in City of Raleigh Participation.docx](#)
[C-PACE Program 8.18.25 ESGS Committee.pdf](#)

17. Approval of the Wake County Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control Travel Policy

Attachments: [Item Summary Approval of Wake ABC Travel Policy1.docx](#)
[ABC Travel Policy Request Letter.pdf](#)
[Wake ABC Resolution on Travel Policy 102225.pdf](#)
[G.S. 18B-700.pdf](#)

18. Tax Committee Recommendations for Gross Receipts Penalty, Refund Requests and Various Reports

Attachments: [Tax Collections Item Summary](#)
[Tax Committee Agenda Process](#)
[Executive Summary 1](#)
[December 2025 Refunds Under 500.pdf](#)
[December 2025 Refunds Over 500.pdf](#)
[Municipal Collection Report](#)
[Wake County Collection Report](#)
[Monthly In-Rem Foreclosure Report - Oct 2025.pdf](#)
[ROD - Nov 2025.pdf](#)

19. Adoption of the 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

Attachments: [Item Summary Adopt 2026 BOC Schedule.docx](#)
[2026 BOC Meeting Schedule - Draft 3.pdf](#)

General Public Comments

20. General Public Comments

Adam Cohen - Local artist, co-founder of Art Givers asked the board to move the Cultural Arts Plan forward.

David Dahl - North Wake, support the Cultural Arts Plan.

Nate McGaha - Apex, Exec Director, Arts in NC, thanked Commissioners for their leadership. He asked the board to support the Cultural Arts Plan.

Lisa Hammond - NS

Nathalie Ray - Raleigh, asked the board to support the Cultural Arts Plan.

Jean Gray Mohs - Raleigh, cultivating creativity. Support the Cultural Arts Plan.

Tania Grant - District 6, PTO Cultural Arts Representative. Support the Cultural Arts Plan.

Carly Jones - Raleigh, Arts Space, CEO, support Wake County Cultural Arts Master Plan.

Pete Sack - Raleigh, Artist, Adopt the Cultural Arts Plan.

Natalie Lew - shared comments on Mining rules, Asked the board to read the rules and submit comments. She shared comments on the sunset clauses.

Berk Orun Ozturk - Orange County but work in Wake County. Works with United Arts community. Support the Cultural Arts Plan.

Lee Posey Pike - Raleigh, support the Cultural Arts Master Plan.

Kevin Kwong - NS

Martique Lorrain - in favor of keeping Athens Drive location in her community. She thanked Chair Mial and Commissioner Stallings for meeting with her and her colleagues. She also thanked Commissioner Adamson. She shared that the Well-Fed site is not the only site for a new library.

Jim Hawhee - Apex, shared comments on civil rights and good governance. He shared comments on bullying in Wake County Schools. He shared that people that are in power should not abuse it.

Clerk Gilyard shared that there were no online comments.

Regular Agenda

21. Public Hearing to Consider Rezoning PLG-RZ-006139-2025 of Two Parcels Totaling 13.96 Acres from Residential-80 District (R-80) to Industrial-2 District (I-2).

Attachments: [PLG-RZ-006139-2025 Item Summary.docx](#)
[Rezoning Public Hearing Presentation 12-01-25.pdf](#)
[PLG-RZ-006139-2025 Staff Report.doc](#)
[PLG-RZ-006139-2025 Planning Board Minutes Excerpt.docx](#)
[PLG-RZ-006139-2025 Statement of Consistency.doc](#)
[PLG-RZ-006139-2025 Ordinance Resolution.doc](#)
[PLG-RZ-006139-2025 Motions Page.docx](#)

Mr. David Parks, Planning, shared the Zoning Map PLG-RZ-006139-2025.
He shared the Request.
He shared Subject Site.
He shared Current Zoning-Residential 80.
He shared Western Wake Area Plan.
He shared Public Input.
He shared Consistency Statement.
He shared Staff Findings.
He shared Staff Recommendation.

Ms. Brenna Booker-Rouse, Chair of the Planning Board shared the Planning Board Recommendation.

Chair Mial opened the public hearing.
No one came forward.
Chair Mial closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Thomas shared comments on the unanimous vote and inquired if there was any conversation around the matter of zoning being sufficient, but wanted to be forward thinking on additional conversations.

Ms. Booker-Rouse shared comments on training in current facility. She shared that if they wanted to do anything industrial later, it's not adequate and does not align with their current plan.

Commissioner Stallings shared comments on potential industrial usage. She asked if there were possible examples shared with citizens.

Ms. Booker-Rouse shared that they did not talk about the possible uses for future usages, but they did talk about the potential flooding around Harris Lake.

Commissioner Stallings moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Holds a public hearing and adopts the draft statement finding that the requested rezoning to Industrial-2 is consistent with the Wake County Comprehensive Plan, reasonable, and in the public interest;

and by a separate motion;

2. Adopts the attached ordinance for the proposed rezoning as presented in PLG-RZ-006139-2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Mial, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stallings, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Waters

Appointments

22. Energy Advisory Commission

Attachments: [EAC Item Summary 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[EAC Member List 11.19.25.pdf](#)
[EAC D. Ingalls resignation 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[EAC App. Roster 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[EAC Applicant Packet 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[EAC Board Choices 11.20.25.pdf](#)

1 Reappointment = Mary Ginger Scoggins

23. Fire Commission

Attachments: [Fire Commission Item Summary 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Fire Commission Member List 11.19.25.pdf](#)
[Fire Commission Updates 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Fire Commission App. Roster 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Fire Commission App. Packet 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Fire Commission Board Choices 11.20.25.pdf](#)

2 Resignations:

*Chris Perry, Chair of Fire Commission

*Mike Gerke, West Region Alternate

2 Role Changes:

*Tim Herman, nominated as Chair of the Fire Commission

*Larry Ward, nominated as East Region Primary rep.

5 Vacancies:

____, West Region Alternate

____, East Region Alternate

____, North Region Alternate

____, Citizen/Consumer (2 open seats)

2 Recommendations received by Fire Commission:

*Charles Spence, to fill one of the Citizen/Consumer vacancy seats

*Loren Cone, to fill the East Region Alternate vacancy seat

24. Fuquay-Varina Board of Adjustment

Attachments: [Fuquay-Varina Board of Adjustment Item Summary 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Fuquay-Varina Board of Adjustment Member List 11.19.25.pdf](#)

1 Reappointment = Chris Goins

25. Fuquay-Varina Planning and Zoning Board

Attachments: [Fuquay-Varina Planning Board Item Summary 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Fuquay-Varina Planning Board Member List 11.19.25.pdf](#)
[Fuquay-Varina Planning Board App. Roster 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Fuquay-Varina Planning Board App. Packet 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Fuquay-Varina Planning Board Choices 11.20.25.pdf](#)

1 Reappointment = Barbara Marchioni

26. GoTriangle Board of Trustees

Attachments: [GoTriangle Citizen Advisory Committee Item Summary.pdf](#)
[GoTriangle Citizen Advisory Committee Item Summary.pdf](#)
[GoTriangle Board Applicant Roster 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[GoTriangle Applicant Packet 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[GoTriangle Board Applicant Board Choices 11.20.25.pdf](#)

1 Vacancy

1 Recommendation by Commissioner Evans = TJ Cawley

27. Housing Authority of Wake County

Attachments: [Housing Authority Item Summary 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Housing Authority Member List 11.19.25.pdf](#)
[Housing Authority Board Applicant Roster 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Housing Authority Applicant Packet 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Housing Authority Board Choices 11.20.25.pdf](#)

1 Vacancy

1 Recommendation by Commissioner Waters = Kameelah Spence

28. Rolesville Board of Adjustment

Attachments: [Rolesville BoA Item Summary 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Rolesville BOA Member List 11.19.25.pdf](#)
[Rolesville BOA Applicant Roster 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Rolesville BOA Applicant Packet 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[Rolesville BOA Board Choices 11.20.25.pdf](#)

2 Reappointments:

*Daniel Fox, ETJ representative
*Tracy Goss, ETJ representative

29. United Arts Grants Panel

Attachments: [United Arts Grants Panel Item Summary 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[United Arts Grants Panel Member List 11.19.25.pdf](#)
[United Arts App. Roster 11.20.25.pdf](#)
[United Arts Grants Panel Candidate Applications 11.18.25.pdf](#)
[United Arts Board Choices 11.20.25.pdf](#)

1 Reappointment:

*Marjorie Hodges, District 4 representative

1 Term Completion:

*Patricia Sasser, District 5 representative

1 Recommendation by Commissioner Waters = Dr. Ed Bell to fill the District 5 vacancy seat

1 Vacancy = for District 7 seat

30. Upcoming Vacancies for January 2026

Attachments: [Upcoming Vacancies Jan. v2. 2026.pdf](#)

**(All applications are due by the close of business on
December 18, 2025)
Appointments made January 5, 2026**

**Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee = 1
Reappointment**

- 1 Reappointment:
 - Mitzi Brantley

Fire Commission = 1 Reappointment

- 1 Reappointment:
 - Jason Joyner

Fuquay-Varina Board of Adjustment = 1 Vacancy

- 1 Vacancy:
 - Christian Matthews has moved out of Wake County. The Town of Fuquay-Varina will provide a new ETJ recommendation

Historic Preservation Commission = 4 Reappointments

- 4 Reappointments:
 - Peggy Beach
 - Brad Bass
 - Frances Williams
 - Jeffrey Hastings

Housing Authority = 1 Reappointment

- 1 Reappointment:
 - Doneka Reed

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council = 1 Reappointment

- 1 Reappointment:
 - Wayne Wallace, Member-at-Large seat

Morrisville Planning and Zoning Board = 1 Term Completion

- 1 Term Completion:
 - Esther Dunnegan, ETJ Representative. The Town of Morrisville will provide new ETJ recommendation

Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee = 1 Reappointment

- 1 Reappointment:
 - Megan Douglas

Other Business

31. Reports from Advisory and Regional Boards

Attachments: [Advisory and Regional Boards Item Summary.docx](#)

Vice-Chair Jackson shared that the Wake County Housing Authority continues to move forward in a positive direction and she has met the new appointees. She shared that the Chair of the Housing Authority board is excited and wants to continue to keep public abreast of what is going on.

Commissioner Stallings shared updates on Public Health and Social Services. She shared that the new facility ribbon cutting opening will be in January. She shared that the 2025 Public Health public injury report can be found on the Wake.gov site. She shared that Regional Centers offer many services and encouraged residents to take advantage of the services.

Commissioner Adamson shared that she attended the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau board meeting. She shared that due to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities, the Raleigh Entertainment Complex have started the Hispanic Series but due to fear most of the artist have cancelled and ticket sells bottomed out.

Commissioner Thomas shared updates on Growth and Sustainability committee. She shared that she attended the Kellum Wyatt Park opening. She shared that the Wake Forest Chamber has had several ribbon cuttings. She shared that she, Commissioners Stallings and Vice-Chair Jackson are working on Infant Mortality Rate initiative.

32. Other Reports from Commissioners

Attachments: [Other Reports Item Summary.docx](#)

Vice-Chair Jackson acknowledged all survivors of HIV.

Closed Session

No closed session.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne C. Gilyard, NCMCC

Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to Adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Mial, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stallings, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Waters