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**MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
March 14, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

The Orange County Board of Commissioners met for a Work Session on Thursday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitted Human Services Center in Hillsborough, NC.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Jamezetta Bedford, Vice-Chair Earl McKee (*arrived 7:54 p.m.*), and Commissioners Sally Greene, Phyllis Portie-Ascott, and Anna Richards

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioners Amy Fowler and Jean Hamilton

COUNTY ATTORNEYS PRESENT: John Roberts

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT: County Manager Bonnie Hammersley and Clerk to the Board Laura Jensen. (All other staff members will be identified appropriately below)

COUNTY STAFF ABSENT:

Chair Bedford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Fowler, Hamilton, and Vice-Chair McKee were not present. Chair Bedford, Commissioners Greene, Portie-Ascott, and Richards were present.

1. Boards and Commissions – Annual Work Plan Summaries

The Board provided feedback and direction on the second group of boards and commissions' annual work plan summaries with their Chairs or representatives in attendance.

Patrick Burns, representing the ABC Board, said sales continue to be strong. He said it gives them opportunities to increase gifts to grantees, as well as increase the contribution to the county fund, and to pay down debt service earlier than expected. He said they were recertified as a living wage employer. He said they have increased entry pay to attract and hire more employees. He said the Mebane store will open early in April. He said they recently got a new board member and that was a welcome addition.

Commissioner Richards asked about the ABC Board's grant process. She asked how they decide how much they will grant.

Patrick Burns said that by statute, they are restricted by what they can give funding to. He said it is drug education or rehabilitation. He said they have an open process, and they can present it to the Board, and it will be considered.

Commissioner Richards asked if the grantees report back to the board.

Patrick Burns said they report mid-year how their programs are going, and what might be coming up in the future. He said they also consult with law enforcement.

Commissioner Richards asked what the grant period is.

Patrick Burns said they are on a fiscal year and organizations are expected to spend the funds within that fiscal year.

Chair Bedford said it is nice to see the \$200,000 increase since 2018. She said it even gets used for drug tests.

Patrick Burns said that increased sales is a mixed blessing. He said that it increases revenue but that in turn means that consumption is increased.

Kristin Smith Young, representing the Economic Development Advisory Board, made the following presentation:

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Economic Development Advisory Board Report

Kristen Young, Vice Chair 03/14/2023

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Advisory Board Report

- Who We Are
- 2022 Accomplishments
- Plan for 2023
- Special Thanks to County Commissioners
- Thank You to County Staff
- Invitation to Commissioners

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Chair



Sharon Hill

Sharon Hill International
Entrepreneur

Also serves on the advisory board for the Orange
County Visitors Bureau Board

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Secretary



Barbara Jessie-Black

Executive Director, Community Worx
Nonprofit Sector

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Other Advisory Board Members

- Hasan Abdullah, Pendo**
- Dave Gephart, Gephart Marketing**
- Estella Johnson, Retired Economic Development Director**
- John Morris, Morris Commercial**
- Tom Proctor, Vacuum Cleaner Hospital**
- Jane Salers, RambleRill Farm**
- Elise Tyler, The Colonial Inn**



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For'Em on the Hill

Economic Development Panel

5-6 PM
TONIGHT ON
97.9 THE HILL

With Special Guests:

Sharon Hill
Advisory Board Chair, Orange County
Economic Development

Ryan Stewart
Managing Director,
Trinsic Residential Group

David Poland
Area Manager,
Industrious

Advisory Board Chair Sharon Hill participated in the WCHL radio's "For'Em on the Hill" broadcast event in December 2022 where she highlighted several small business grant recipients and advertised the business investment and agriculture grant programs through the live radio event.

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Priorities for 2023

We will be creating a **Department Strategic Plan**, complementing the County's Strategic Plan and the new Comprehensive Plan.

We will work to increase awareness of and engagement with **SizeUp**, a platform for market research and business intelligence for local businesses.

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Special Thanks

Thank you for your continued support of **Article 46** as a dedicated stream of funding to support the growth of jobs in our county.

Thank you for supporting Orange County rejoining the **Research Triangle Regional Partnership**, an essential regional connection for our county.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

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Thank you

To our Economic Development Staff

Steve Brantley
Amanda Garner
Lindsey Hirni

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

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Commissioner Portie-Ascott asked if businesses that are established can get help with strategic planning and growth.

Kristen Smith Young said that SBTDC is the best resource for established businesses. She said it is housed at UNC-Chapel Hill. She said that Innovate Carolina is where all of the economic development resources are housed and that their website has a lot of information available. She said LAUNCH Chapel Hill and Studio are also great resources.

Commissioner Greene thanked the board for including the agricultural food processing grants. She also wished Kristen Smith Young a happy birthday.

Kristen Smith Young said they had pie at their retreat to celebrate. She said that Jane at Ramblewood Farm hosted the Board for one of their meetings.

Chair Bedford asked if they have had more success with diversity and Black farmers receiving grants.

Kristen Smith Young said that the Small Business Committee has prioritized marketing opportunities to BIPOC businesses. She said they have also included that discussion during the grant process. She said they were fortunate to have Shameka Fairbanks to come speak with them about an equity goal and being better about marketing to BIPOC businesses for these opportunities.

Commissioner Richards said she requested that SizeUp include a designation that allows people to search for BIPOC businesses.

Amanda Garner, Assistant Economic Development Director, said they are pulling data sources for integrating with what they have.

Commissioner Richards said the tool is amazing, but it would be great to have one place. She said if it can do basic things it would be helpful.

Sharon Hill of the Chapel Hill Orange County Visitors Bureau said it is an agency funded by hotel occupancy taxes. She said that the tourism revenues are nearing 2019 levels. She said most dollars go to food and beverage establishments. She said visitor spending in 2012 was as follows:

Lodging - \$38.97 million
 Food and Beverage - \$73.98 million
 Recreation - \$29.9 million
 Retail - \$16.37 million
 Transportation - \$36.4 million
 Total of \$194.18 - million dollars

Sharon Hill said they advertise nationally to continue to bring visitors to the area. She said they have a staff of 6 and they are focused on managing demand from visitors, servicing guests and groups, communicating about Orange County's restaurants, events, people, and changing landscape, managing digital platforms, and publishing media and other promotional and marketing.

Chair Bedford said the current issue of Orange Slices was really informative. She said she was also pleased to see an accessibility guide.

Crystal Wu of the Arts Commission said they are proud to have provided aid to arts during COVID. She said they raised \$600,000 for artists in a fundraiser. She said they have completed their first year of operation at the Eno Arts Mill. She said that 44% of the artists identify as a member of a marginalized community and 38 tenants are people of color. She said they have disbursed \$207,000 in grants. She said that the UPROAR event is coming this summer and they are in the midst of planning for that. She said they received a grant for LGTBQ+ Teen Arts Collective. She said that they Hosted the Paint It Orange event and 66 artists participated. She said that looking to the future, a lack of arts space remains a challenge in Orange County. She said they will continue to work with the Eno Mill to provide space. She said that they are trying to increase physical space to provide access despite socioeconomic status. She said that challenges include capacity, need for more staff, and managing operations with 2.5 staff. She said that managing the operations of the 10,000 square foot space it is evident they need more staff. She said that it was designed to be financially self-sustaining but that requires pricing programs to market rather than affordable.

Leon Meyers of the Orange County Board of Adjustment said the Board hears appeals to decisions of planning staff and applications for variances to the UDO. He said that all of the positions are filled for the first time in several years. He said the Board heard two cases last year. He said the Board responds to applications from citizens and have no other programs other than that. He said the members are active participants and show up prepared for the meetings.

Commissioner Portie-Ascott asked if there were specific concerns.

Leon Meyer said they have no concerns, no agenda, goals, or strategies because they are a function of the General Assembly.

Chair Bedford thanked Tara May for her efforts in getting the positions filled on the Board of Adjustment.

Adam Beeman of the Orange County Planning Board said they exist because of general statute and review UDO and text amendments. He said they made an applicant-initiated request in Efland. He said they reviewed the White Cross application for a Dollar General store and the applicant withdrew their application. He said they reviewed and made a recommendation for a Dollar Tree in Cedar Grove and the applicant withdrew their application. He said they meet monthly. He said they want to collaborate with other boards in the future. He said they are patiently waiting for broadband in northern Orange County. He said that many board members are concerned about climate change, growth, watershed protection, and addressing water and sewer issues for commercial activity out in the county, not just around Highway 70. He said there is a need to get transit out in the county.

Chair Bedford said they had a report about facility needs and she was emailing about the water and wastewater needs for growth that is projected over the next forty years. She said that with the Planning Board's support hopefully they will get a lot of public input.

Adam Beeman said that due to supply chain issues and increasing costs the County should try to make improvements sooner rather than later because the costs keep going up.

Michael Hughes of the Orange Unified Transportation Board said he wanted to highlight one issue in their report, which is the need for pedestrian access around Grady Brown Elementary. He said he wanted to find a way to make that happen. He said he wanted to resume conversations with NC DOT to try to find a solution. He said that staff does a great job.

Chair Bedford said she was talking about that issue to the school boards in the meeting last Thursday. She said that staff is looking into ways to find funding and that the chief engineer was looking at a study. She said they have a meeting in the next couple of weeks and will get an update. She said it is complex to follow and in general, counties cannot do sidewalks, but this is a school. She said it is a community issue.

Jenn Sykes of the Affordable Housing Advisory Board said in the past year, one of the biggest things is getting back to meeting in person, not just for the board but also in the community. She said they are planning a community engagement meeting in Cedar Grove. She said the previous year they meet in the Rogers Road community. She said they have evolved in their approaches to affordable housing and are looking at keeping people able to stay in houses. She said they are trying to find partners for supplemental support. She said they have worked with other county boards and municipal governments to talk about ways to improve the stock of affordable housing. She said they are looking at more creative ways to approach affordable housing. She said that they have been able to do program evaluation this year again. She said that many members are involved in outside agencies.

Commissioner Richards said she was glad to hear they are expanding and taking a holistic approach.

Jenn Sykes said hopefully in the new year they can get back on track.

Alice Mahood of the Orange County Housing Authority Board said that they are a federally mandated board. She said they have 679 vouchers and that is the most they have ever had. She said that there is an affordable housing problem in Orange County and there are not enough homes to put the people that need them. She said they mainly focus on housing the homeless. She said they currently face challenges such as the lack of inventory and they do not have a full board. She said they want one or two participants as members on the board. She said that staff worked on trauma informed processes in the way that they interact with people. She said they are currently re-writing their administrative plan.

Vice-Chair McKee arrived at 7:54 p.m.

Dr. Lee Pickett of the Animal Services Advisory Board thanked the Board for hiring Dr. Strong. She said that Dr. Strong is an outstanding leader. She said that they awarded the Pat Sanford grant to Orange County Meals with Wheels for their pet program. She said they give pet food and cat litter to recipients of Meals on Wheels. She said that pets help people thrive and Meals on Wheels recognized that. She said that the organization also realized that some of their recipients were sharing their food with their pets. She said that their report is comprehensive. She said they interface with their neighbors in ways they hope will save the county pain and heartache. She described three situations. She said there were complaints about noisy roosters and free-roaming cats, which was dealt with by the board. She said they revoked a kennel license that was challenged, and they successfully handled that.

Chair Bedford said it is wonderful news about the grant and for the help that will give the seniors and their pets.

2. Discussion on Potential Amendments to the Orange County Arts Commission Advisory Board Policies and Procedures

The Board discussed potential amendments to the Orange County Arts Commission (OCAC) Advisory Board Policy and Procedures.

BACKGROUND: The Orange County Board of County Commissioners Advisory Board Policy (Advisory Board Policy) requires all members of County advisory boards and commissions to be Orange County residents. The Advisory Board Policy states that a specific advisory board policy may indicate other requirements.

On November 16, 2021, the Board of Commissioners approved an amendment to the Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau Advisory Board Policies and Procedures to allow non-County residents to serve as long as a majority of the Visitors Bureau Advisory Board is composed of County residents.

Representation on the OCAC Advisory Board by leadership of Orange County arts agencies is critical, but not all leaders of local arts organizations reside in Orange County. A proposed amendment to the OCAC policies and procedures would allow one non-resident Orange County arts leader to serve on the OCAC Advisory Board.

The amended language is proposed as follows:

“Members shall be residents of Orange County and shall maintain their domicile in Orange County, excepting however that one member may be a non-resident. Domicile is defined as one’s permanent established home as distinguished from one’s temporary although actual place of residence. The Clerk shall confirm the residency of applicants.

Members shall have a direct or indirect background in the arts and be actively involved in the arts. Candidates should either live in Orange County, have invested in Orange County, or have a direct arts interest in Orange County.”

Katie Murray, Arts Commission Program Coordinator, introduced the item. She said they are requesting that one person be allowed to serve even though they are not an Orange County resident.

Chair Bedford asked if allowing two members to live out of county would be better to give more flexibility.

Katie Murray said yes, because the cost of living is so high. She said that the arts commission should always be a majority of the people in the community.

Commissioner Greene said she also thought allowing two out of county representatives would be reasonable. She suggested new language for the policy, in the second sentence of the second paragraph:

“Candidates should either live in Orange County, or hold a leadership position with an Orange County arts organization...”

Chair Bedford asked how the change should be approved by the Board.

John Roberts said the policy should come back to the Board at a business meeting on a consent agenda.

Vice-Chair McKee asked if there are any other boards and commissions that have membership outside of Orange County.

Bonnie Hammersley said only the Visitor’s Bureau.

Chair Bedford said it is a slippery slope.

Vice-Chair McKee said that is what he is getting at.

John Roberts said each advisory board has different requirements for membership or rules and procedures. He said it is entirely up to the commissioners to decide for each board.

Tara May said also the Economic Development Advisory Board allows for non-residents on their board.

Vice-Chair McKee said that is correct and said he is not opposed to it, but he does not want to go very far down this road. He said that the impact of the cost of living in Orange County is not exclusive to just the arts community and affects every board they have.

Chair Bedford said the amendment to allow two non-resident members will be brought back.

3. Advisory Board on Aging – Appointments Discussion

The Board discussed appointments to the Advisory Board on Aging.

BACKGROUND: The Advisory Board on Aging suggests policy and makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners and the Department on Aging while acting as the liaison between older adults of the County and County government. It is charged with promoting needed services, programs, and funding that impacts older residents.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints all twelve (12) members.

The following individuals are recommended for Board consideration:

NAME	POSITION DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT TERM	EXPIRATION DATE
Colin Austin	At-Large	One-Year Extension	06/30/2024
Jacquelyn Podger	At-Large	First Full Term	06/30/2026
Rachel Bearman	At-Large	Second Full Term	06/30/2026
Dr. Michael Joseph	At-Large	First Full Term	06/30/2025

If the individuals listed above are appointed, no vacancies remain.

Tara May, Deputy Clerk to the Board, introduced the item.

The Board agreed by consensus on the recommended applicants.

4. Arts Commission – Appointments Discussion

The Board discussed appointments to the Arts Commission.

BACKGROUND: The Arts Commission recommends strategies to promote the artistic and cultural growth of Orange County, advises the Board of Commissioners on matters involving the arts, and acts as the granting panel for funding programs available to individual artists and non-profit groups sponsoring arts projects in Orange County.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints all fifteen (15) At-Large members.

The following individuals are recommended for Board consideration:

NAME	POSITION DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT TERM	EXPIRATION DATE
Denise Duffy	At-Large	First Full Term	03/31/2026
Krista Bremer	At-Large	Second Full Term	03/31/2026
Linda Williamson	At-Large	Second Full Term	09/30/2025

If the individuals listed above are appointed, the following vacancies remain:

POSITION DESIGNATION	EXPIRATION DATE	VACANCY INFORMATION
At-Large	03/31/2024	Vacant since 12/01/2022
UNC Student Representative	06/30/2023	Vacant since 12/01/2022

Tara May, Deputy Clerk to the Board, introduced the item.
 The Board agreed by consensus on the recommended applicants.

5. Board of Equalization and Review – Appointments Discussion

The Board discussed appointments to the Board of Equalization and Review, and designated a Chair.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Equalization and Review is quasi-judicial body that hears appeals from residents concerning various property tax issues, including valuation and exemption appeals. The Board of Equalization and Review is charged with ensuring that all taxable property is appraised and assessed according to the standards required by the North Carolina General Statutes. Due to the nature of its work, the Board of Equalization and Review does not make recommendations for appointments.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints three (3) members and seven (7) alternates, and designates the Chair.

Appointees serve two year terms, but there is no limit to the number of terms one may serve.

The following individuals are presented for reappointment:

NAME	POSITION DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT TERM	EXPIRATION DATE
Barbara Levine	Member	Third Full Term	03/31/2025
Leon Meyers	Member	Second Full Term	03/31/2025
Hunter Beattie	Alternate (move from Member position)	Third Full Term	03/31/2025

The following positions are presented for Board consideration:

NAME	POSITION DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT TERM	EXPIRATION DATE
BOCC Appointee	Member	First Full Term	03/31/2025
BOCC Appointee	Alternate	First Full Term	03/31/2025
BOCC Appointee	Alternate	First Full Term	03/31/2025
BOCC Appointee	Alternate	First Full Term	03/31/2025

If the positions listed above are filled, the following vacancies remain:

POSITION DESIGNATION	EXPIRATION DATE	VACANCY INFORMATION
Alternate	03/31/2025	No Additional Applicants
Alternate	03/31/2025	No Additional Applicants
Alternate	03/31/2025	No Additional Applicants

Chair Designation:

NAME	POSITION DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT TERM	EXPIRATION DATE
BOCC Appointee	Chair	Full Term	03/31/2025

Tara May, Deputy Clerk to the Board, introduced the item.

The Board agreed by consensus to reappoint Barbara Levine, Leon Meyers, and Hunter Beattie.

The Board agreed to designate Leon Meyers as chair.

Chair Bedford suggested Shannon Julian for the vacant member position.

Vice-Chair McKee suggested Tony Blake vacant member position.

The Board agreed by consensus on Tony Blake.

The Board agreed by consensus on Joy Mercer, Saru Salvi, and Shannon Julian for alternate positions.

Tara May said that Saru Salvi was an applicant for the Orange County Planning Board and that she already serves on two other boards.

Chair Bedford said she had that noted and was not going to appoint to the Planning Board.

Commissioner Richards said she was originally on the Affordable Housing Board and then left and asked why.

Tara May said she was interested in other opportunities and did not want her service on previous boards to prevent her from serving on future boards.

Chair Bedford said this position would be an alternate.

Tara May said there are three additional alternate positions that will need to be filled.

Chair Bedford said this would make four ready for the process.

6. Historic Preservation Commission – Appointments Discussion

The Board discussed appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission.

BACKGROUND: The Historic Preservation Commission is charged with undertaking an inventory of properties of historical, prehistorical, architectural, and/or cultural significance. It recommends areas to be designated or removed as "historic districts" and reviews and acts upon proposals for alterations, demolition, new construction, etc.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints all seven (7) At-Large members.

The following individuals are recommended for Board consideration:

NAME	POSITION DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT TERM	EXPIRATION DATE
Dr. Anne Whisnant	At-Large	First Full Term	03/31/2025
Art Menius	At-Large	First Full Term	03/31/2025
Todd Dickinson	At-Large	First Full Term	03/31/2025

If the individuals listed above are appointed, no vacancies remain.

Tara May, Deputy Clerk to the Board, introduced the item.
 Commissioner Greene said Anne Whisnant is a historian.
 The Board agreed by consensus on the recommended applicants.

7. Human Relations Commission – Appointments Discussion

The Board discussed appointments to the Human Relations Commission.

BACKGROUND: The Human Relations Commission advises the Board of County Commissioners on solutions to problems in the field of human relationships. It also makes recommendations designed to promote goodwill and harmony among groups in the County irrespective of their race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status or status with regard to public assistance.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints all twelve (12) members.

The following individuals are recommended for Board consideration:

NAME	POSITION DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT TERM	EXPIRATION DATE
Deborah Baker	At-Large	Partial Term	06/30/2024
Jameelah Merritt	At-Large	First Full Term	06/30/2025
Lynn McGee	At-Large	Partial Term	09/30/2024
Josh Ravitch	At-Large	Partial Term	06/30/2023

If the individuals listed above are appointed, the following vacancies remain:

POSITION DESIGNATION	EXPIRATION DATE	VACANCY INFORMATION
Town of Carrboro	06/30/2025	Vacant since 04/27/2022

Tara May, Deputy Clerk to the Board, introduced the item.

Commissioner Richards said she supported the HRC taking time to review applicants for the Town of Carrboro position. She said that her concern is that they will have a full board and the oldest member appointed in 2022. She asked if the senior members have to roll off.

Tara May said they could be recommended for a one-year extension.

Commissioner Richards expressed concern about the turnover on the commission.

Tara May said there has been a lot of turnover.

Chair Bedford said she believed Dr. Fairbanks had a handle on the needs of the commission.

The Board agreed by consensus on the recommended applicants.

8. Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee – Appointment Discussion

The Board discussed an appointment to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND: The Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee helps to maintain the intent of the Residents' Bill of Rights, promotes community involvement, and provides public education on long-term care issues. The regional ombudsman with Triangle J Council of Governments provides specialized training and support.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints all ten (10) members.

REMINDER: As of July 1, 2017, House Bill 248 was adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly regarding the training period for pending members of the “Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee and Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee”. Applicants will be selected from the county “Applicant Interest List” for a condensed training and if the applicant successfully completes the training, the individual would be recommended for appointment. Therefore, when an applicant is recommended for appointment, it would initially be for a one year preliminary term and the training will have already been completed.

The following individual is recommended for Board consideration:

NAME	POSITION DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT TERM	EXPIRATION DATE
Shade Little	At-Large	First Full Term	03/31/2026

SPECIAL NOTATION: None of the other applicants have completed the mandatory pre-appointment training, and are therefore not eligible for appointment at this time.

If the individual listed above is appointed, the following vacancies remain:

POSITION DESCRIPTION	EXPIRATION DATE	VACANCY INFORMATION
At-Large	06/30/2025	Vacant since 08/25/2021
At-Large	09/30/2023	Vacant since 11/06/2019
Nursing Home Administration	06/30/2023	Vacant since 12/12/2018
At-Large	03/31/2026	Vacant since 06/21/2017

Tara May, Deputy Clerk to the Board, introduced the item.
 The Board agreed by consensus on the recommended applicant.

9. Orange County Planning Board – Appointments Discussion

The Board discussed appointments to the Orange County Planning Board.

BACKGROUND: The Planning Board studies Orange County and surrounding areas to determine objectives in the development of the County. It prepares and recommends plans to achieve that development, including the suggesting of policies, ordinances, and procedures. It reviews development applications and makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. Due to the nature of its work, the Planning Board does not make recommendations for appointments.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints all twelve (12) members.

The following individual and positions are presented for Board consideration:

NAME	POSITION DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT TERM	EXPIRATION DATE
Delores Bailey	At-Large	First Full Term (reappointment)	03/31/2026
BOCC Appointee	Hillsborough Township	First Full Term	03/31/2026
BOCC Appointee	Chapel Hill Township	First Full Term	03/31/2026
BOCC Appointee	At-Large	First Full Term	03/31/2026

If the positions listed above are filled, no vacancies remain.

Tara May, Deputy Clerk to the Board, introduced the item.
 The Board agreed by consensus on Delores Bailey for reappointment.
 Chair Bedford suggested Chris Johnson for the Hillsborough Township position.
 The Board agreed by consensus on Chris Johnson.
 Commissioner Greene suggested Elizabeth Kalies for the Chapel Hill Township position.
 The Board agreed by consensus on Elizabeth Kalies.
 Chair Bedford suggested leaving the At-Large position open until they could get more applicants.
 The Board agreed to leave the At-Large position open for the time being.

Chair Bedford asked the Board if they would like Autumn Cox from TJCOG to present information on the Adult Care Home Advisory Board and Nursing Home Board

Commissioner Portie-Ascott said she would like to have more information.

Chair Bedford suggested that Commissioner Portie-Ascott meet with Janice Tyler at Aging for more information.

Commissioner Richards said that understanding the training was helpful.

Commissioner Portie-Ascott asked what type of experience the Board might be looking for in the vacant Planning Board position.

Chair Bedford said something along the lines of have they been on any other boards or have they done any planning. She said she is a bit leery of the realtor connection or experience. She said that someone that does land law would be good.

Commissioner Greene said it doesn't have to be planning experience, but it could be experience with government administration and processes.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Greene and seconded by Commissioner Richards to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Jamezetta Bedford, Chair

Recorded by Laura Jensen, Clerk to the Board

Submitted for approval by Laura Jensen, Clerk to the Board.